

Westlake City Schools

CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION PLAN

2021-2022 school year
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2021-2022 School Year

This document contains the most up to date information regarding our district health and safety protocols as well as general information to guide families through the school year.



School Day

Our plan is for all Westlake students to remain in traditional in-person instruction for the entirety of the 2021-22 school year.

All K-12 students
will be in school
5 days per week.

Pre-school
will be 4 days
per week.



What does school look like in 2021-22



The school day will follow traditional school day hours

Masks are required indoors for all students in Grades PK - 12

Mask exemptions may be granted for qualifying conditions

Desk shields are available upon request

Sanitizing stations are still available throughout the building

Traditional lunches, with enhanced social distancing, have resumed and will continue in the cafeteria/no open campus at WHS

Recess, extra-curricular activities and athletics are fully opened and in-person

The option for in-person or virtual participation will be available for selected meetings throughout the year

*Our masking policy may be revised based upon our review of relevant health and medical information.

Masking Protocol



As we continue in the 2021-2022 school year, our goals are to:

1. Provide a safe environment that would prevent/limit the spread of COVID-19.
2. Keep students in-person, five days per-week.

The masking requirements put in place by Westlake City Schools are done to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among our students and staff.

Masks are required indoors for all students in Grades PK - 12.

Exemptions from consistent mask-wearing may be granted for specific circumstances as determined and approved on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact your child's building principal if you need a mask exemption form.

The Center for Disease Controls, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Ohio Department of Health all report that vaccination and masking are the best lines of defense against the spread of COVID-19 and its highly contagious variants.

Exclusion Protocol



To avoid exclusion, there must be a layer of protection and 3 ft of distance between a student and a COVID positive individual. A layer of protection is defined as a mask or vaccination.

Facial coverings are required in Westlake City Schools, which will greatly reduce the amount of required exclusions. With this layer of protection and physical distancing, a close contact will not have to be in exclusion unless showing symptoms.

*As a point of clarification: the term “quarantine” is being replaced by “exclusion.” A “quarantine” is issued by the Department of Health. In schools, students are “excluded.”

If a student properly wears a mask and maintains a 3 ft distance, and is exposed to a person suspected of having COVID-19

the student can continue to attend school masked and will need to monitor symptoms.

If a student has no layer of protection and is exposed to a person suspected of having COVID-19

the student must be in exclusion for a minimum of 7 days with a negative test.
[ODH Quarantine Flowchart](#)

There is no virtual learning option for Westlake City Schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

Students who are in exclusion will be responsible for assignments posted in Google Classroom.

The policy enforced by the Westlake City School District has been developed for K-12 classrooms by the Ohio Department of Health. Changes may occur due to viral spread or revised guidance.

Building Start and End Times

WES:

8:45 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

DIS:

7:50 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.

LBMS:

7:50 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.

WHS:

7:50 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.



School Lunches & Recess/Extracurriculars



School Lunches

In-person lunches will continue for grades K-12.

Within each building, distancing protocols will be maximized for safety with a minimum expectation of at least 3 feet.

Recess/ Extracurriculars

Recess will continue at WES and DIS.

Extracurriculars are in-person.

Transportation

Riding the bus: Capacity & Stops

1. The number of bus riders assigned to a bus have reverted back to pre-pandemic levels.
2. Students in grades K-8 have been assigned a corner or mid-block stop within the guidelines outlined by the Ohio Department of Education.

Riding the bus: Safety Protocols

1. All students have assigned seats. Families/siblings are seated together.
2. Vehicles continue to be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.
3. Masks are required on school buses in accordance with CDC orders.
4. Protocols may be revised based upon our review of relevant health and medical information.

Transportation Usage

1. If your child(ren) are eligible for, but are not utilizing transportation services, please inform us by returning the slip included with their 2021/22 school year bus information or by sending an email to transportation@wlake.org.
2. If you initially decline transportation services and change your mind at a later date, you may request that service resumes by sending an email to transportation@wlake.org at least three business days prior to the date you wish for transportation to begin.

