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West Noble School Corporation Full-Time Online Learning

For the 2020-2021 school year, West Noble School Corporation is offering an online learning option for students. In previous years, WNSC has used online learning for isolated inclement weather days and for professional development. Although we had some previous experience with online learning, the spring of 2020 required teachers, students, and parents to quickly learn and adapt to full-time online learning. The community effort to pull together to make learning meaningful was incredible.

Online learning for the 2020-2021 school year will look different than in the spring of 2020. With guidance from the Indiana Department of Education, West Noble School Corporation's online learning will closely mirror the in-person classroom learning. This document describes requirements for students who choose online learning as their primary form of instruction. Parents and guardians will choose online learning during registration. Information on registration can be found at www.westnoble.k12.in.us.

What is the time commitment of full-time online learning?

Students who enroll as online students will have lessons provided the same number of days as traditional students. For the 2020-2021 school year, this is 180 days. During the 2020 spring COVID-19 shutdown, the Indiana Department of Education waived 20 days. No days will be waived for the 2020-2021 school year. The State of Indiana's defined instructional time for elementary students is at least 5 hours of instruction and 6 hours for secondary students. It is possible for online learning to be less (to account for transitions, passing periods, restroom breaks, etc.), there is an expectation for instruction to mirror the traditional classroom.

Although difficult to predict exactly, it would be reasonable to expect online instruction to take 3-4 hours to complete each day for grades K-5 and 4-5 hours per day for grades 6-12. Online students will be expected to participate in all state assessments, including ILEARN (grades 3-8), ISTEP10

(grades 11-12, if applicable), WIDA (Language Learners) and locally determined formative and diagnostic assessments such as iReady (grades K-4), NWEA (grades 5-10), CogAT (High Ability) and dyslexia screeners (grades K-2). Additional information on assessments will be provided later in the school year.

Will attendance be taken for online students?

Yes, attendance is expected for online students, just like traditional in-person students. Attendance for full time online students will be measured through participation, such as communication with teachers, completion of assignments, virtual meetings, etc. More information on reporting absences with online learning will be provided at a later date.

How will students receive their lessons and instruction online? How will teachers communicate to students?

Online students at West Noble School Corporation will be assigned a teacher or a schedule, similar to in-person, traditional students. Teachers will provide lessons and instruction using digital tools that can be accessed online. Lessons will be provided through Google Classroom, K-12. WNSC encourages all parents to sign up for “Guardian” emails in Google Classroom for updates on assignments and announcements.

Instructional videos will be used to guide and model content to students. Online students should expect to see their West Noble teachers in their daily lessons! Each week, online students will be able to video conference with their West Noble teacher(s). Most video conferences will occur on Fridays or during specific times because teachers will be instructing students in-person Monday-Thursday. Teachers will communicate their office hours, which will be set times during the traditional 7:30 am to 3:30 pm school day with students and parents. Teachers will respond to questions within a reasonable time based on their in-person instructional schedule.

How will students be graded?

Online students will have the same grade expectations as in-person, traditional students. Timelines, grading scales, rubrics, and measures will be the same as in the traditional classroom. Grades will be reported in Skyward, our new student management system.

How will a student with an IEP, ILP or a 504 be serviced?

Students with an IEP, ILP, and/or a 504 plan will be provided services as described in their plans. School staff and parents will conference to determine services.

Are online students able to participate in extracurricular activities?

All students enrolled in West Noble School Corporation will be able to participate in extracurricular activities. There will be no distinction between online and traditional students.

Will students still be able to participate in programs, such as dual language online?

Students enrolled in West Noble School Corporation will be able to participate in programs, such as dual language online, when available.

What happens if my students starts online but would like to change to the traditional classroom?

West Noble School Corporation understands that change happens quickly due to the current pandemic. Changes in a student's mode of instruction may be necessary. Since every student will be assigned a teacher or schedule, moving to an online classroom or to a traditional classroom is possible. To limit disruptions in a student's instruction, West Noble School Corporation encourages this decision to not be taken lightly. WNSC would like students to commit to 60 instructional days before changing models. However, West Noble School Corporation wants the best education for your student. If a change may be necessary, contact your student's school principal to discuss the change.

Will I need to purchase a device for my student as an online student?

West Noble School Corporation will provide a device for each currently enrolled student. Families will be responsible for providing access to a reliable internet connection.