



REOPENING WISSAHICKON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope you are enjoying your summer. We miss seeing you! We know many of you have questions about the start of the new school year, and every day we are receiving new/updated guidance from the Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We will continue to adapt and modify our plan as needed, with the safety of your child and our staff first and foremost in our minds. As changes occur, we will keep you informed and also please check our website at www.wsdweb.org for more information.

We have created a document to address the safety aspects and other information specific to secondary schools. We hope this additional information can assist you in making the best decision for your family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Beth Bauer, WMS Principal and Dr. Lynne Blair, WHS Principal

SECONDARY LEVEL SAFETY PLANS FOR HYBRID INSTRUCTION

- Students will be split into 2 groups, alphabetically by last name (A-L, M-Z). Students will meet with all of their teachers, every other day. On opposite days, students will be learning from home.
- Utilizing the hybrid approach allows us to maximize social distancing, having students 6 feet apart in all classrooms and the cafeteria.
- Social distancing of 6 feet will be required, with everyone wearing face coverings, per the Governor's directive. Any student who forgets his/her mask will be provided one.
- Our student arrival and dismissal procedures will look different. Students will no longer congregate in large areas when they arrive to school, rather, they will report directly to classrooms. Student bus loading will be staggered to encourage social distancing.
- Our custodial crew is creating a schedule for classroom cleaning throughout the school day.
- Classroom doors will remain open to maximize air circulation.
- Water fountains will not be accessible however, filling stations can be utilized safely. Students are encouraged to bring in water bottles from home.
- Students will be seated 6 feet apart, facing the same direction, in all learning spaces.
- Although we value and appreciate the support of our volunteers, we will not be allowing volunteers or visitors in the building. Parent meetings, including IEP, GIEP, 504, CST, etc. will be held virtually.
- All field trips, school assemblies and large group events for the first marking period are cancelled. We will re-evaluate this at the end of each marking period.
- Outdoor spaces will be utilized as much as possible.
- Students will not be utilizing hallway and gym lockers. Additionally, students will not change clothes for HPE classes, with the exception of life guarding at WHS.
- The sharing of supplies will be minimized as much as possible.
- We will encourage one-way traffic flow on separate sides of the hallway with lines and directional arrows to guide students.
- Stairwells will be utilized for one-way traffic.
- Social distancing will be encouraged in student bathrooms through visual signs.
- Teachers will maintain accurate attendance records and seating charts for purposes of contact tracing.
- Additional spaces will be utilized for student lunches to allow us to maintain social distancing expectations.
- Protocols will be in place if a student or staff member does become ill. The Montgomery County Health Department will be providing all schools with specific protocols to follow.
- Busing will be provided in two tiers with precautions such as 100% face coverings at all times, students spread out as much as possible and windows open as often as possible, etc. (details are still being determined)