

**WSHS PTSA Meeting February 9, 2020**  
**Q&A with Principal Mukai and Team about Return to In-Person School**

Question submitted in Advance

Virtual/In-person Selection

1. Will we get an opportunity to change attendance choice for our students again?

There will not be an opportunity from FCPS for a rechoice and there are limitations due to capacity. If you have questions, please contact student services (counselor).

2. How and to whom do students communicate the decision to remain virtual?

Please contact student services (counselor).

3. What forms do you need to complete so your child can go face to face and how do you access the forms needed?

There is not another reselection scheduled at this time and in school space capped due to safety. Please contact Ms. Braxton, DSS, or your counselor to request the possible opportunity to change.

Teaching

4. When will we know if the teachers will be teaching in person for each class or if they will be virtual while the kids are in class and there will be classroom monitors.

ADA requests by teachers to remain virtual are being processed by HR. Monitors are still in the process of being hired. We hope to finalize this by the end of February.

5. Could classes/teachers change for either virtual or in-person students? When and how will students/parents be notified if there is a change

Staff can return to in-person from ADA if they obtain medical clearance. This is a personal medical issue and is confidential. We will inform you as soon as we have final clearance from HR.

6. Will the new 'Return to School' plan affect virtual learning?

The Return to School plan will affect elements such as lunch and bell times. These updates have been sent in the virtual learning news and news you choose.

7. If a teacher reports COVID symptoms or close contact with someone with COVID, will the teacher continue to teach virtually during any isolation/quarantine period or will there be a sub?

Teachers exposed to COVID may continue virtually if they are able.

### Freshman

8. Will there be freshman orientation before March 2?

We will be sharing an orientation video prior to the return to school and 9th grade will return March 2nd when we will be at lower capacity, which will allow for some in school activities to support 9th grade familiarization of the school. There will also be some optional open house opportunities for 9th grade and new students on Monday March 1st.

9. Are freshman able to do a walk through just to locate their classrooms before their first day of in-person classes? My daughter hasn't stepped foot in the school and I am picturing 9<sup>th</sup> graders wandering around like a bunch of tourists trying to find their classrooms. Or will a map be emailed out they can print? I can't find one on the school website.

Maps and blueprints of the school are not published on the internet due to safety concerns. We will have maps and guides available the first week and provide assistance.

### Instruction/Labs/Supplies

10. Will instruction continue on the computer even while in-person in the classroom?

Instruction will continue to be provided virtually for those students who chose virtual for the year.

11. Will they need any supplies?

Teachers will inform their students what additional supplies they will need, if any.

12. Supplies that are normally in classrooms - handouts, science/lab equipment, tissues, pencil sharpeners - will these be available?

Handouts can be used, lab equipment is still being used, tissues will be limited (we may ask for donations through PTSA, pencil sharpeners may need to be limited for multi-user items. Pens and mechanical pencils may be recommended.

13. Will students be able to use equipment (science lab, weights in Personal Fitness class, PE class)?

Yes, teachers will be directing proper use of equipment in class.

14. Group Projects/Collaborative learning during in person class - how does this work?

With some students in the room and some students virtual, flexible grouping strategies will be used and BBCU and Google Meet breakout rooms may be used.

15. Will science lab classes be allowed to perform actual labs or will they continue to only do on screen classes?

During our pilot, we have in-person students performing labs and home students working as data collectors.

### Parking

16. How is parking going to work? Will seniors be given parking privileges like in past years? Will passes be issued? Will it be a free for all since there will be a limited number of students? Parking will be free and there is an application process. Seniors will have first opportunity and then juniors until filled.

17. Will some free parking be provided for students who can drive to school or will they have to pay for a space two days a week?

18. Will parking spaces be available for Juniors who can drive to school? Priority to seniors.

19. What is the process to get a parking pass?

### Music/Band/Orchestra

20. Will kids who bring large instruments to school be permitted to store them somewhere in the building rather than carry them around all day (some music teachers have indicated already that kids cannot drop off their instruments in the morning in the music rooms). If there is no storage available, can students go to the parking lot between classes to get instrument/items out of their car?

