



Western Heights Public Schools Soaring to New Heights

**Return to Learn 2.0
2021-2022**

Preparing Everyone for Success in the Ever-Changing World

Western Heights Schools will be open for in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. In an effort for ALL students to remain a Jet and learn from our Western Heights Public Schools Staff, we will be offering a virtual option for students who choose online learning. Each enrolled student will participate in traditional in-person learning unless the virtual application is completed and approved by WHPS.

Western Heights Public Schools will continue to monitor community health and adjust this plan accordingly. As we navigate through these ever- changing times, we are very appreciative of the patience and support of our students, staff, and families.

Daily Schedule

We will resume normal start and end times for our school sites:

- Middle School and Bridgestone: Classes start at 7:30 AM and end at 2:30 PM. Doors will open at 7:05 AM.
- Elementary Schools: Classes start at 8:15 AM and end at 3:15 PM. Doors will open at 7:50 AM.
- Ninth Grade Center/High School: Classes start at 9:05 AM and end at 4:05 PM. Doors will open at 8:40 AM.

Communication

To further protect students and staff members, we ask that parents drop students off at the door. If you need to meet with a staff member, we ask that you make an appointment. All visitors must check in at the front office.

The easiest way to communicate with staff members is through email. If you do not have an email address, there are many free email options available. Gmail, Yahoo Mail, AOL and other sites have free accounts. We highly recommend you set up an

account and ensure that your child's teacher has your email address. Please share your email with our enrollment center so we can easily send messages through our district system.

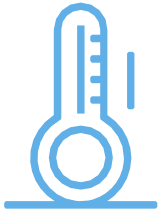
General Information



For any student who exhibits COVID symptoms, we will follow CDC and State Health Department Guidelines. We do have the ability to COVID test students if the parent requests a test. We must have a signed consent form from the parent/guardian. If a situation arises, you will be contacted by one of our school nurses.



WHPS plans to resume traditional transportation. Buses will be sanitized daily. When possible, windows will be down for air circulation. Masks are highly recommended for all students while riding the bus due to the proximity of students. Masks may be required based on community spread.



It is essential that all families partner with us in monitoring the health of your students and families. Please monitor your child's temperature. No student with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher may enter any Western Heights Public Schools facility. Any student who exhibits a fever of 100.4°F or higher will be sent home immediately. We ask that students do not return to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (tylenol, motrin, etc).



WHPS will make every effort to promote healthy practices and protocols. Physical Distancing will be implemented when possible. WHPS recommends the wearing of masks on the school bus and in highly populated areas. Masks may be required based on community spread. Our staff will monitor reportable illnesses. Oklahoma Health Department guidance will be utilized for quarantine. WHPS will follow city, county, and state mandates. Requirements and recommendations are subject to change.

The Social-Emotional well-being of our students is as important as their academic learning. Our counselors will be prepared and available to help our students and families.



WHPS has increased its cleaning and preparation of facilities to protect our staff and students. Frequent hand-washing and other healthy protocols will be implemented and practiced. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the buildings. Upon

notification of a positive COVID case on campus, the area will be thoroughly cleaned.

Enrollment Options 2021-2022

Option 1: Traditional-Remote Learning

On Campus Instruction

- All courses/classes taken at regularly assigned school site
- In-person instruction
- Traditional academic school day with Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) to be used on-campus
- Transition as needed between in-class and remote learning.

Remote Learning Days

- Determined by the district, city, or state in the event of a COVID outbreak or other need*
- With school approval, it can be utilized by individual families in the event of student exposure/illness resulting in quarantine
- Counts as a school day (not a traditional absence if the student completes online lessons within the allotted time)—by approval only
- Regular support and contact from WHSP teachers until on-campus class can resume

Option 2: Full Virtual

- Grades 1-12
- Requires semester commitment with the student taking all courses online 100%, away from WHPS campus
- Student learning plans are directed and monitored by Western Heights Public Schools teachers
- Classes do not require regular on- campus attendance, must complete work in timely manner to continue in virtual option.
- By choosing to be fully virtual, please be aware that choice of extracurricular activities may be limited.
- Application process required, must be approved by administrator

* In addition to potential school closures due to COVID-19, these three options may be used as remote learning days. In the event of cancellations including, but not limited to, inclement weather or other unforeseen factors.

