

Why are you not offering part-time in class and part-time online to help your students adjust to this new plan?

To best meet the student's academic needs, we want to provide a consistent platform for student learning and instruction.

Why did you not include students and parents prior to releasing a reopening plan? It is ultimately "OUR" children who are affected by all this.

The survey that we sent out prior to the reopening plan was to gain input from our parents in regards to reopening.

Is the supply lists for students attending online this year the same for those attending physically? I wouldn't think many of the supplies would still be required but no guidance has been given yet on that.

Supplies that will assist instruction and learning will be the supplies that are needed for online students.

Can kids wear face shields instead of masks?

~~As of July 27, a face mask will be required through the governor's mandate. Our understanding of this mandate is that face shields are not the same as masks. Face shields will be used in specific situations to meet medical needs.~~

Yes, Please see page 4, part 6, section A, of the Governor's Executive Order 20-37: <https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-37%20Face%20Covering%20Requirement.pdf>

What happens when kids start getting bloody noses from wearing mask?

We will have our clinic nurses available to assist students that need medical attention.

If you do online learning is it at a certain time they need logged in?

Please see the reopening handbook for more details on the options provided.

How are lunches with masks and assigned seating going to work?

This will be outlined by each school building as their plans are finalized.

When will there be school board meetings that parents can attend to voice their concerns?

School board meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Are there other options for students that cannot purchase water bottles?

There will be opportunities for students to get water without purchasing water bottles.

My child is in the high ability program. Will the online option 2 (remote-follow modified traditional schedule) have options / accommodations for children in these programs? If not, do the other options (3 & 4) offer curriculum for the high ability students?

Yes, there will be accommodations for high ability or curriculum that meets their needs.

Will the school supply lists be revised to include things like feminine hygiene products? If students are only allowed to have items on the school supply list, then the list needs to be revised to reflect the kinds of things students need at school (pads, tampons, hairbrush, deodorant, chapstick, kleenex).

If students are in need of those supplies to meet their needs, the items listed above are items that students would be allowed to bring to school.

With the new rule for not bringing anything to school that isn't on the supply list how will this affect the older kids with phones? My child is supposed to leave his in the locker if that actually happens I'm not sure but I was wondering if they can have them since their not on the supply list.

Students will be allowed to bring their phones to school as they may need after school communication with home, but they should be left in their lockers throughout the day.

Since the buses will have assigned seating this year if there are siblings on the bus in different grades will you assign them to sit together to help limit unnecessary contact with other students?

Yes, siblings will sit together.

Our child is taking band. What is the arrangement for online students to participate in band classes?

Buildings are finalizing plans based on online enrollment.

How do we get curriculum materials for remote learners?

Parents will have to schedule a time with our Special Purpose Administrator (Mr. Quillen) to set this up.

How will school funding be impacted this year with students attending classes remotely versus students attending classes onsite?

The state will be providing full ADM funding for students that register with Western Schools regardless of the choice to be on campus or to take classes through us remotely. We will not receive school funding for students that attended Western last school year that have enrolled with a different online platform that is not through Western or have made the choice to homeschool.

Will there be any random swabbing of students for COVID without parent consent?

At this time we are not planning on swabbing any students or staff for COVID. Swabbing would have to be determined by our health officials and the individual.

With the new mask requirements, will our children still be allowed to take off the masks while in their seats when social distancing can be met?

Yes, Please see page 4 of the Governor's executive order:

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Do you know if students will have to ride a bus to and from away sports or can they ride to and from with their parents so they are not made to feel uncomfortable on a HOT bus with a mask on?

We are planning on allowing athletes to ride with their parents to and from away events. Students will not have to wear a mask at certain times as indicated in information that was sent out yesterday and in the Governor's order.

Will students have to wear masks at all times due to the new mask mandate or does what the video posted to the WMS Facebook page where Mr. Horrell demonstrated they wear the mask only until they reach their classroom they can take them off still stand?

Please look at page 4, part 6, section C, subsection iv, under Classroom Settings of the Governor's Executive Order:

<https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-37%20Face%20Covering%20Requirement.pdf>