21. Band/Music Kids – can they remove masks to sing or play the instrument?

### Lunch Please see slides

22. Will students be allowed to eat lunch in the cafeteria/indoors?

Yes, we have a plan for in cafeteria lunch with 6 foot one direction spacing

23. Will the students be allowed to leave the property for lunch?

FCPS does not allow students to leave campus for lunch.

24. Fairfax High School principal held a coffee and said they ordered picnic tables and will have outdoor classrooms. Will WSHS do the same?

We have outdoor tables, benches, and classrooms. We will look to utilize them when we can.

25. Will they need to bring their own lunch or will buying lunch be an option?

Food services will provide a free lunch to students.

26. Are kids allowed to eat with their friends?

Students will be spaced at 6 feet and facing one direction.

27. Are the students allowed to talk to each other while they eat?

They must follow safety and have masks on when not eating.

FROM WSHS:

### **Cafeteria**

- Maintaining 6ft of social distancing will be required.
- If students use the cafeteria, seating will be assigned and face one direction.
- Masks will be required when not eating.
- FCPS offers grab and go lunches for all students.

### **General school**

28. **PE** - Dressing out/locker usage, what about the “no back pack and no cell phone in the gym” rule? **No lockers, no dressing out**

29. **Hallways** – navigation, will some be one way? Staggered times? Extra time between classes for passing? How will the passing period work since they have 15 minutes to do so.

We have added physical barriers, signs, floor arrows, and other mitigation factors to promote safe transitions.

30. **Restroom Breaks** - how does this work?

Students must maintain social distancing, even in the bathrooms and protocols will be posted. Students leaving the classroom will QR code enter their destination.

31. What are **Tardy and Dismissal procedures**?

Students will check in late and check out early using QR codes. Parents will still need to send notes or call.

32. **Firedrills/emergency/lockdown** - will they stay 6 feet apart during these times, how does that work?

Fire drills must still be performed monthly. All other drills suspended. If there is a fire the immediate danger is the fire and we will address that first and then maintain social distancing when safe from the fire.

33. - used to be allowed by some teachers, what about now?

34. **Snacks in Classrooms** Water bottles in classrooms: Will the students be able to have a water bottle and take a sip during class?

Students may have water bottles. Masks may be removed temporarily to sip water.

35. **Breaks between classes** - If students have a free period or long break in between classes due to a 1/2 day schedule, where are they to spend that period? (Library, can walk home, etc)?

Students with a reduced day schedule can work with their counselor for arrangements.

36. **Entering the school:** Which doors will be open to enter the building in the morning?

Being determined in coordination with bus locations and breakfast distribution.

37. **Clubs:** When will clubs be able to return to in person meetings?

They can return as soon as their sponsor schedules with activities.

38. **Lockers** - will kids get to use them

FROM WSHS: Lockers will not be issued.

### Athletics

39. Will dance or band be returning to the football games? **FCPS is working with the governors regulations to see how groups can be included in addition to the football players.**
40. Will student athletes currently practicing after school on school property be able to use the locker room to change on the days they are in-person? **Locations will be established for athletes to change in**
41. Will students be able to attend sports games? **Current regulations are set at 2 supporters per athlete and this will be allocated to family members first.**

### Health and Safety

42. In Class - What if a kid is coughing and it makes other kids uncomfortable, will they be sent to nurse?

**Students who are ill or showing symptoms may be evaluated by the SHA.**

43. Mask Removal / Mask Breaks - can they be removed when in class and social distanced or given outside break time to remove mask?

**Masks should be worn at all times unless they are socially distanced and eating or drinking. We will ask the county for a mask break policy.**

44. Assuming desks/surfaces will be wiped down with disinfectant between classes, who is responsible for cleaning the desks in between classes/students (the teachers or students)?

**Please see slides**

45. If a student isn't feeling well (not Covid but just not well) can they simply log on virtually for the day instead of attending in person vs not attending class at all?

**Yes, if they are well enough they can virtually attend. They can be marked excused.**

46. What if a student has to stay out for 10 days or so because of a sign or symptom of COVID or close contact with someone with COVID – will that student have an online option?

**Yes, students can be transitioned temporarily to virtual for this reason.**

### Information Sharing

47. Will you post answers to questions from session because I share many of the concerns? Or will there be some FAQ produced by the school?

We can post answers and share the presentation information. There is also an FAQ from FCPS.

