

Teaching and Learning in WCS for the 2020-2021 School Year for Parents

Shifting to remote learning will be challenging for everyone. WCS is ready to support students and families in making this shift. Teachers and building level teams will monitor student engagement and learning and be prepared to assist students whenever needed. This document will give parents and students insight to instructional changes being made to prepare for remote learning if needed.

Transitions to Remote

- WCS is planning to provide instruction on campus if appropriate within our safety guidelines. Superintendent Golden will determine any necessary shifts to remote learning which could include either the entire district or individual schools. In the event of a district-wide move to remote learning, we will remain remote for a minimum of 2 weeks. In the event an individual school must close its facility due to a need to clean, individual schools will move to remote learning for a minimum of 2 days before returning to campus.
- Students and families should be flexible and prepared to learn from home if/when remote learning should become necessary. This should include where the student will be learning in the home and the type of parental support needed. Parents should also communicate with their child's teacher at the beginning of the year if they anticipate difficulty accessing the internet. Schools will work with parents to find solutions.
- Teachers will begin the year getting students familiar with blended, digital instruction expectations through Schoology or Google Classroom so they are prepared to learn remotely if needed.

Students Quarantined or Sick for Extended Periods of Time

- Instructional support for students quarantined or absent for extended periods of time (if less than 10 school days) will be provided by the teacher using the most appropriate method for the learning goals during the absence. This could look very different than previous years when students were sick for shorter periods of time and were only given assignments from class. This year, information from missed class sessions will include one or more of the following as created by the teacher and/or curriculum team:
 - Shared instructional resources reviewed in class in Schoology or Google Classroom (PPT, notes, written assignments, etc.) All instructional content, assignments, and assessments should be updated each day in Schoology or Google Classroom.
 - Shared OER resources through Schoology or Google Classroom
 - Shared online adopted resources (Wit and Wisdom, Go Math, Pearson, etc.)
 - Downloaded instruction from the classroom Smartboard and uploaded in Schoology or Google Classroom

- Uploaded or shared pre-recorded videos recorded by the teacher or linked from an external source (ex. Khan Academy)
- Audio Zoom session for students to listen to the class instruction (Note that school bandwidth can support all teachers engaging in audio Zoom at the same time.)
- Video Zoom session for students to see the teacher's shared screen during live instruction
- Connecting students to live course specific Zoom sessions shared by WCS Online

Student Expectations

- Students will be assigned a Chromebook and should take it home nightly to charge the device, use the device for any assigned homework, and to be prepared for any transition to Remote Learning. Student issued Chromebook charge cords are not needed at school.
- Students will be expected to access their learning and teacher communication through Schoology or Google Classroom. Teachers will also have live video conferences on a regular basis if remote teaching is implemented.
- Students will submit assignments and take assessments online more often this year in the traditional school setting. Students will submit the majority, if not all, of their assignments and take most, if not all, of their assessment online if the district or the schools moves to remote learning.

Instruction

- Teachers are still required to follow the WCS Scope and Sequence, adopted resources and approved instructional applications whether teaching On-campus or during Remote Learning.
- Students will have the same teacher(s) in both the in person and remote learning environments.
- For more details on school reopening for elementary, middle, and high schools, please refer to the School Opening Plan Side-by-Side documents for [elementary schools](#) and [secondary schools](#).