



July 24, 2020

WMS Families,

I wanted to reach out to let you know that students who are returning to in-person instruction at WMS will follow a 7-period day on the hybrid schedule. Students will attend seven 45-minute classes either in-class or virtually each day, depending on their hybrid schedule. Students will have 5 core classes (math, science, social studies, language arts, and wellness) and 2 electives. On Friday, all students will receive virtual instruction.

We feel like this plan offers our students the best chance of having the experience they were looking forward to having this year at WMS, while meeting the recommendations from the Hamilton County Health Department.

We are working with our elective teachers (band, art, PLTW, etc.) to create a plan for those programs to continue. Some of our elective classes may look different and require some modifications to our curriculum.

If you choose our all-virtual learning platform your child will be using a 3rd party platform. Virtual learning will occur through a virtual learning platform that is asynchronous and self-paced. Courses are aligned to Indiana academic standards and will also be aligned with Westfield Middle curriculum. Learning activities and experiences will include video lessons, interactive activities, and skills mastery practice. The lessons, activities, and assessments are all delivered through the virtual learning platform and students can pace their learning based on their own schedules and mastery of each lesson. WWS teachers will be assigned to support students through their learning by answering questions, helping students monitor their progress, and providing extension activities as needed but will not actually be designing or delivering the lessons.

Students will have a virtual learning course catalog to select courses from similar to what they do for in-person learning. All core academic courses will be available and align to Indiana Common Core Standards and to ensure students stay on track. Elective options are available for all students in grades 7 - 8, but will be limited and options will be different from what is offered for in-person learning in each building. Beginning level world language courses will be an option.

In early June, we hit pause on our class scheduling until a plan for return was determined. We will be working over the next 2 weeks to finish your child's schedule and we will get that information out to you when schedules are completed. If you choose the all-virtual platform our Counselors will initiate scheduling meetings with students the first week of August to create their virtual learning course schedule.

We are also working on a strategy to allow incoming 7th graders and students new to the building an opportunity to tour our facility. This will look very similar to our locker clean out days where students were required to sign up for a time to be in the building.

If you are new to our building please check out the video below welcoming you to Westfield Middle School.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OUiOoScqm8zvQwuCFR7nt84pZIRWEH6m/view?usp=sharing>

Please feel free to reach out to our administration team if you have any questions.

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