

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Wyoming Public Schools

for our families as we begin the 2020/2021 school year



INSTRUCTION

Following the guidance provided by Governor Whitmer's [Michigan Safe Start Roadmap](#) and local health officials, WPS is prepared to provide academic instruction to students in two formats during the 2020-2021 school year: 1) In-person Instruction and 2) WPS Virtual.

OPTION 1: IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

In-person instruction will include the following components:

- The Safe Start Reentry Plan, to be shared August 10, describes in extensive detail the strict health and safety measures that we will put in place when students and staff return to their classrooms for in-person instruction.
- An accelerated academic curriculum will include unfinished teaching and learning from Spring 2020.
- 5 days of in-person instruction each week.
- Intervention supports for academic and social-emotional needs will be available for students. As much as possible, these supports will take place within the classroom. In the event that it is not possible to meet in the classroom, an alternate space within the building will be used while following social distancing, cleaning, and face covering guidelines.

To enroll in the In-person Instruction option, you must indicate your selection on your child's enrollment form via ParentVue by August 10.

OPTION 2: WPS VIRTUAL

We know that some of our families might not feel comfortable sending their child(ren) back to in-person learning this year for a variety of reasons. For families who do not wish to send their child(ren) to in-person instruction, you may choose to enroll in WPS Virtual.

WPS Virtual will include the following components:

- Technology will be provided to students who select this option.
- Academic content will be provided through Synergy's StudentVue/ParentVue platform and/or through Google Classroom.
- A WPS teacher will be assigned to enrolled students will support their learning and progression throughout the curriculum.
- The academic curriculum will be similar to the WPS in-person instruction.
- Students will be required to complete district assessments.

In grades K-6:

- WPS Virtual will include academic instruction in reading, writing, and math.

In grades 7-12:

- WPS Virtual will include academic instruction in English, math, science, and history. *Elective course offerings will be limited. AP and Honors courses will not be offered.

To enroll in WPS Virtual, you must indicate your selection on your child's enrollment form via ParentVue by August 10.

For grades K-4, the enrollment commitment is **at least one quarter**.

For grades 5-12, the enrollment commitment is **at least one semester**.

TO START OUR YEAR!

August 25th - September 3rd

Wyoming Public Schools will begin with a remote start from **August 25 - September 3**. Details will be sent to you by your child(ren)'s teacher during this week of instruction. All in-person students will attend remotely and will be provided instruction by their teacher.

Beginning September 8th, In-person Instruction & WPS Virtual begin!

We will continually be evaluating and following guidance from health officials. If we are unable to begin In-person Instruction, we will communicate with you the week of August 31.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

1. Read through this document that provides a summary of our Reentry Plan. Our full plan will be found on our website following Board approval.
2. Review the In-person and WPS Virtual options.
3. Decide which choice is best for your child(ren) and family.
4. Register by August 10th for either option.



choose your option
REGISTER
HERE

We're in this together whether you choose in-person or WPS Virtual. Go Wolves!

CHANGES FROM SPRING TO FALL LEARNING

Although some aspects of remote learning will be similar to our students' experiences in the spring of 2020 (following the school closure in March), there will be **meaningful differences** in the expectations, structure, and rigor of remote learning during the 2020-2021 school year. The table below includes a summary of the differences between our previous "Continuity of Learning Plan" in Spring 2020 (following Executive Order 2020-35) and our current "Safe Start Reentry Plan" for 2020-2021 (following Executive Order 2020-142).

| Spring 2020 Continuity of Learning Plan (Executive Order 2020-35) | Fall 2020 Return to Learn Remote Learning (Executive Order 2020-142) |
|--|---|
| Participation optional | Participation required |
| Low accountability | Increased accountability: attendance, grading, & schedule |
| High degree of flexibility | Set schedule & more structure |
| Multiple communication, links, & platforms | Single learning management system for instruction, assignments, & communication |
| Limited assessment & feedback | Ongoing assessment & feedback |

HEALTH AND SAFETY

When developing the WPS Reentry Plan, the health and safety of our students and staff has remained a priority. Below you will find a **summary** of Wyoming Public Schools' steps to adhering to the health and safety guidelines and recommendations outlined in the [Michigan Return to School Roadmap](#) and the [Center for Disease Control Prevention Readiness and Planning Tool](#) to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

STUDENT HEALTH SCREENINGS

Parents will be asked to screen their child(ren) for symptoms of coronavirus and take their temperature(s) daily before coming to school. As the start of the school year approaches, additional information, resources and expectations for screenings will be shared.

After screening and daily temperature check, if your child(ren) exhibits any of the symptoms identified by the CDC, **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD(REN) TO SCHOOL** and contact the building's office and your physician or Kent County Health Department for additional guidance. More details will be provided before the school year begins.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing protocols for all building spaces have been identified.

- Spacing in classrooms and hallways will be maximized to the greatest extent possible.
- Entrances and exits will be limited at each building. Students and staff will use limited entrances and exits during the school day.
- Elementary specials will be brought into classrooms.
- K-6 students will be in cohorts within their classroom.
- Visitors will only be allowed in emergency situations.

