



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Return to In-Person/Hybrid & Virtual Schedules

If you have a question specific about your child's schedule or teacher, please contact the school. Additional questions may be submitted to info@wcskids.net. We will update these FAQs to keep you informed.

NOTE: PLEASE REVIEW THESE FAQs BEFORE SUBMITTING A QUESTION TO BE SURE THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED.

January 21, 2021

1. What is the return schedule to begin in-person classes?

Please refer to the in-Person Return to School Update for schedule and timeline information.

2. Will school start and end as they did before the pandemic?

Start and end times will be announced as transportation plans are finalized.

3. Is the 6th and 9th grade orientation week just an orientation with presentations and tours or will they be following their full schedule on the in-person days?

6th and 9th grade students will follow their full schedule beginning that week. Individual schools may conduct presentations and/or tours concurrently during the in-person/hybrid days.

4. Can families change their minds? Are spots held for students of families who cannot come in-person/hybrid for half-days but will stay virtual until a full day is available?

No. Due to maximum in-person class sizes and social distancing requirements, the current in-person/hybrid model does not have open spaces.

5. Will the high schools have a Connect class on Wednesdays?

No. Connect class is not planned for high school.



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6. If an in-person student is sick/misses a Monday/Thursday can they join the virtual class on Tuesday/Friday?

Yes, if it can be accommodated by the teacher.

7. Will there be office hours for middle and high schools in this new schedule?

No. Office hours are not planned for middle and high school.

8. Beginning January 25th, while middle and high school are still virtual, are students following the current schedule or starting a full day of classes virtually until we are fully transitioned to in-person/hybrid and virtual?

As we finalize transportation schedules for the in-person/hybrid return, our second semester schedule will begin with class times on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday as they were before the pandemic. On Wednesday, we will introduce a speed schedule, so all students (in-person/hybrid and virtual) can be in class, virtually, with their teacher. When we return to in-person/hybrid learning, and transportation times are finalized, the schedule may need adjustment to align the virtual times with in-person/hybrid times.

9. Can students use lockers?

No. Locker use will not be permitted. Students will need to carry their backpacks and other necessary items with them to all classes, including their coats.

10. With different students at different desks throughout the middle and high school day, how will the desk be cleaned between student use?

Students will be provided with disinfecting wipes upon entry to the classroom and will be asked to wipe their desks. Gloves will be available for students should they need them.

11. Why bring back elementary students first and wait to bring back middle and high school later?



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The State of Michigan's Return Roadmap prioritizes elementary student return. Additionally, final transportation planning and staffing, which includes the special program shuttles that occur at the middle and high-school levels, is ongoing.

12. Why start with an elementary half-day?

Our goal is to bring students back to school for full days. However, as a first step, due to the challenges of spacing in cafeterias, the mask fatigue we have seen with our elementary special education students, and to minimize asynchronous time, we will begin with half-days.

13. What will the length (times) of the elementary half-day be?

When transportation plans and times are finalized, we will be able to announce start and end times. That information will be provided well before the start of school.

14. Will latchkey be available?

Not at this time.

15. How will computer labs be cleaned between use?

Students will be provided with disinfecting wipes upon entry to the computer lab and will be asked to wipe down the equipment. Gloves will be available for students should they need them.

16. Will drinking fountains be available?

Drinking fountains will continue to be closed. However, students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to fill at the bottle filling stations located in the school.

17. Are parents/students required to complete the electronic health survey prior to coming to school?



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Students and parents are strongly encouraged to self-screen at home prior to coming to school. However, they are not required to submit an electronic form.

18. Are you taking student temperatures when they arrive at school?

No. Student temperatures will only be taken at school if the student exhibits signs of illness or if it is required to participate in athletics or band activities.

19. Will common-use bathrooms be sanitized every four hours?

Hallway bathrooms will be spray disinfected every four hours and classroom bathrooms will also be sprayed within a four-hour time frame.

20. How will the buses be cleaned between groups of students?

The buses will be sprayed with disinfectant after students are dropped off at each school.

21. Where will the high school bus stops be?

High School students will be picked up and dropped off at specific locations throughout the district, but those locations have not been finalized.

