

FAQs for Testing

These are questions we have been asked frequently with regards to end-of-year testing this year. This is a live document so more questions will be added as they come up. If you have any questions about testing, please contact our Testing Coordinator, Ms. Bonham West, at rwest2@wcpss.net.

General

What time does testing start and finish every day?

- Testing will begin every day as close to 7:30 as possible and be done by 12:04 pm.

Where should my student report between 7:00-7:30 on the day of their test?

- Students who are testing will report to the cafeteria from 7:00-7:30.
- Students who are not testing on a given day will report to their homeroom class.

Can I bring food and drink to testing? We could do this in previous years.

- No.
- Due to strict WCPSS guidelines regarding eating and drinking, it is not possible to have students eating and drinking in the classrooms at this time.
- Students may still ask to get a drink of water during testing.
- **However**, if your student has a chronic medical condition documented in 504 Plan or Health Care Plan that requires access to food or drink (e.g. diabetes, kidney dysfunction, etc.), your student will be permitted access to food and drink in the classroom.

My student has a cell phone/Apple Watch/Fitbit. Can they keep those with them during testing?

- No.
- Electronic devices are prohibited in the testing room
- If a student's electronic device "goes off" during testing, it may result in one or more students in the class having to retake the test.
- Due to the different configurations of classrooms, teachers have different methods of collecting devices from students before testing.
- **However**, if your student uses their cell phone to monitor a health condition documented in a 504 Plan or Health Care Plan (e.g. diabetes), they will be allowed to use their cell phone to monitor their health as needed.

Can my student use the restroom during testing?

- Absolutely!!
- Our teachers will let students go to the restroom one at a time during testing.

Can I bring my personal calculator to testing?

- No.
- All math tests have an embedded Desmos calculator for the calculator active questions. Students should be familiar with this calculator as they have used it all year with their math teachers.

My student needs to ride a bus to school for testing. How do I do that?

- As of May 19th, Transportation advised us that they will not be processing the individual transportation requests families submitted to us previously.
- Please go to <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/1854> and find the bus stop closest to your home.

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- Drop your student off at the bus stop closest to your home. Transportation has said they will allow any student at a stop to ride the bus during EOGs.
- Please make sure that your student knows the number of their route (e.g. 01-17) for coming home in the afternoon. We will not be able to look up their information as they have not been officially assigned to a bus route.

My student needs breakfast and/or lunch on testing days.

- Thanks to funding from the federal government, breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the remainder of the year. Your student simply needs to report to the cafeteria at their assigned meal time to get a meal.

What should my student bring to testing?

- All required materials for the test--paper, pencils, and graph paper--will be provided by the school.
- We recommend all students also bring the following items to testing:
 - A book to read after your student is done testing
 - Socks and/or a sweatshirt--Central Services keeps the room temperatures cooler than usual for testing weeks
 - A water bottle to use at the water fountain when your student needs a drink
 - Their computer/Chromebook AND charger as we will have classes after testing is over

Plan A

Does my student need to attend school on days they do not have a test scheduled?

- Plan A students are expected to attend school on *all* instructional days, whether they have a test scheduled or not.
- Plan A students should be in school every day from now until June 10th, 2021

I see VA students can be picked up after the test. Can I pick up my Plan A student after the test?

- It is up to the parent whether to pick up Plan A students after the test
- You would come to the Front Office, ring the bell, and wait outside the front door for your student to arrive

Virtual Academy

How many students will be in my student's classroom?

- About 50% of our VA families have said their student will be attending testing this year
- On average, that means around 20-25 students will be in each VA classroom

Is there a remote testing option?

- No. The state does not make remote or distance EOG/EOC testing an option.

What safety measures are in place at the school to protect my student?

- We follow all current WCPSS guidelines for health and safety. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Social distancing to the extent possible
 - Mask wearing is non-negotiable while inside WCPSS property or while on WCPSS transportation

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- Cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces, equipment, etc. in accordance with current WCPSS guidelines

I don't want my student staying on campus all day. Can I pick them up right after testing?

- Your student may contact you to be picked up when their *entire classroom has finished testing*. This should be around 11 am-12 pm.
- Students will be dismissed to the carpool lane for pickup

Does my Virtual Academy student need to report to school on days they are not scheduled to test?

- No

What will my Virtual Academy student “do” during testing on days they are not scheduled to test?

- Asynchronous lessons will be posted for Virtual Academy students on days they are not scheduled to test. On days your student is not scheduled to test, please have them work on these asynchronous lessons from 7:30 am-12:04 pm

What if my Virtual Academy student does not attend testing this year? What should they do on days their grade level is scheduled to test?

- If your Virtual Academy student is not going to attend testing this year, please have them catch up on missing assignments from 7:30 am-12:04 pm on days their grade level is scheduled to test.