

# Washington County Schools

\*Subject to change as new guidance is released

*Updated Wednesday, August 26, 2020*

## **ALL WCSD HYBRID IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION STUDENTS WILL ATTEND SCHOOL ON A HYBRID “A/B” SCHEDULE**

All Washington County Schools students whose parents have chosen the traditional face-to-face instruction model will begin school as NTI/Commander Days on Thursday, August 27 through Friday, September 4. School is closed for Labor Day on 9/7. You will receive paper copies (or you may access digital copies online as you have in the past). The NTI/Commanders Days will be for 7 days (8/27 through 9/4). Please contact your child’s school if you need paper copies of the assignments.

On Tuesday, 9/8, (after Labor Day), students that are in-person will attend school on a hybrid “A/B” schedule.

- “Group A” will be made up of students with last names that begin with the letter “A” through the letter “K”. “Group A” will attend school for in-person instruction on Monday and Tuesday of each week. **THE FIRST DAY OF IN-PERSON SCHOOL WILL BE 9/8/20 for this group.**
- “Group B” will be made up of students with last names that begin the letter “L” through the letter “Z”. “Group B” will attend school for in-person instruction on Thursday and Friday of each week. **THE FIRST DAY OF IN-PERSON SCHOOL WILL BE 9/10/20 for this group.**
- When students are not in school for in-person instruction (3 days each week), they will have assignments and projects to complete while at home.
- Wednesdays may be used for instructional enrichment/enhancement activities and students will be invited to participate on this day at school (on an “as-needed” basis). Wednesdays will also be a deep cleaning day.
- Schools will work with families who have children whose last name may begin with a different letter of the alphabet. We will place them in the same group. HOUSEHOLDS will be on the same day. We will use the last name of the eldest sibling in the household unless there is an extenuating circumstance.
- Preschool students will follow this same schedule. Preschool begins on September 8, 2020. For more questions regarding preschool please call 8593365470 and ask for Paula Turner.

# In-Person A/B Schedule & Remote Learning Expectations

## A/B Schedule Expectations for Instruction:

In-person classes will take place two days a week for each group of students. These two days will be spent on direct instruction and interactive learning activities. Teachers will follow the pacing guides provided by the district and meet with small groups to differentiate instruction as needed to meet the needs of each group of students. Much of the work/assignments (to include practice and refinement of skills) will occur at home during the time they are not at school. Work/assignments may include written practice, Google Classroom assignments, practice/lessons on technology-based programs, projects, and group work when age-appropriate.

Wednesdays in the A/B Schedule will allow our teachers to invite small groups of students to attend school in-person or virtually. Enrichment, intervention, assessments, and in-person tutoring may be provided. Parents can request parent/teacher conferences, counseling services, and/or ARC meetings on Wednesdays. Services such as mental health counseling, study skills, speech services, GT Services, and additional RTI support may also occur on these days.

## Remote Learning Expectations for Instruction:

Remote Learning students will receive instruction five days a week, with a weekly expectation of work to complete. Parents should know the details because their students have already been enrolled in a classroom and they will be able to access information from their Google Classroom and the learning program platform.

RL blocks will consist of an age-appropriate period of time and students will not be expected to be on screen the entire time. It is essential that our students have consistent virtual face-to-face interaction with their assigned teacher or accessibility to the videos at a later time since these students will not be coming to the building. Work/assignments may include written practice, Google Classroom assignments, online program platforms (ex: iReady, Boardworks, APEX), projects, and group work when age-appropriate. Teachers will then use this opportunity to meet with students in small groups or individual students to meet the differentiated needs of their students.

Grades will be based on student competency rather than completion only. Deadlines will be issued and points will be deducted as deadlines are missed. You must ensure your child is keeping up with the lessons that have been assigned.

## Technology:

### \*\*Chromebooks may be used offline to access lessons

- Pickup for a technology device for **REMOTE LEARNERS** that indicated they needed a device will be on **Wednesday, August 26, from 830 am to 630 pm** at the **WC TEL Center, 520 Lincoln Park Road, Springfield (the old Washington County Elementary brown building)**. If you are unable to pickup during this time, please contact Cherry Boyles at 3365470. There is a \$25 non-refundable technology fee for the device checkout. This fee is

for the entire year and covers batteries, chords, minor damage, etc. Families are **NOT** required to checkout a device. For now, each household will be able to check out 1 device (we are awaiting a shipment for 750 more devices and these have been ordered since June). If there are 3 or more children and devices are available, we will work with these families for an additional device. As more devices become available, we will open it to allow for a device for each student to be checked out if families choose. If you have a personal device you would like to use, you may do so. If you need to request a scholarship for your child through income verification, please contact your child's school FRYSC.

**\*\* Chromebooks for hybrid in-person learners will be scheduled for pick issuance at a later date.**

### **Other Information:**

- We anticipate the hybrid in-person model to transition to full-time in-person 5 days a week on 9/28/20. (This is the most up-to-date information that we have at this time).
- Please know we will need support from parents to make both of these learning opportunities a success. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to ask questions or express concerns. It is critically important that we take advantage of all learning opportunities for our students.
- Parents should also remember, we will have interruptions to the hybrid in-person model, as well as when we transition to full-time in-person. We know that quarantines will occur and we will have positive cases – this is part of being in a pandemic.
- A considerations form will be required from every parent/guardian in which you acknowledge the risks associated with COVID19.
- **UPDATED:** Homework Hotline assistance will be available from 630-730 M, T, W & Th by calling 336-1899
- **UPDATED:** Technology Help Hotline will be available on Tuesdays & Thursday from 630-730 by calling 336-5475 ext 141 through September 9/24 (additional days may be added on a need basis)
- We will follow the Healthy at School and LTHD guidelines including social distancing and mask wearing.

## WCSD FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

Washington County Schools have been providing free meals to all children ages 18 years and younger by using the Summer Feeding Program. With the school year starting, we must change our program over to the National School Lunch and School Breakfast as regulated and required by the USDA. Because of this, the following changes will occur:

- Meals can only be provided for WC Public School Students.
- Meals will no longer be served for Saturday and Sunday.

### FOR WEEKS: AUGUST 27—SEPTEMBER 7 ALL STUDENTS – REMOTE LEARNERS & HYBRID IN-PERSON (NTI)

If you have been receiving meals by delivery, the first seven days of school for ALL students (8/27 through 9/7) meals will be delivered on Wednesday, August 26. Pickup for these meals (if you are NOT receiving the delivery) will be Wednesday, August 26 at the following locations:

#### Washington County Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria & North Washington Elementary School

Wednesday, August 26  
9:30 am-12:00 pm  
5:30-6:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER 8—SEPTEMBER 25 HYBRID IN-PERSON STUDENTS

Students will be served breakfast and lunch on the days they attend in person. The other three days, students are eligible as pickup only (3 days of meals will be bagged) at the following locations/dates:

#### Washington County Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria/North Washington Elementary School

Wednesday, September 9, 16, 23  
9:30 am-12:00 pm  
5:30-6:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER 9 – indefinitely – REMOTE LEARNERS are eligible for meals

\*Sign up deadline for meal pickup will be 8/28 – contact Regina Hood at 336-5470. You will commit to picking up 5 bagged meals for each week. If you miss pickup more than 3 times, you will be removed from the meal distribution.

#### Washington County Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria & North Washington Elementary School

Begins 9/9 and continues every Wednesday while enrolled as a Remote Learner  
Wednesday, August 26  
5:30-6:30 pm