

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

WCSSD Full-Time Distance Learning Program: Description and Considerations

Application: <https://forms.gle/WtLmGfJvEZVcpREaA>

In order to give flexibility to families during the 2020-2021 school year, school officials are offering students the option of participating in WCSSD Virtual Instructional Program.

Students in the Virtual Instructional Program will still be enrolled at their regular school, but they will participate in virtual learning and complete assignments at home. Virtual instruction may include teacher pre-recorded lessons, a live virtual teacher lesson through Google, traditional paper and pencil work, and/or work for students to complete through various learning software.

Please note the following when determining if applying for distance learning is the best option for your child:

- Students who choose the virtual option will not be permitted to participate in any school functions including participating in sports or any other extracurricular activities, attending sporting events or any function held on one of our three campuses, and joining any other clubs or organizations sponsored by the West Carroll Special School District.
- Distance learning students and parents must be committed to online learning. While distance learning is an option for students in unique situations, distance learning **does not** serve as an equitable alternative to the traditional classroom setting.
- Students must have access to adequate Internet services because online/digital learning will be the primary method of working towards competency in a grade level and/or content area.
- The virtual learning option require students to be engaged in a learning day the equivalent of in-person learning. Per the TN State Board of Education, students enrolled in distance learning must commit to working 6.5 hours per day in grades 1-12 and 4 hours per day for Kindergarten to stay on pace in all subjects and make adequate progress.
- Best practices for distance learning will be employed to include rigorous instruction, high expectations of student performance, and meeting all grade-level standards. [Expectations for students and parents found here.](#)
- Students who do not meet the expectations will not be eligible for continued enrollment in the program.
- Attendance will be taken in accordance with WCSSD's attendance guidelines.
- All WCSSD grading policies and procedures will apply during distance learning.
- A unique partnership must be established between all educators, students, parents and caregivers. It is imperative that all parties communicate to pay close attention to the development of each child and ensure that appropriate grade level growth takes place at a distance.
- Because the online learning environment is not appropriate for every student, once applying for full time enrollment in the Virtual Learning, the student and parent/guardian will be required to attend a meeting to establish if virtual learning will best serve the student's individual learning needs.
- Approved applications will be in effect on a semester-by-semester basis. There will be an opportunity to transfer from full-time virtual learning to the school/traditional classroom setting at the end of each nine weeks. Students will not be allowed to go back and forth between the virtual learning option and the in-person learning option.

- Expressing intent to participate constitutes a commitment to virtual learning and acknowledgement to all the statements in this document, the West Carroll Schools Distance Learning Description and Considerations.
- Universal screener and state assessments are required by the Tennessee Department of Education and/or state law. Benchmark assessments and other assessments due to the student's classes or grade may also be necessary. At this point in time, students in a distance learning environment may be required to participate in any or all of these assessments. Students may be required to sit for these assessments at a designated time at the base school. Safety for the students will be the top priority.
- Distance learning students will follow the academic calendar approved by the school board. Classes will start on August 4, 2020 and end on the May 19, 2021.
- A student registered with WCSSD will be enrolled automatically as an in-person learner unless this virtual learning application is submitted by July 22, 2020.

*In order to enroll in the West Carroll Schools Virtual Instructional Program to begin the 2020-2021 school year, the application **must be completed by Wednesday, July 29**. If you are interested in the West Carroll Schools Virtual Instructional Program, you can find the application on the West Carroll Special School District website or at the following link. [WCS Virtual Instructional Program Application](#).

Virtual Learning Schedule

Grade Level Time Expectations – As required by Tennessee State Law

Grade Level	Time Expectation	Expanded Learning/Flexible Time
K-2nd Grade	<p style="text-align: center;">3.5 hours per day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 minutes read aloud • 60 minute of skills • 60 minutes of math • 30 minutes of content areas - social studies and science 	<p style="text-align: center;">3 hours per day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical education • Music • Art • Read 20 minutes per day • Library
3rd & 4th Grade	<p style="text-align: center;">4 hours per day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 minutes for read-aloud • 30 minutes of literacy • 30 minutes of independent reading, reading tasks or written prompts • 60 minutes of math • 60 minutes of content areas – social studies and science 	<p style="text-align: center;">2.5 hours per day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical education • Music • Art • Library
5th – 8th Grade	<p style="text-align: center;">4.5 hours per day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 minutes per day English/Language Arts • 90 minutes of math • 45 minutes of science • 45 minutes of social studies 	<p style="text-align: center;">2 hours per day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical education • Music • Art • World Languages • Electives/CTE
9th – 12th Grade	<p style="text-align: center;">4 hours per day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40-60 minutes of English • 40-60 minutes of math • 40-60 minutes of science • 40-60 minutes of social studies 	<p style="text-align: center;">2.5 hours per day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical education • Music • Art • World Languages • CTE