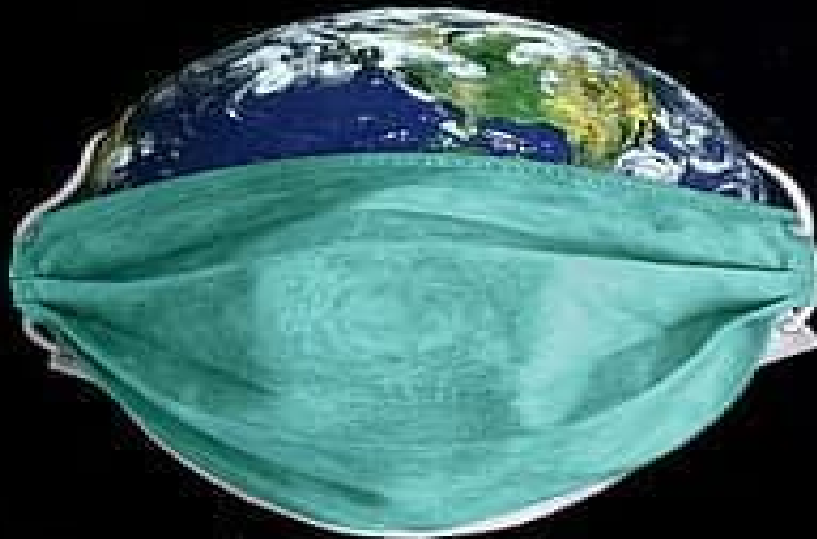


West Deptford Middle School

Student/Parent COVID Guidelines 2021-2022



****Please Note: This is subject to change. *****

8/27/2021

WDMS BELL SCHEDULE

Full Day Schedule

Building Opens.....	7:35
Homeroom.....	7:45 - 8:03
Period 1.....	8:06- 8:51
Period 2.....	8:54 - 9:39
Period 3.....	9:42 - 10:27
6th Grade Lunches A	9:42 - 10:04
B	10:05 - 10:27
Period 4.....	10:30 - 11:15
8th Grade Lunches A.....	10:30 - 10:52
B	10:53 - 11:15
Period 5.....	11:18 - 12:03
7th Grade Lunches A.....	11:18 - 11:40
B.....	11:41 - 12:03
Period 6.....	12:06 - 12:51
5th Grade Lunches A.....	12:06 - 12:28
B	12:29 - 12:51
Period 7.....	12:54 - 1:39
Period 8.....	1:42 - 2:27
Buses Depart.....	2:32

Early Dismissal (1/2 Day Schedule) (LUNCHES WILL BE SERVED)

Homeroom.....	7:45 - 7:53
Period 1.....	7:55 - 8:25
Period 2.....	8:27 - 8:57
Period 3.....	8:59 - 9:29
Period 4.....	9:31 - 9:01
Period 5.....	10:03 - 10:33
Period 6.....	10:35 - 11:05
Period 7.....	11:07 - 11:37
Period 8.....	11:39 - 12:09

SAFETY and SECURITY

- Masks must be worn by students and staff at **all times** throughout the day while they are inside the building, unless medically cleared.
- Hand sanitizer will be placed in each classroom and throughout the halls.
- Each room will be equipped with disinfectant spray and towels for students to wipe down their desks if they so choose.
- All classroom doors will be propped open so as to avoid multiple people touching door handles and for increased ventilation within the classroom.

FOR WDMS SCHOOL LEARNING, the following will apply:

- Locker Rooms will reopen. Students in grades 6-8 will need to change clothes for Physical Education.
- Lockers will be assigned.
- Hallways will no longer be a one-way traffic pattern.
- All classrooms will still be equipped with sprays, wipes, sanitizers and gloves.

MAIN OFFICE

- The office **will be open** normal hours.
- Please **wear your mask** if you ever need to enter the building.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

- Breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the 21-22 year.
- Students will have assigned seats in the cafeteria during the 21-22 year.

ATTENDANCE

- We are going back to our normal HOMEROOM attendance taken by the teacher. Students must be in Homeroom by the 7:45 am bell to not be marked late.
- If a student is going to be absent for the day, the parent must **CALL** the middle school to report the student absent at 856-848-1200, dial 2. (Normal Procedure).
- Daily Attendance will be taken in each classroom.
- In the event that a student is receiving virtual instruction while on quarantine, attendance will be deemed by their presence on camera.

LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

- Be on time to the assigned class.
- ALL students **MUST** use their school emails. We will be sending important attendance information directly to your WDSTUDENTS accounts.
- Come prepared, ready to learn and participate.
- **NO PHONES** allowed, make sure your attention is fully on the learning.
- Follow the school dress code.
- Inappropriate behavior/conduct will be handled through the district's Code of Conduct.

Updates to the Code of Conduct through COVID LEARNING STATUS

In the event that a student on quarantine is receiving virtual instruction, the following addendums to the Code of Conduct are as follows:

Consequences for inappropriate behaviors

- 1st Offense: Warning, parent contact
- 2nd Offense: Removal from Video Conference and a "0" will be given for participation
- 3rd and Subsequent Offenses: Social restriction, Asynchronous work assigned

Dress Code Violation – Student forgets to Wear Mask

- 1st Offense: Warning/Mask Provided/Parent Contact
- 2nd Offense: Lunch/Recess Detention/Parent Contact - Mask Provided
- 3rd Offense: Admin Detention/Parent Contact - Mask Provided

Student refuse to wear mask

- 1st Offense: Student placed in isolation until parent is contacted for pick up.
- 2nd Offense: Parent Contacted.

