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Spartans Return to School

(Note: all plans are subject to change based on evolving conditions, data regarding status of the pandemic, and the recommendations or guidance from public health authorities.)

By order of Governor Mike DeWine and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, all schools in Ohio were closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year beginning March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Leaders from all the Warren County public school districts have worked together with the Warren County Health Department to develop critical conditions, while providing a safe and healthy environment, for students to return to school in the fall of 2020.

To help our parents plan, we are releasing partial reopening details. Wayne Local Schools will delay the full reopening of school for the 2020/21 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, the district plans to fully reopen school for students **1st through 12th grade on Tuesday, September 8, 2020** following Labor Day. **Preschool and Kindergarten will begin school on Thursday, September 10, 2020.**

ELEMENTARY:

Preschool:

Details pending

Kindergarten:

All Kindergarten will be half-days with flipped instruction for the 2020/2021 school year. See details regarding “flipped instruction.” Also, see details regarding orientation changes and operating on a Schedule “B” plan from September 10 through September 25th.

1st Grade:

All 1st graders will attend school for half days (either AM or PM) and will be given flipped instruction to complete at home for the 2020/21 school year. These decisions are developmentally appropriate and allow the district to create adequate social distancing in a consistent 5 day a week model as opposed to an alternating day model being used by many area school districts. Assignment of AM or PM will be a district administrative decision. See details regarding “flipped” instruction. Also, see details regarding orientation changes and operating on a Schedule “B” plan from September 8 through September 25th.

2nd - 5th Grade:

Normal schedule; See details regarding orientation changes and operating on a Schedule “B” plan from September 8 through September 25th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Normal school hours for Middle School beginning on **September 8th**: 7:25 am to 2:30 pm
See details regarding orientation changes.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Normal school hours for High School beginning on **September 8th**: 7:25 am to 2:30 pm
See details regarding orientation changes.

Warren County Career Center:

The Warren County Career Center (WCCC) will begin school on August 17, 2020 (Juniors only). WCCC Seniors will start school on August 18, 2020. There will be a bus shuttle to the WCCC from Waynesville High School parking lot. The bus will leave promptly at 7:20 am and will return to the high school at 2:20 pm. The shuttle bus will run any day the WCCC is in session.

WHAT IS FLIPPED INSTRUCTION?

A flipped classroom flips, or reverses, traditional teaching methods. Traditionally, the teacher talks about a topic at school and assigns homework that reinforces that day's material. In a flipped classroom, elements of instruction are strategically delivered outside of class using a variety of instructional strategies such as online recorded clips, audio or interactive activities. This allows for more direct instruction to take place during class.

ORIENTATION CHANGES FOR ALL GRADES:

The **evening open houses and orientations for all buildings have been cancelled. The District will use a "soft opening" format to orientate students and staff to COVID related protocol.** Preschool and Kindergarten student orientation will take place on their first day of school, September 10th. For grades 1 through 12, the below orientations for **students-only** will replace the previously scheduled open houses. Bus transportation (pick up and drop off) will be provided in order to enhance implementation of bus procedures before the full reopening on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. (Note: bus schedules will be released at a later date)

·	Grade 1 AM Orientation:	9/2/2020	8:45 am to 10:30 am
·	Grade 1 PM Orientation:	9/2/2020	11:45 am to 1:30 pm
·	Grade 2 Orientation:	8/31/2020	8:45 am to 10:30 am
·	Grade 3 Orientation:	9/1/2020	8:45 am to 10:30 am
·	Grade 4 Orientation	8/31/2020	8:45 am to 10:30 am
·	Grade 5 Orientation	9/1/2020	8:45 am to 10:30 am
·	Grade 6 Orientation	8/31/2020	7:25 am to 2:30 pm
·	Grade 7 Orientation	9/1/2020	7:25 am to 2:30 pm
·	Grade 8 Orientation	9/1/2020	7:25 am to 2:30 pm
·	Grade 9 Orientation	8/31/2020	7:25 am to 2:30 pm
·	Grade 10 Orientation	9/1/2020	7:25 am to 2:30 pm
·	Grade 11 Orientation	8/31/2020	7:25 am to 2:30 pm
·	Grade 12 Orientation	9/1/2020	7:25 am to 2:30 pm

SCHEDULE "B" Plan FOR ELEMENTARY ONLY:

With limited air conditioning in the elementary school and anticipated heat issues, our **elementary** students will operate on the plan B schedule beginning on the first day of school through Friday, September 25th (then as needed). Flipped Instruction will be assigned to complete at home. Plan B is as follows:

2nd - 5th grade:	8:45 - 1:30 pm	9/8/2020 - 9/25/2020
1st grade AM	8:45 - 10:30 am	9/8/2020 - 9/25/2020
1st grade PM	11:45 - 1:30 pm	9/8/2020 - 9/25/2020
AM K/AM Preschool	8:45 - 10:30 am	9/10/2020 - 9/25/2020
PM K/PM Preschool	11:45 - 1:30 pm	9/10/2020 - 9/25/2020

**Normal school hours for Elementary School beginning on September 28th:
8:45 am to 3:37 pm**

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

Although the District and each school building has safety protocols in place, students who attend school will incur a level of risk. The District will utilize hygiene, cleaning and safety procedures in each building in an attempt to decrease the likelihood of infection, but a certain level of inherent risk of being in a public place cannot be eliminated.

ON-LINE INSTRUCTION FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS:

Online Only Instruction for students choosing not to attend face to face. Students participating in this option will learn through an online curriculum platform designed by the Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) used by our partner, Warren County Educational Service Center. These courses are fully aligned to Ohio's Content Standards. The VLA programming is a complete online platform. There are no live classes. All curriculum elements are contained so that a student can progress through the course independently with assistance from a Waynesville teacher communicating and monitoring on a regular basis. Students will agree to remote learning from home **one semester at a time**. Students will not be permitted to come in and out of remote learning during a semester.

Should a building be closed for COVID or other calamity conditions such as snow, Wayne Local Schools will switch to an intermittent remote learning platform, a more robust remote learning version of what our students experienced this past spring. All classrooms grades 3 -12 will be required to implement and use Google Classroom in order to facilitate intermittent remote learning in a quick and academically effective manner. Grades K-2 will use more appropriate platforms to be determined for remote learning. Any student who has been attending school in person will be using this model. Any student enrolled in the Virtual Learning Academy will continue in VLA **regardless** of the District going on intermittent remote status.

PARENT COMMITMENT:

Parents will be asked forthcoming which option their child(ren) will be committing to for Semester 1 (September through December 22, 2020) at Wayne Local Schools:

OPTION 1: In-person and In-buildings daily with safety protocols

OPTION 2: At-home daily using Virtual Learning Academy with district support

Enrollment, orientation and scheduling details for Options 1 and 2 will be communicated to parent/student in the near future.

STAFF CALENDAR:

Wayne Local Schools staff calendar will not change; staff will report on August 11, 2020 using this time preparing for student protocol for the 2020/21 school year.

WAYNE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

There will be a special Wayne Local Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, July 29th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Spartan Room to approve an amended school calendar and detailed elements of our reopening plan.