

Expectations for Students and Parents

Online Virtual Learning

West Carroll Special School District will be offering a virtual learning option for the 2020-2021 school year. The virtual option will provide access to content, instruction, and learning activities that are aligned with the district's instructional goals and Tennessee's academic standards, curriculum frameworks, and assessments. Virtual learning will be delivered by teachers through Google Classroom on a District issued Chromebook.

Teachers will deliver instruction and plan activities that relate to the traditional face-to-face classroom experience. If your child does not view the instruction and complete the learning activities, it will affect their ability to rejoin the traditional classroom and/or possibly prevent your child from advancing to the next grade level or receiving a course credit.

Due to the learning environment being in the home, the virtual learning option will require a unique set of expectations and responsibilities for both the student and parent/guardian.

Student Responsibilities for Online Learning:

1. It is expected that students will complete assignments for ALL classes during this online-learning experience.
2. Students will be held accountable for work during this time – content addressed as part of distance learning is applied to all grade/course requirements upon returning to traditional in person instruction.
3. Students should log in each day by 8:00 AM to view instruction and complete assignments in a timely manner.
4. Students will attend virtual lessons with teachers and/or participate in all activities.
5. Students are responsible for the content posted through their login and account activity. Sharing or using usernames and passwords with others or using other's usernames and passwords is strictly prohibited.
6. Students must maintain the pace of the course.
7. Students are expected to meet the teacher policy regarding assignment submission, late work, and incomplete work. Students are expected to meet all deadlines.
8. If a student fails to complete an assignment and there is no communication within 5 school days, then the student shall earn a failing grade for the assignment.
9. Students will maintain best practices for virtual learning sessions.
10. Students (and/or parents) should contact the teacher via email or Google Meet with questions or concerns regarding assignments. Teachers will remain available via email throughout the school day.

Parents Responsibilities for Online Learning

Parents should not be placed in the role of teaching; however, parents will have to take on the role of a learning coach.

1. Parents are to be present and monitor their child's learning.
2. Parents will help establish a routine for learning. Parents are expected to set up and maintain a daily work schedule for the student.
3. Parents will provide a regular workspace that is distraction free and suitable for an extended period of time.
4. Parents will ensure that no other electronic devices are in the child's workspace.
5. Parents are expected to ensure that the student follows the established classroom rules and expectations for virtual learning.
6. Parents are expected to monitor student work and ensure assignments are submitted according to directions by the teacher. This includes due dates and format.
7. Parents are expected to support academic integrity by allowing students to work independently and by monitoring resources used.
8. Parents are expected to follow federal and state laws regarding student privacy and FERPA. This includes not recording lessons or sessions and not posting photos and videos on social media.
9. Parents will communicate with teachers to ensure their child is progressing (passing) through the online instruction and assigned activities in the virtual platform.
10. Parents should contact teacher via email with any questions or concerns related to any course, assignment or other school related issues.