SPECIALTY AREAS OF CURRICULUM

- Choir students must maintain wearing masks while singing.
- Band Students – will be able to participate and play instruments during class. The stage will be utilized for proper social distancing and spit trajectory. Students with instruments using a spit valve will use a towel to capture the spit.
- Choir/Band should operate their classes to engage students in the learning of their musical instrument (voices or physical instrument). Expose students to enhancing their individual skills for the time being and preserving as much of the Band/Choir experience as possible. As of now, large group performances will be planned as normal.

Below are Frequently Asked Questions for the West Deptford School District:

As of 8/25/21



1. **Will my child be required to wear a mask while in the school building in September?** Yes. On August 6, 2021, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order #251, which required masks in the schools.

2. **Can my child get a medical note to be excused from wearing a mask?** Yes. The first necessary step is completion of West Deptford School District's [Mask Exemption Request Form](#) with all relevant and up to date medical documentation attached by September 1, 2021 (in order for the mask exemption to be in effect for the first day of school). Please email your completed form along

with all backup documentation to maskexemptions@wdeptford.k12.nj.us or drop it off to Central Office (Attn: Superintendent) at 675 Grove Road (located inside of the Middle School).

***NO STUDENT IS CONSIDERED EXEMPT FROM THE MANDATE UNTIL THE PARENT/GUARDIAN HAS RECEIVED COMMUNICATION APPROVING THE REQUEST.**

3. **Are masks required on the school bus?** Yes, at this time they are.
4. **Are masks required outside of the school building, for example, during recess?** At this time, masks are only required *inside* of school buildings.
5. **What are the consequences to the District for not enforcing the Mask Mandate as described in EO 251?** The Executive Order expressly provides that it shall be the duty of every person or entity in the State and each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in the State of any nature whatsoever to “cooperate fully with the administrative orders issued pursuant to the order.” Board Members are legally and ethically required to uphold and enforce the laws and the rules of the State Board of Education. The obligation applies to the mandated wearing of masks. Administrators are under a similar obligation. Therefore, the District is NOT in a position to countermand the law, rules, and Executive Order. Failure to abide by this obligation may result in the District losing State Aid which can have a significant economic impact on the community. Additionally, there is a concern about compromising the District’s insurance liability coverage if the law, rules, and order were not to be followed.
6. **What will be the consequence for an individual child who refuses to mask in the school environment?** In compliance with EO 251, masks are mandated to be worn inside school buildings. If a student does not comply with this, and they do not have an approved mask exemption, they will be sent home from school immediately.
7. **Can I disenroll my child from the public-school setting and enroll them in a private/parochial setting to avoid a mask mandate for their academic day?** All children in a school setting in New Jersey must wear a mask. EO 251 covers ALL academic settings in the State with the exception of homeschooling.
8. **Can I choose virtual instruction for my child for the 2021-2022 school year to avoid the mask mandate or for any other academic or health reason?** At this time, we are not authorized by the State or New Jersey Department of Education to offer a virtual option. The Governor has stated that virtual instruction will **NOT BE** an option for parents for the 2021-2022 school year. As of the latest State directive, all instruction will be in person, with the possibility of an exception for students on quarantine.
9. **What can I expect for required isolation/quarantine if my child is exposed to COVID-19 at school?** Isolation speaks to confirmed positive COVID cases. Confirmed positive COVID cases must be isolated for 10 days from symptom onset date or 10 days from date positive COVID test was performed. Exposed, unvaccinated close contacts will be excluded from school for 10 days in the absence of testing or 7 days with a negative test result collected at day 5-7.
 - a. *Please note the new exception:* In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting. NOTE: In the elementary schools, this exception would be unlikely to apply as masks are removed in the classroom for snack time, therefore it may be hard to consistently ensure masking the entire time.
10. **If a staff member, student, or visitor is vaccinated, will they be required to quarantine if they are considered a close contact within the school building?** If vaccinated, but deemed a close contact, quarantine is not necessary. Although if an exposed, vaccinated individual develops any symptoms they must immediately quarantine and go for COVID testing.
11. **Do you have more information about partitions, social distancing, and other safety precautions?** At this time, we do not have information about other safety precautions. As of today, the

District is not planning to use partitions except in cases where safe social distancing is more difficult to maintain. However, as new guidance and mandates are presented, this may change.

12. **When will you have more information about the beginning of school?** We do not have information on when the State will give more guidance. We are monitoring the situation closely and will promptly share any information that we receive.
13. **Will students/staff be required to get a COVID-19 vaccine before school starts?** There is no mandatory vaccination requirement at this time for students. All staff are required to be vaccinated or tested weekly; compliance must be in place by October 18.
14. **If I want to get my child vaccinated, or am looking to get vaccinated myself, where can I get information?** Please click [here](#) to find information regarding vaccinations from the New Jersey Department of Health.
15. **Who should I contact if I have questions?** Your school principal is the best point of contact with questions and concerns.

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/reopening-guidance-and-restrictions/are-schools-open-what-are-the-safety-requirements>