Technology and Connectivity

WAJ will be providing remote, digital content to students each day. Teachers will provide instruction from school whenever possible. However, in an all remote environment, teachers will be permitted to provide instruction remotely from an alternate location.

In some cases, when school may need to be closed to address a local or county COVID-19 related situation, the District will identify local hot spots for parents to access the internet if needed.

All K-12 students that need it will be offered a District device that matches the appropriate grade level and instructional need. All students opting for remote instruction will require a device and internet access. To allow them to participate in hybrid, remote, or in-person classes, devices will need to meet connectivity standards that support online streaming platforms used at WAJ. Students will be polled about access to the internet at their place of residence in late August and early September (and on a rolling basis for the regular school year) as part of the fall registration process where they will choose whether or not they will be opting for remote learning.
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Additionally, during the first two weeks of remote and/or hybrid classes, any student who does not actively participate will also be personally contacted to verify internet availability.

WAJ will address the need to provide internet access by a combination of strategies, including but not limited to:

- Assisting families to find discounted or free access to the internet through local companies and vendors.
- Where possible, providing Wi-Fi hotspots to families who are unable to obtain broadband services in their area.

WAJ will provide multiple ways for students to participate in learning and demonstrate mastery of Learning Standards in remote or blended models, by providing:

- Livestreamed video instruction through the use of Zoom and/or Google Meet. Students will also be able to connect to the audio portion of livestreamed lessons via the telephone if an internet connection is not available.
- Textbooks, workbooks, packets, and other paper-based instructional materials for those students unable to participate digitally.

Staff Evaluation

All teachers and principal will continue to be evaluated pursuant to the district's approved APPR plan.