

Special Education

WAJ will continue to provide special educational services and resources to our students during the COVID-19 health crisis.

Parent choice shall be offered for in-person or remote instruction for special education services where applicable. Individual plan modifications may be met following existing regulations to address the needs of identified students. The referral process for services shall remain in place to the extent possible.

WAJ plans to implement students' IEPs as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE). Students' health and safety will be the main priority during the reopening of school. Additionally, IEP goals will be progress monitored closely to determine any needed amendments or changes. Areas of academic need will be addressed at the CSE level as they arise. For any students' who cannot attend because of various medical reasons or parents who do not feel comfortable with their special education students' attending in-person school, virtual options for instruction and implementing IEP services will be offered to the greatest extent possible.

District CSE will meet frequently to create and review student IEPs and behavior plans. The collaboration between families and the district is essential to student success.

All assistive technology, accommodations, program modifications, and supplementary aids and services will remain in place for all students to the greatest extent possible while first and foremost adhering to our health and safety guidelines. Any amendments to these areas will be discussed with families at the CSE level.

Social Emotional Needs

WAJ offers a wide range of services through our guidance department for students and families. Should a need arise, our guidance counselors, school psychologist, social worker, and other resources are available to help you through to find solutions by contacting the department via email caplin@wajcs.org or by calling the school at 518734-3400 x 1122.

Professional development has been offered to teachers and other staff on how to appropriately assist students and parents with anxiety related to the current health crisis.

The WAJ Child Study Team will evaluate student progress weekly, identify areas of concern and develop strategies to assist those in need of support.

Bilingual Education/World Language Students

WAJ will continue to follow the NYSED guidelines and Part 154 regulations regarding the appropriate individualized services offered to our English Language Learners.