

WEST MUSKINGUM LOCAL SCHOOLS

REOPENING

PLANS FOR FALL 2020

How schools reopen in the fall depends largely on the guidance and requirements set by Governor DeWine, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Ohio Department of Education. We are also using feedback from staff and community members as we build our plans for the upcoming year.

While we are excited to welcome our new students, along with our returning students to our campus, we recognize this year may also include a feeling of apprehension for our families.

As a result, West Muskingum Schools will be offering two learning options: Fulltime in-person learning with enhanced safety precautions, and online learning for students to complete at home.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 24 - 25: Staff Professional Development Days

Wednesday, Aug. 26: KDG - 12 Staggered Start*
(1/2 the students in each grade level report)

Thursday, Aug. 27: KDG - 12 Staggered Start*
(1/2 the students in each grade level report)

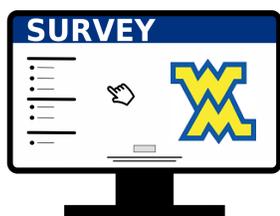
Friday, Aug. 28: ALL STUDENTS IN SESSION

Monday, August 31: Staff Professional Development Day

**Specifics on the staggered starts will be forthcoming.*

MVESC will provide preschool information once plans are finalized.

YMCA Latchkey will be available before and after school at West Muskingum Elementary School.



In order to finalize plans for staffing,

**FAMILIES MUST SELECT
ONE OPTION BY**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

To complete the **EDUCATION OPTION SURVEY** click the link located on the last page.

It is important to make a selection for each child in your family.

1

IN-PERSON LEARNING



This option represents a return to the typical school environment with enhanced safety precautions in place. All staff members will be required to wear a facial covering. In response to Governor DeWine's mandate, all students will be required to wear a face covering, unless they have a medical condition that exempts them from wearing one.

Students may be switched to an online learning environment if COVID-19 conditions worsen in a specific building, the school district, or if mandated by the state.

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ONLINE LEARNING



This option represents students learning at home using a computer or Chromebook. West Muskingum will partner with a virtual learning academy to deliver digital lessons.

(More details on next page.)



Online Learning Option

West Muskingum Schools will utilize an online platform from the Jefferson County Educational Service Center that has built in content that follows the approved Ohio Content Standards. At the high school level we will use both the Jefferson County ESC platform and the Odysseyware platform.



- ◆ This platform will allow students to work at their own pace at any time of the day. This will provide flexibility for working families that might need to provide additional support for their students, especially at the K-6 levels.
- ◆ This platform enables our West Muskingum teachers to add to and modify the content to meet the needs of our students. Teachers will receive professional development for online teaching throughout the school year from outside vendors and local entities.
- ◆ A teacher will be assigned to students during the day to monitor progress and attendance based upon hours engaged in online learning.
- ◆ At the elementary level, online learning will be a combination of an online curriculum that can be accessed at any time, and you will have access to a West Muskingum teacher that will be delivering instruction to online students at specified times during the school day.
- ◆ At the middle school level, online learning will be a combination of online curriculum that can be accessed at any time, and you will have access to a West Muskingum teacher that will be delivering instruction at specified times during the school day.
- ◆ At the high school level, online learning will consist of online curriculum through Odysseyware that can be accessed at any time of the day or online curriculum from the Jefferson County ESC as well as the opportunity to sit in on certain classes via Zoom with a West Muskingum teacher. The exact method of instruction will be dependent on the classes that you choose.
- ◆ Hot Spots - West Muskingum received a grant which allows high school parking lots to be used for internet access.

Much of how this looks is dependent on the number of students that sign up for online learning. We can assure you that it will look different from last spring and we have made every effort to ensure that each student has the opportunity to excel in a way that is best suited to them. The district will provide a Chromebook to any student who needs one that chooses the online option.

If you are choosing the online option, we ask that you let us know by Friday, Aug. 7 (See last page) . If you have not signed up for the online option by August 7 we will assume that you will be sending your student to the physical building.



