



In-Person Learning

Preparing to return to school on August 20 (A Day, periods 1-4)

Return to School Video (See our new processes in action)

We recognize that there are a lot of new processes that students need to learn, so we created a [return to school video](#) that both demonstrates and explains our safety procedures related to transportation, wearing a face covering, entering the building, health screening form, passing periods, etc.

In-Person Learning Overview

Please reference the [In-Person Learning Overview](#) previously communicated for additional details about student and teacher expectations.

Passing Periods

The morning/afternoon session assignments are intended to reduce the total population of students we have in the building during each session to allow for more physical distancing in hallways and classrooms. With fewer students in attendance we plan to keep passing periods moving quickly, single file, and staying to the right. If we observe any slowdowns in the halls or common areas, we will work quickly to move student through and make changes to try and avoid that scenario going forward.

Face Coverings

This week we received updated guidance from ISBE and IDPH that further defines a face covering to be made of cloth. They do not recommend the use of athletic face coverings/neck warmers (neck gaiters) as an effective substitute for a cloth mask. Based on this guidance, students should use a cloth face covering that is reasonably fitted and covers their nose and mouth.

Health Screening Form (Sent to students daily through email and on Skyward)

Students can expect to receive their first health screening form on August 20 at 6:00 a.m. This online form should be completed before the student arrives at school. Answering the questions on the form includes checking for any common COVID symptoms such as fever (100.4 degrees or higher), cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Please reference the full list of symptoms provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Parents/guardians should plan to take a temperature reading for their student before they leave for school, which requires a thermometer. We will have an alternative process for any student who cannot complete the health screening prior to boarding the bus or entering the school.

Attendance Form (Sent to students daily through email and on Skyward)

Students can expect to receive their first daily attendance form on August 20 at 6:00 a.m. This online form should be completed by 11:59 p.m. each day. This is in addition to the attendance taken by teachers at school. The online form will track attendance for the at-home learning portion of the day, and can be used as an attendance record if we need to switch to distance learning temporarily this semester.

Bus Transportation

Visit the school website at www.wacohi.net > For Students tab > Bus Information and enter your address to find your student's bus route, bus stop, bus number and the approximate pick up times for morning and afternoon sessions. If you have additional questions, please contact Curt Nelson at (309) 444-5608.

Drop Off/Pick Up

We will be using the same [drop off/pick up procedures](#) that we have in the past. We will keep circle drive closed at all times to keep students safe as they wait near the main entrance or when they change between morning and afternoon session.

Note: Bondurant Street is one-way traffic during school hours and there is no stopping on Jefferson Street to drop off students—either of these actions could result in a ticket from the Washington Police Department.

Technology

Each student will receive a Chromebook on the first day of school to use both in school and at home. Students will review and sign the [Chromebook Loan Agreement](#) before checkout is complete. Students must use their school issued Chromebook while on school grounds or when the teacher directs them to during testing situations during distance learning. The GoGuardian software has been installed on all Chromebooks to provide a safe and secure online presence for students. Students are expected to have their Chromebook fully charged before attending school each day.

Meal Services

We are offering “grab and go” meal options. It is important that students order meals so we know how much food to prepare. Please see the [food services overview](#) for information about menus, meal ordering, prices, and the pick-up process. We look forward to serving our students this year.

COVID Protocols

The [COVID Protocols document](#) outlines what can be expected when a student becomes ill. This information is subject to change as additional guidance is provided by ISBE, IDPH, and the CDC. Please keep your student home from school if they are exhibiting common COVID-19 symptoms such as fever (100.4 degrees or higher), cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Please reference the full list of symptoms provided by the CDC. To report an absence, call the WCHS Attendance Hotline at (309) 444-5525 and contact your healthcare provider to determine next steps.