

Washington Twp. Public Schools Back to School Basics 2020-21



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WTPS to Institute Cohort System at All Levels

The Washington Township Public Schools' Return-to-School Task Force has determined that breaking up students at all levels into two cohorts is the most effective way to keep our staff and students as safe as possible while providing meaningful instruction. The schedule for the cohorts is as follows:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
COHORT A	In-School Instruction <i>Elementary High school/ middle school – Periods 1-4</i>	In-School Instruction <i>Elementary High school/ middle school – Periods 5-8</i>	Remote Instruction for All Students Teacher Office Hours Weekly Class Check-ins	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction
COHORT B	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction		In-School Instruction <i>Elementary High school/ middle school – Periods 1-4</i>	In-School Instruction <i>Elementary High school/ middle school – Periods 5-8</i>
COHORT C <i>All Preschool, Special Education Self-Contained Programs, and ELL Students</i>	In-School Instruction	In-School Instruction	Small Group and Individualized Support Services	In-School Instruction	In-School Instruction
COHORT R <i>Remote Learning Full-Time (as selected by parents)</i>	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction		Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction

Coverings Required at All Levels

Per the Governor's directive, all students, teachers, and staff members of WTPS must wear a face covering (paper or cloth) while in any District facility and/or utilizing District transportation unless they have medical documentation or ADA compliance documents that suggest otherwise. **Masks must cover the nose and mouth.**



Teamwork Key for Safety Screening

Parents, via a signed waiver, are responsible for screening students for COVID-19 symptoms prior to sending them to school. The waiver notifies parents that temperature checks will be conducted, as needed, by staff members during the school day. Staff will be trained to monitor for symptomatic students and will conduct screening as needed.



Remote Learning to Mirror In-Person

Utilizing Schoology, remote lessons will mirror those occurring in person on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Recorded videos and voiced-over practice exercises will follow the same format. Wednesday's remote learning will include teacher's office hours for additional supports, weekly class check-ins, and practice, as well as activities from specials (art, music, phys. ed., digital literacy, world language, etc.).



Shifts to Grading, Marking Periods

Students in Grade 3-5 now will follow standards-based grading as opposed to score-based, numerical grades. At the middle and high school level, students will be graded by semester, twice per year, instead of by marking period, four times per year.

Five More Facts about The Plan

- 1** All in-person instruction will be done using an early dismissal schedule, found online at www.wtps.org/schedule. This allows teachers to instruct in-person and remote students each day.
- 2** Lunches still will be served. Meals (for multiple days) must be ordered in advance and will be provided in a "grab and go" format at the end of the school day to prevent the use of the cafeterias. A distribution plan will be provided to *remote-only* families.
- 3** Cohort C is available to all preschool students, special education self-contained programs and English Language Learners **ONLY**.
- 4** All children residing in the same home, no matter the grade level, will be assigned to the same cohort. The exception is if a parent chooses full remote instruction for any of their children.
- 5** The District is unable to accommodate requests by parents for a specific cohort (A or B). Cohort assignments will be done to assure the most effective social distancing. Parents may request to change their child's mode of instruction once per quarter and allow two weeks to accommodate the change. Special circumstances will be considered.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Athletics

High school athletics, under the guidance of the NJSIAA, will have a Fall sports season beginning in mid-September.



All middle school intramural athletics are canceled until further notice.

Extra-curricular activities that can function in a virtual environment will be considered for their viability. Additional information will be shared on these activities.