FACE COVERINGS

- Face masks must be worn on the bus, in hallways and common areas, and in classrooms, by all students grades PreK-12.
- Any student or staff member who cannot medically tolerate a face mask will be excused from wearing one with proper documentation. A face shield will be provided instead.
- Face masks may be reusable cloth masks or disposable surgical masks. The district will provide disposable masks for all students and employees in the event they do not bring their own.

HAND-WASHING & HYGIENE

- Students and staff will wash/sanitize hands upon entering their classroom and before and after meals.
- Hand-washing stations which will be dispersed through our K-12 schools to help reduce the congestion around the restrooms and allow opportunities for students to wash their hands more frequently.
- Plexiglass barriers are being placed in areas where frequent face to face interaction occurs (e.g. main office).
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at entrances and other key locations throughout the building/district.
- Additional custodians will be hired to support cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day.
- The District has purchased an abundance of supplies (including hand soap/sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, other cleaning products, etc.) to ensure we can carry out all of the safety measures outlined in this plan.

TECHNOLOGY

Whether students participate in in-person instruction or virtual learning, we will need to use technology in new and innovative ways. It is critical that every student has the necessary tools for accessing instruction and engaging meaningfully with their teachers and peers. The WPS Technology Department has several priorities for a successful return to school:

- Ensuring all WPS students and staff have access to a working device.
- Supporting WPS students, families, and staff with the effective use of our core digital learning tools, educational platform, and online applications.

TRANSPORTATION

- Keeping our students safe starts with their transportation to and from school.
- Face masks will be required for students and drivers on the bus.
- Transportation vehicles will be disinfected before and after every route.
- Weather permitting, drivers will consider keeping windows open when appropriate and safe.

FOOD SERVICE

- WPS remains committed to providing meals to all of our students. Chartwells, the District's food service provider, is fully equipped to manage our food service plan in a safe and efficient manner. Additional details about our food service procedures will be found on our website.
- Students participating in WPS Virtual will have the opportunity to receive meals through our food distribution program. More information on our distribution plan can be found on our website in our COVID update page.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

The Wyoming Public Schools Safety Plan outlines the phases used to begin Athletic practices and training throughout the summer, the screening protocols, and facility use of programs.

- Our primary responsibility is to keep our student athletes safe and the Athletic Department will continue to follow the guidelines published by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).
- Fine Arts and other large group extracurriculars (band, choir, theater, etc.) will follow the State and local health department's guidelines for a safe participation.
- Our Wyoming Public Schools Safety Plan provides extensive details about the safety procedures (including screening protocols, use of athletic facilities, etc.) that we must follow in order to safely participate in sports practices and competitions.

STATE OF MICHIGAN ROADMAP GUIDELINES

If you choose to have your children return in-person, we will operate under these guidelines.

| Phase 1-3 | Phase 4 | Phase 5 | Phase 6 |
|---|---|---|--|
| VIRUS STATUS | VIRUS STATUS | VIRUS STATUS | VIRUS STATUS |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community spread of the virus is increasing substantially There is concern about health system capacity Testing and tracing may not be adequate to prevent the spread | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall cases are high though new cases and death rates have fallen Most new outbreaks are quickly identified, traced and tracked Need for diligence in social distancing and other guidelines remain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New cases and deaths continue to decrease Community spread is common | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post pandemic Few, if any, active cases |
| LEARNING OPTIONS | LEARNING OPTIONS | LEARNING OPTIONS | LEARNING OPTIONS |
| Schools will remain closed for in-person instruction, which will be provided remotely | Schools may reopen for instruction with strict safety protocols | Schools may reopen for in-person instruction with moderate safety protocols | Schools open for in-person instruction with minimal safety protocols |
| INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL | INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL | INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL | INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL |
| Instruction fully online with assigned classroom teachers. This model will be used in case of a subsequent shutdown. Teachers will use StudentVue and a consistent schedule with grading and assessment* | In-person instruction resumes full time with modifications to accommodate strict safety protocols. | In-person instruction resumes full time with modifications to accommodate strict moderate protocols. | In-person instruction resumes in a traditional schedule for staff and students. |

***SPECIAL NOTE:** All parents choosing Face-To-Face should have a back-up plan should we move to Phases 1-3 Remote Learning. The schedule for Remote Learning will be much more rigorous than learning this spring. Attendance will be required and the virtual "school day" will be similar to a typical face-to-face school day, meaning students will be expected to be online, following a daily schedule. Plenty of breaks, activities, etc. will be included in the daily schedule to keep students engaged.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS BY PHASE

Here are the general guidelines regarding the safety protocol and expectations of both staff and students.

| | Phase 1-3 | Phase 4 | Phase 5 | Phase 6 |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| No face-to-face instruction | ✓ | | | |
| Face coverings required at all times for all staff and students grades PreK-12 | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Social distancing | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| No visitors in building | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Transportation provided with face coverings | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Face coverings required for all students and staff in hallways and common areas | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Modified lunch and recess | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Strict cleaning and hygiene protocols | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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