



# WCS Newsletter

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A summary of Wood County Schools instruction levels can be found [here](#).

The district's re-entry plan can be found [here](#).

A list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning COVID-19 precautions can be found [here](#).

Parent support tools for iPads and Schoology can be found [here](#).

Wood County Schools COVID-19 Dashboard can be found [here](#).

**"Our vision is to work as a community to inspire a passion for learning, pursue excellence and empower students to reach their potential."**

- Wood County Schools

## Looking ahead to 2021-22

Wood County Schools is asking for feedback on a proposed calendar for the 2021-22 school year.

Three draft calendars were presented last month to the Wood County Board of Education, and the board will hold the first of two public hearings on the calendar at its Dec. 8 meeting.

The highlights of the three draft calendars are:

- **Calendar A:** Classes for students would begin Aug. 19, 2021, and end May 27, 2022. This calendar includes a Spring Break March 21-25, 2022. There are no planned 2-hour delay days.
- **Calendar B:** Classes for students would begin Aug. 26, 2021, and end May 27, 2022. This calendar does not include a Spring Break in March, which allows for the later start date. There are no planned 2-hour delay days.
- **Calendar C:** Classes for students would begin Sept. 7, 2021, and end May 27, 2022. This calendar does not include a Spring Break. It does include some 2-hour delay days.

In all three calendars, snow days would be Remote Instruction days.

The school board will hold a second public hearing on the calendar at its Dec. 22 meeting. The board will choose and approve the calendar at the Dec. 22 meeting.

The Wood County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The meeting can be streamed online via Zoom. Those wishing to address the board must do so in person. The meeting agenda, draft calendars and link to Zoom can be found at [www.woodcountyschoolswv.com](http://www.woodcountyschoolswv.com) under Menu: Policies: Meetings.



**"Education is not a problem. Education is an opportunity."**

**Lyndon B. Johnson**



## Let It Snow

This school year has brought about a lot of changes, including how Wood County Schools handles bad weather.

The ability to do remote instruction gives schools a way to continue classes while keeping kids off the slick and snow-covered roads.

If a snow day occurs on a Remote Instruction day, the students begin their online schedule at 10 a.m., two hours later than normal. This gives teachers a chance to safely arrive at their classrooms and prepare to have Teams meetings with their classes.

On those days, meal delivery will be by pickup only. Meals can be picked up at the student's school from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Updates will continue to be shared via the Wood County Schools app, website and Facebook.

## Important Dates

Dec. 8 – Wood BOE Meeting  
Dec. 22 – Wood BOE Meeting  
Dec. 23-Jan.1 – Winter Break  
Dec. 25 – Christmas  
Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve  
Jan. 1 – New Year's Day

## What Color Are We Now?

**WVDE Saturday Education Map:** If Wood County is marked **Orange** or **Red** on the Saturday map, in-person classes will be suspended and all students will learn remotely the following week. This map is updated every Saturday evening.

**WVDHHR Daily COVID Map:** If Wood County is marked **Red** on the WVDHHR daily map, all in-person classes will be suspended and all students will learn remotely until the county reaches a **Green**, **Yellow** or **Gold** designation on the Saturday map. Click the link and scroll down to the WV COVID-19 overview. At the top of the box click "County Alert System." Map is updated at 10 a.m. daily.

## Feedback?

Questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at [merb@woodcountyschools.wv.net](mailto:merb@woodcountyschools.wv.net) and everyone encouraged to download the WCS app for news and announcements.

