

1. During the two weeks when students are online, will they have live instructional time? How many times per week will the students have live instructional time?

- a. Parents and students can expect that students will have some learning experiences for which they will need to be in attendance and attentive during specific hours of the day. However, students will also have some flexibility to work at their own pace and schedule over the course of the day depending on family needs. Consistent daily schedules will include online instruction that will be a combination of live and recorded sessions. During instructional time, there will be opportunities to learn individually, in small groups, and in large groups using both print and digital materials.

2. Will the homework and activities assigned during the online portion need to be completed on the same day that they are assigned?

- a. Students will also have some flexibility to work at their own pace and schedule over the course of the day depending on family needs. A more structured schedule will be created by teachers and will outline homework expectations, keeping in mind the need for flexibility regarding due dates.

3. Will I be able to get a device for my child to use at home?

- a. Each student will need a technology device for learning. We will be surveying families to determine needs so we can support them with devices/hotspots.

4. Will before and after school programs be offered and what would the process of distancing look like?

- a. Yes, DDES has a before school program that is run and managed by our school. The afterschool program is run and managed by the YMCA. We will be sharing information soon regarding how to sign up for before school care. If you would like to sign up for after school care through the YMCA, [YMCA After School Care](#). WCPSS will also be providing childcare information to families. Distancing will be required in both the YMCA and before school program and procedures will be shared with families.

5. For PLAN B: If you have more than one child in the system, is it possible to coordinate their in class week the same week?

- a. WCPSS is grouping siblings together as they make groups for PLAN B. All siblings will be in the same group regardless if they are in elementary, middle, or high school.

6. What grades is Virtual Academy offered?

- A. Virtual Academy is offered for all grades.

7. If you choose plan B, but after the school year starts no longer feel comfortable sending them in, can you switch to Virtual Academy?

- A. The deadline to apply for Virtual Academy is July 20. This is needed for planning and determining classes. If you have a need to switch to Virtual Academy during the Fall Semester you need to email Mrs. Griffin and Dr. Sykes and I will determine if there is space available in classes. We

cannot guarantee that you will be able to switch to the Virtual Academy in the middle of the Fall Semester. There will be another application window for Virtual Academy in the Spring.

8. Will there be school buses or are parents/guardians supposed to drive kids to school?

- A. Yes, there will be transportation. If you had bus transportation last year, you should have received an email from WCPSS transportation requesting you decline transportation if you are no longer using it for the 20-21 school year. If your child was not a bus rider last year and you would like to request transportation, please request here: [Bus Rider Registration](#). This is only if your child did not ride a bus last year.

9. How do I choose Virtual Academy? The deadline to apply for Virtual Academy is Monday, July 20. Use this link to sign up and review important information. [Virtual Academy Sign Up](#)

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10. Are the supply lists posted online still accurate? Yes, but if you would like, wait to purchase supplies. We will be getting donations from community partners and could possibly provide some of the supplies for you.

11. When will the school day begin and end? We are working to finalize schedules but we anticipate school beginning for all students at 8:45 and ending at 3pm.

12. Will independent practice be online activities or worksheets/etc? It will be a combination of both and we will ensure students do not sit all day in front of a device.

13. Will there be a social component to VA? For students in VA and Plan B Transition, we will work diligently to build classroom community and provide opportunities for students to interact with one another.

14. Will there be the same online platform for all students? Yes, all students will be utilizing Google Classroom. There may be other resources linked within a classroom, but Google Classroom will be where everything is housed.

15. Would a typical day for the students during the home (online) weeks for Plan B be the same as for Virtual Academy? Yes, students will follow a similar schedule in both settings.

16. Is the software platforms used going to be the same? Yes, all platforms will be the same regardless of the setting. Face to Face activities could vary, but standards will be aligned.

17. Will we be using "Talking Points" again this year? No, we will be utilizing Class Dojo to communicate with families. This will allow all staff members to communicate with families, and the translation feature will help us communicate immediately across multiple languages.

18. I am buying a device for my child (first grader). Would you suggest a laptop or something with a touchscreen? We use Chromebooks at school, if that helps.

19. Will the students see all of the specialists each week for live lessons? Yes, there will be a set time in the schedule for live Specialists lessons.

20. Will only kindergarteners be learning French or Spanish or is it open to all students? It is open to all students. All students will start out learning French in the fall and then switch over to Spanish.

21. Does Remote Learning have to be done in the morning or can it be done later in the day? It can be done whenever, however, the live instruction will be at set times.

22. If we have a doctor's appointment during a live, will the lessons be recorded for us to see at a later time? No, because other students are on and they cannot be recorded. However, if something like this arises, just work with your teacher on what to do.

23. Will there be set office hours for teachers? And will there be times set for one-on-one time with the teacher? All teachers will have the same set of office hours in the day. Your teacher will work with you for small groups and one-on-one times.