

Frequently Asked Questions for Re-Opening Young Schools for the 2020-2021 School Year

Q: Can I toggle between the three options?

A: All such moves will be taken on a case-by-case basis. Generally, students moving from online to in-person instruction will have to wait until the end of a 9-week grading period. Students can move from in-person to one of the two online learning options much faster by contacting the principal or school counselor to make arrangements.

Q: When is Grades K, 5, and 9 Orientation?

A: Kindergarten orientation is scheduled for Friday, August 21st. Middle School (5th grade) and High School (9th grade) and new student orientation is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th. All orientations will be held with small groups of families at scheduled times. More information will be sent soon.

Q: Will elementary have recess?

A: Yes, students will have indoor/outdoor recess depending on weather conditions with social distancing and sanitation guidelines in place.

Q: Will my child be switching classes?

A: Whenever possible, elementary students will remain in the same classroom. Middle school and high school students will change classes throughout the day as they have in the past.

Q: When does my child have to wear a face mask/shield?

A: The current mandate states that anytime social distancing of at least 6 ft can not be maintained, students must wear a mask/face shield.

Q: What will the school bus ride look like?

A: Students will be seated two to a seat (one if feasible) on the ride to and from school. Starting in the back and moving forward will be the process for loading the busses and seating students. We are encouraging families, if they are able, to transport their child/children to and from school. We are also encouraging high school students that have a valid PA driver's license to drive to and from school, if able. Students will be required to wear a mask on the school bus and will not be permitted on the bus without a mask.**

Q: **What if my child cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition?

A: Students or staff with pre-existing conditions would need to provide medical documentation to their building nurse to be exempt from wearing a mask.

Q: Are school hours the same?

A: Yes; High School 7:00-2:15, Middle School 8:00-3:15, Elementary 9:00-4:00

Q: Is there full day Kindergarten?

A: Yes, there is full day Kindergarten.

Q: When will I know my child's teacher and schedule?

A: Student-teacher assignment/schedules will be released either the week of August 17th or the 24th.

Q: When will I know my child's bus schedule?

A: Bus assignments will be sent to families after August 17th and the enrollment process is complete for all students.

Q: If I am online, are my students getting a set of books?

A: Yes, all students are getting a set of books as they would if they were face-to-face.

Q: What does CWCTC look like for 2020-2021?

A: CWCTC will be offering in-person and online learning options in both the morning and afternoon.

Q: What is the expectation of work turned in for virtual recorded learning?

A: The expectation for work that is turned in for virtual recorded learning would be the same as the other two options, with some additional flexibility. We understand that kids will be accessing the lessons/assignments at various points of the day so we will have extended deadlines for assignments to accommodate the various schedules.

Q: If I am a virtual recorded learner, when will lessons be posted?

A: Recorded lessons will be posted throughout the day as teacher schedules vary. All lessons will be uploaded prior to the end of the teacher workday.

Q: What are the district protocols for COVID-19 confirmed illnesses?

A: Currently, the district is working on protocols for students and staff that would become ill, as well as procedures when classrooms and/or schools would need to close. The protocols can change based on guidelines from our governing authorities.

Q: Will there be sports and clubs during the 2020-2021 school year?

A: As of this posting on July 28, 2020, WPIAL sports are scheduled for the fall season, with various restrictions in place as per PDE and PIAA guidelines. As we receive additional information on the status of fall sports, we will pass that information along. Clubs and other activities may be delayed as we begin the start of the school year and get our academic program up and running.

Q: What will special classes look like? (Art, PE, Music, etc.)

A: All students will continue to have special classes on their schedule. Students will have a google classroom for all subject areas and it is expected that students complete work assigned. Students that are face to face will attend special classes within the school building.

Q: Will students be eating lunch in the lunchroom?

A: Based on face-to-face enrollment, students will eat within the lunch room and other locations within the school in order for 6 feet social distancing to occur.

Q: Will my child still receive their special education or title I services?

A: Students will continue to receive special education and title services with any platform of learning that they choose.

Q: Will your child's temperature be taken at school?

A: No, student temperatures will not be taken at school. We are asking that parents take temperatures at home prior to sending your child/children to school each day.

Q: Will students be able to use lockers?

A: Yes, students will be assigned lockers. Students will be required to wear masks in the halls at all times.

Q: Is the school district supplying face protection?

A: No. Parents will need to provide face protection for their child(ren). There will be a limited supply in the school offices for those who may lose or misplace their face covering during the day.

Q: If I take a vacation can I use Google Classroom?

A: Students may check and complete assignments in Google Classroom. The Educational Trip Request form will need to be completed.

Q: If I travel to a destination that is on the recommended quarantine list, do I have to quarantine?

A: At the current time, the Pennsylvania Department of Health is recommending that individuals that travel to a location on the list be quarantined. It is currently not a requirement and therefore, students do not need to quarantine.

Q: Will there be before and after school care at HW Good through the YMCA

A: Yes, YMCA can still provide before and after school care in the school.

Q: Will there be school visitors, assemblies, book fairs, and field trips?

A: At this time there will not be field trips, large group assemblies, book fairs or visitors to School. Parents/guardians can call the school to schedule a conference if needed.

Q: Do I have to provide school supplies for my child?

A: In order for students to have their own materials, we are asking families to provide a pencil box/case with general supplies for your child. A listing of grade level supplies for elementary will be posted soon.

Q: What do I do if I have poor internet connection on a specific day?

A: We understand that situations beyond your control occur due to such things as weather, etc. All lessons will be posted daily, so if you miss a lesson due to poor internet connection, you will be able to access that lesson(s) at a later time. We also ask that you please communicate your internet connectivity with the classroom teacher.

Q: When will the buildings be cleaned?

A: Supplemental cleaning will be conducted throughout the day and evening performed by the custodial staff. The custodial staff will be assigned to cleaning and disinfecting over and above what is considered routine cleaning.