
Part I: Instructional Recovery Planning

The Division of Instruction, which includes the Department of Technology, continues to support teachers across the district as they deliver high quality instruction to students from Prekindergarten to 12th grade. We are actively collaborating with colleagues from across the state, region and nation to ensure that our instructional program aligns with state standards. Providing quality resources and relevant training on new approaches for staff is a priority in that effort. Additionally, we are working to provide support and guidance to families and students alike while they adjust and meet the instructional expectations in this new environment.

We know parents and guardians, students, teachers and the community have many questions about how virtual learning will work for the students of Wicomico County Public Schools this fall. While there are many more details provided in this Recovery Plan, this chart of Instructional Expectations is a good summary of what will occur in Wicomico County Public Schools as the 2020-2021 school year begins.

VIRTUAL LEARNING: INSTRUCTIONAL EXPECTATIONS

WCPS will:

- Collaborate with state and county educational leaders to provide and support quality education in a virtual and/or in-person environment.
- Support teachers and staff through ongoing professional development opportunities.
- Ensure a robust instructional program for ALL students through ongoing monitoring of virtual teaching and learning.
- Provide guidance and expectations for safe and effective virtual interactions.

Teachers will:

- Connect with students daily through check-ins and/or teacher-led instruction.
- Record daily attendance.
- Deliver instruction through live and recorded sessions.
- Provide feedback on assignments.
- Connect with students and/or parents during office hours and be available to meet on an individual or group basis.
- Communicate with families using phone, email, Class Dojo, etc.
- Respond to parent and student communications within 1 business day.

Students will:

- Log into Google Classroom and Zoom daily to receive teacher-led instruction and access assignments as scheduled.
- Maintain appropriate attendance with active participation in all classes/courses.
- Complete and submit assignments by established due dates.
- Maintain academic honesty and follow class expectations for virtual learning.
- Review and respond to feedback from teachers.
- Contact teachers with questions about assignments.

Parents will:

- Review and support school-specific schedules for distance learning.
- Work closely with teachers to support student learning and address all academic issues.
- Utilize Google Classroom and Family Portal to monitor student learning.
- Encourage the timely submission of assignments.
- Contact teachers with questions about academic issues.
- Contact counselors with concerns about social-emotional issues.
- Review school and WCPS messages.