*All WHPS students must participate in required on-site state testing.

Technology

Each student in the district has access to a device for in-person and remote learning.

These devices are property of Western Heights and are filtered to ensure that students are not exposed to inappropriate materials. By accepting the Device, you agree that you will be responsible for proper care of the Device and that any damage or loss could result in financial liability while it is in your possession.

Students and Parents agree that only the student may use the Device. Friends or younger siblings not in WHPS District, should not use another's Device. Responsible use of the Device is expected.

Federal Requirements – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks: Properly fitted masks covering the mouth and nose may be worn in situations where students are not able to social distance, especially during times of yellow, orange, or red alert according to the State Department of Education COVID map.

Modifying Facilities for Social Distancing: Facilities are marked to show the recommended 3-6 feet of distance in seating and standing wherever possible throughout the Western Heights School District. In classrooms, students are seated in pod areas to minimize exposure, and the pod cohorts travel the hallways in their groups.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette: Students are trained and reminded in classroom about the health benefits of proper and frequent handwashing as well as respiratory etiquette of covering the mouth during coughs and sneezes. Signage is posted throughout all facilities with these reminders. Hand sanitizer is available in classrooms, offices, cafeteria, and anywhere that students or patrons may pass.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities including Improving Ventilation: Western Heights Public Schools uses industrial misting and fogging equipment to sanitize classrooms, buses, offices, and other public areas.

Contact Tracing Combined with Isolation and Quarantine, Collaborating with State, Local, and Tribal Health Departments: The Superintendent constantly monitors infection rate, ER capacities, hospitalization rates and other statistic provided by Oklahoma State Health Department and CDC. WHPS refers to CDC guidance for prevention habits, isolation, and quarantine to keep our students and staff as safe as possible and to maintain in-person learning for our students. Students and staff who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine if they are traced to a positive exposure.

We have two nurses on staff who are trained and can provide COVID testing and are prepared to initiate quarantine notices if necessary.

Diagnostic/Screening Testing: WHPS can COVID test students and staff who suspect they may be COVID positive. Please call the school site and ask for the school nurse to schedule an appointment.

Vaccination Efforts for School Communities: Passport Health reserved four days for our WHPS staff and their families to receive vaccinations in March and April. We have an on-going collaboration with Passport Health and hope to have a vaccination lab for students and their families soon.

Appropriate accommodations for students with Disabilities with Respect for Health and Safety Policies: If school is moved to remote learning due to COVID, students with disabilities will be offered the option to learn in person in classrooms that have been deep cleaned and sanitized. We have purchased adaptive technology for student with disabilities to use when they are required to engage in remote learning due to quarantine, deep cleaning, or inclement weather.

Coordination with State and Local health officials: Passport Health and the Oklahoma Department of Health continue to support WHPS with information about outbreaks, COVID screening tests and vaccination clinics. WHPS will remain in close contact with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Department of Health, and the Oklahoma State Epidemiologist Office concerning the level of outbreaks and safety protocols enacted in our state and local area.

How Parents Can Help

- Take your child's temperature daily in times of outbreak or suspected illness prior to them leaving the house.
- Keep students at home if they exhibit any symptoms of any illness. Inform the school of positive tests for COVID-19 by emailing your child's principal or calling the school.
- Keep students quarantined as instructed by the Oklahoma Health Department if they have had any exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID.
- Attend our back-to-school enrollment to ensure your child is ready to start school on the first day. (Watch website for details)
- Complete a Free & Reduced Meal/ Income Eligibility Form. This process significantly affects school funding. Let your child's teacher or school know if you need assistance with meals.
- Have masks or other appropriate face coverings available for students to have at school when/if needed.
- Openly communicating any concerns directly with your child's teacher or school site principal.
- Working with the school site as they change visitor protocols and the check-in/check-out processes as warranted.
- Students should plan to bring their own water bottle and not use water fountains in a traditional way. Water fountains will be available for bottle refills.
- Parents are discouraged from visiting classrooms and hallways to limit student exposure. We ask that you visit the school by appointment.