HEALTH



SAFETY

PRECAUTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ West Muskingum families will be expected to take their child's temperature and do a symptom assessment daily before school.
- ◆ Social distancing will be observed when practical.
- ◆ If students exhibit symptoms at school, they will be taken to a room set aside for possible COVID-19 cases, and parents/guardians will be notified to pick them up and to visit a medical professional. West Muskingum has contracted with Genesis Healthcare to offer free telehealth and nursing services for staff and students to help streamline this process.
- ◆ In response to Governor DeWine's mask order, all students will be required to wear a face covering, unless they have a medical condition that exempts them from wearing one.
- ◆ Staff members will be required to wear a facial covering, take their temperature, and do a daily symptom assessment before work.
- ◆ Cleaning and sanitizing buildings, especially high-contact areas, will be a high priority.
- ◆ Hand sanitizer will be made available in classrooms and common areas.
- ◆ Students will be educated on the importance of hand washing, hygiene, social distancing and the wearing of facial coverings.
- ◆ Visitors and volunteers will only be allowed in extenuating circumstances.
- ◆ Field trips will not be allowed.
- ◆ Students will be required to bring their own school supplies, rather than sharing with the class.
- ◆ Water fountains will be closed, but water-filling stations will remain open. Students should bring their own water bottles.
- ◆ Student lockers will not be used.



CAFETERIA

- ◆ Consistent seating will be used and students will be socially distanced to the greatest extent possible.
- ◆ Students will be required to wash their hands before lunch and after coming back from recess.

TRANSPORTATION



- ◆ Parents are encouraged to transport their children to and from school whenever possible.
- ◆ Students riding the bus will have one pick-up and one drop-off point.
- ◆ All students will be given assigned seats and siblings will be seated together whenever possible.
- ◆ All students will be required to wear a face covering, unless they have a medical condition that exempts them from wearing one.
- ◆ High-contact areas on buses will be disinfected between routes.
- ◆ Each bus will be thoroughly disinfected at the end of each day.
- ◆ Drivers will be required to wear facial coverings.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Extracurricular activities will resume and will adhere to the recommendations from OHSAA and the state.
- ◆ Students choosing online learning will have the same opportunities as students in the in-person setting.



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- ◆ Social distancing will be observed.
- ◆ Hand washing or hand sanitizing will be required before lunch and after recess.



TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY

- ◆ Students will go directly to their assigned classroom upon entering the building. Staff will be at the entrances to let them in.
- ◆ To keep groups from congregating, breakfast will be brought to the classrooms for students to eat. Social distancing will be observed in all lunch rooms.
- ◆ Classrooms will be self contained, which means students will be in the same classroom with the same teacher whenever possible. The elementary and middle schools will be self contained with the exception of specials classes that require groups to move rooms. The high school will continue to switch classes, but hallways will be marked for one way use. Students will not be congregating at lockers.
- ◆ Common areas will be sanitized after each use and before another group of students use that area.
- ◆ Buses will be sanitized between routes.
- ◆ Dismissal will be done from the classroom. We will load one bus at a time. Parent pick up and bus dismissal times will be staggered.

SCHOOL DAY START and END TIMES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- ◆ Doors open at 8:45 a.m.
- ◆ Class starts at 9 a.m.
- ◆ Parent pick up will begin at 3 p.m.
- ◆ Buses will pick up at 3:15 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL and MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ◆ Doors open at 7:45 a.m.
- ◆ Class starts at 8 a.m.
- ◆ Parent pick-up and student drivers leave at 2 p.m.
- ◆ Buses will pick up at 2:15 p.m.

This will give us time to sanitize the buses and use multiple doors to prevent large groups of students from exiting at the same time.

EDUCATION OPTION SURVEY

In order to finalize plans for staffing, families must select one option by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 7**.

To submit your selection, [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the Education Option Survey.

It is important to submit a selection for each child in your family.

