



WEST CARROLL C.U.S.D. #314

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West Carroll School District #314 Parent Notice Rolling Return for Hybrid Students (post midterm of 1st quarter) Beginning Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Background Information:

The West Carroll Reopening of Schools plan announced on July 15, 2020 stated that all families would have a choice of learning- Hybrid Option (through 9/18/20) or Remote Option (through 10/16/20) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the first half of the first quarter (August 19, 2020-September 18, 2020), students selecting the hybrid option had 2 days in-person instruction and 3 days of remote learning. The purpose of the hybrid rollout was to acclimate students and staff to the new safety measures put into place due to the pandemic (i.e. temperature checks, face coverings, social distancing, proper hand hygiene, etc.). The West Carroll parents and staff have done a fantastic job in acclimating students to the new safety precautions. In addition, West Carroll staff members have also been meeting since June with two district formed committees: Wellness Committee and PreK-12 Learning Council. Each committee has a diverse group of representatives to offer recommendations for wellness and learning in our district.

The district has increased its nursing staff to include one full-time registered nurse for each building, purchased three temperature kiosk stations for daily temperature checks of every person entering the buildings, increased custodial staffing to include three full-time custodians at the primary school, purchased three Clorox sanitation machines, purchased several gallons of disinfectant spray and wipes for each classroom in order to clean desks after each use, purchased plexiglass to use as shields when needed, distributed face masks and/or face shields to every student and staff member in the district and installed several hand sanitizing stations for student and staff use in every school facility.

In-person Instruction:

Moving forward, with the idea that COVID-19 will be around for quite some time even with a vaccine, the West Carroll district leadership team believes they are able to safely begin a "Rolling Return" of hybrid students to in-person instruction beginning on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. The "Rolling Return" will take two weeks to implement safely. As a district, we will continue to provide social distancing, require face coverings, and temperature checks. If needed, due to the safety of students and staff, the "Rolling Return" may require an adaptive pause at some time and/or even go back to hybrid learning as it originally started in our district if the safety of all should be deemed necessary to do so. We know that in-person instruction is the preferred method of education by many people in our district (81% of parent respondents selected that their child learns best with in-person instruction in the survey administered on 9/14/20); therefore, our goal is to return all students safely to the classroom.



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Please know that the #1 concern will always be the safety and wellness of our students and staff. The district’s three nurses and four administrators continue to remain in contact with the local health department and continue to monitor the County Metrics shared on the Illinois Department of Public Health website each Friday. In the past two weeks, the test positivity rate was 2.5% and 3.4% respectively in Carroll County. The target is 8% or less for the County.

Mondays will continue to be Remote Learning Days for all students district-wide. In addition, the 2:00 p.m. student dismissal time daily will continue in order for teachers to answer questions and assist remote learners. The expectation is that every student, every day will check into all of his/her remote learning classes preferably with synchronous learning such as in a Google Meets. The “Rolling Return” to in-person instruction (4 days per week- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) for the districts hybrid students will be by grade. Once a grade starts per the table below, the grade of students continues every week thereafter unless an adaptive pause is needed. The following hybrid students rolling return to four days per week of in-person instruction will be as follows:

Hybrid Students Rolling Return to Four Days Per Week of In-Person Instruction

	WCPS	WCMS	WCHS
Week One <i>(Tuesday, 9/22 through Friday, 9/25)</i>	Preschool	Sixth Grade	Eleventh Grade
	Kindergarten		Twelfth Grade
	First Grade		
	Second Grade		
Week Two <i>(Tuesday, 9/29 through Friday, 10/2)</i>	Third Grade	Seventh Grade	Ninth Grade
	Fourth Grade	Eighth Grade	Tenth Grade
	Fifth Grade		

Director of Transportation, Mr. Bob Nolan, will be posting and announcing pick-up times via the wc314.org website under the “transportation” tab and/or via School Messenger if they have changed for your son/daughter due to the increased number of students by Monday, September 21st for Week One students. All buses will remain under fifty students per bus in accordance with Phase 4 requirements of Restore Illinois. Students will be required to wear face coverings at all times while riding the buses and sitting in an assigned seat. Riding the bus is optional. If you would like for your child to receive a ride from you or someone that you know, you may do so. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is not feeling well in the morning.



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All meals district-wide will be free for enrolled students until the end of 2020 thanks to the USDA. We encourage your child to eat free and nutritious meals each day for breakfast and lunch at school.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and support as we work to safely return students to in-person instruction. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact an administrator and/or department head listed below.

Name	Position	Phone Number	Email Address
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Mr. Michels	Director of Technology	815-734-3374	jmichels@wc314.org
Mr. Nolan	Director of Transportation and Grounds	815-734-3374	bnolan@wc314.org
Ms. Rein	West Carroll Primary School Principal	815-273-7747	trein@wc314.org
Mr. Knop	West Carroll Middle School Principal	815-244-2002	bknop@wc314.org
Mr. Hansen	West Carroll High School Principal	815-273-7715	jhansen@wc314.org
Mrs. Katzenberger	West Carroll Superintendent	815-734-3374	jk Katzenberger@wc314.org

Thank you for your partnership in educating and caring for children. Students selecting the full-time remote option at the beginning of the school year will continue to have five days of remote learning instruction through the end of the first quarter (October 16, 2020).

With Thunder Pride,

Mrs. Katzenberger

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