22. Will students have to wear masks/face coverings on buses?

Yes. All students and staff, medically able to tolerate a mask and able to remove it without help, must wear face coverings.

23. How many students will be on a bus?

The number of students on a bus depends on the school and the number of stops the bus makes. Also, students will be socially distanced whenever possible, and they are required to wear a mask and sanitize their hands when boarding. Also, to minimize contact, the bus will be loaded from back to front and unloaded from front to back.



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24. What will meal distribution look like once students begin returning to school in person?

Meal distribution schedules will be adjusted to match the school schedules with more information coming soon. The February 3rd and 10th distributions will remain the same.

25. Will there be breakfast and lunch for elementary students on the in-person half days?

No.

26. Will there be breakfast for the 6th and 9th grade orientation week?

No.

27. Will Middle School have a Connect Class when the hybrid plan begins?

Yes.

28. If students have chosen to remain virtual, would their schedule/teachers change?

We have prioritized students remaining with teachers however, in isolated incidents at the elementary level, a student/teacher change may have been necessary. Historically, it has always been a part of the natural semester change for students at the Middle and High School levels to change teachers.

29. Hello, can you please advise what school supplies should be purchased for the kids going to in person learning? I have one child in elementary and another in middle school. I'd like to be able to inquire those items ahead of time.

School supply lists are published by teachers and individual school buildings. The best strategy to get a copy is to contact your school's principal directly.

30. I am confused on the current situation of the district with the in person/ hybrid learning. It says that 6&9th graders are having orientation and that they are starting in person learning. Does this mean students who have chosen the option of online learning returning to in person classes as well? Or are they remaining online?



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The orientation that is scheduled for the week of February 8 for 6th and 9th graders is only for those students who are coming back to school in person.

31. If we choose the virtual option for our 6th or 9th grade students, will they receive orientation for their "new schools" in the fall if we return to ALL person learning?

Yes, a key part of our "Post Pandemic Strategic Plan" will be to support student's who are new to their school buildings.

32. What will the process for drop off and pick up look like at the elementary schools?

Building principals will publish information about drop-off and pick-up for individual buildings prior to the student's return to in-person learning.

33. What if a child has a positive COVID-19 test result?

If the student is learning remotely, the parents will be contacted by the Pandemic Response Manager (PRM) who will notify the parents of the need to quarantine at home for 10 days. If the student is learning in-person, he/she will be sent home, the parents will be contacted by the PRM who will notify the parents of the need to quarantine at home for 10 days. The Macomb County Health Department will immediately be notified. Contact tracing will begin and those determined to be in close contact with the student during the infectious period will be notified to quarantine by the PRM. The area and classroom the student was in will be disinfected and deep cleaned.

34. What if a student's parent(s) test positive for COVID-19?

When the district is notified that a student's parent, or other household member, tests positive, the parents will be contacted by the Pandemic Response Manager (PRM). The PRM will notify the parents to quarantine the student based on guidance from the Macomb County Health Department as to the length of time the student should remain in quarantine.

35. What if a teacher has COVID-19?

If a teacher has tested positive for COVID-19, and is teaching remotely, the teacher would quarantine at home for 10 days. If the teacher is teaching in-person, they would be sent home to quarantine and the Macomb County Health Department would be immediately notified. Contact tracing will begin and those determined to be in close contact with the teacher during the infectious period will be notified to quarantine by the PRM. The area and classroom the student was in will be disinfected and deep cleaned.

36. Should I purchase PPE and cleaning supplies?

There is no need to purchase PPE or cleaning supplies. Our schools are well stocked with masks, gloves, and cleaning supplies. However, many families prefer to wear their own mask or face shield, which they are welcome to do.



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37. My child/children have some special services such as speech and resource room. Will they receive these services in person now that we have chosen that option, or will they be virtual?

Your child's service provider will contact you directly about your child's schedule, as some students will be seen in-person, but due to time constraints, some may still be seen virtually. This decision (services in-person or virtually) will be mutually agreed upon by the service provider and the child's parent.

38. For the days where the middle & high schools are doing "independent learning" what are the expectations of the students on those days? Will the teachers be sending them home from their in-person days with work to be completed on their virtual days?

Depending on the course and subject matter, the independent learning work will be established by the classroom teacher.