FROM WSHS:

- **Refreshed Cleaning Methods/Processes**

FCPS cleaning personnel will be sanitizing and disinfecting more frequently. Their cleaning protocol will include thoroughly disinfecting and sanitizing all surfaces, doors, toilets, and handles, and ensuring that all supplies are always fully stocked.

- **Increased Cleaning to High-Touch Surfaces/Points**

FCPS cleaning crews will be sanitizing touch surfaces/points thoroughly such as door handles, glass, elevators buttons, doors, tables, chairs, and light switches. Daytime custodians have been instructed to continuously disinfect and sanitize all touch points throughout the day. In addition, we will be increasing daytime custodian coverage where appropriate, depending on building occupancy.

- **Health Room**

- Support to students in the health room will continue to be provided by the School Health Aide.
- Students with Individualized Health or Action Plans who require specialized care, medication administration and emergency care will be seen in the health room. Parents will be required to bring in medications needed to support their student during the school day prior to or on the first day of school.

- **Care Room**

- We have a predetermined care room that is a designated location for students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 while at school.
- It is separate from the health room.
- The Care Room is necessary due to the requirement for social distancing and room capacity.
- A designated staff member will be assigned to supervise students in the Care Room while waiting for the parent to pick up the student.

- **Health Commitment Form**

- Parents/guardians who chose in-school instruction for their child will be required to complete a [Parent/Guardian Health Screening Commitment](#) form as students are phased back into in-person learning.

- The document indicates the parental/guardian's agreement and commitment to completing a daily health screening prior to sending the student to school and also to keep ill students at home.
- These health screenings will be done on an honor basis and will not be required to be submitted to the school each day.
- Families can complete this form in [ParentVue](#)  
– OR –  
submit the form to your child(ren's) school.
- **Face Coverings**
  - All students who are two years old and up are required to wear face coverings (cloth or disposable) while on school property.
  - Face coverings will be provided to students unable to provide their own.
  - Any student requesting an exemption to wearing a face covering due to a medical exemption needs to provide the school a written statement from his or her physician confirming that not wearing a face covering is medically necessary.

Other WSHS Information provided via email 2/6/2021

## **Bus Transportation**

- Parents will receive information about bus schedules prior to start.
- Seating capacity will be reduced to allow for social distancing.
- Students are reminded to wear a face coverings when riding the school bus.
- Students will be required to sit in seats as marked on the school bus.
- Bus stop information will be available at the school and in ParentVUE.
- Here Comes the Bus app is available and provides school bus arrival information.
- We will using the new bell schedule beginning February 16.
- Social distancing requirements limit capacity on school buses.
- A bell schedule change will apply for both in-person learning as well as students who are doing full-time virtual learning.
- **Social Distancing**
  - Social distancing should be maintained as much as possible. Exceptions may occur when a student requires support for activities of daily living that may make staff unable to maintain a distance of six feet. In all other cases, six feet of social distancing should be maintained as much as possible.
  - Six foot separation wherever possible; limited mixing among student groups.
  - Social distancing on buses in accordance with health and safety protocols.



- Desks/seats will be separated by up to a six feet distance, facing same direction.
- Students will use six foot spacing during lunch. Each school will determine their best meal distribution process.
- Student traffic patterns in hallways will be set up to maintain social distancing, including during arrival and dismissal.
- Students transitioning to after school care will also follow traffic patterns in the hallways to maintain social distance.
- **Becoming Ill While At School**
  - Students will be sent home if they demonstrate:
  - fever greater than or equal to 100.4 Fahrenheit
  - new chills
  - new cough
  - new sore throat
  - new muscle aches
  - new loss of taste or smell
  - nausea, or diarrhea, abdominal pain
  - poor appetite
  - nasal congestion or runny nose
  - shortness of breath or difficulty breathing not due to another health condition
  - more tired than usual
  - headache
  - Parents/guardians will be notified and are expected to pick up their child. Parents are to check in with the front office.
- **Student Illness at Home**
  - If a student becomes ill at home, STAY HOME.
  - Parents need to contact the school and report the reason for their child's absence.
  - Parents will need to follow established procedures when contacting the school regarding student illness.
  - Parents/guardians will be required to complete and return the [Permission to Return to School/Child Care Form](#) when the student returns.
  - The form will be completed by the health care provider and will indicate to the school when the student may safely return.