

PLEASANTS COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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"All Students will succeed as learners today and leaders tomorrow"



Pleasants County Middle School is working diligently to ensure the return to school is done in the safest manner. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives and at PCMS we are taking the necessary steps to provide the best learning environment, while safeguarding our students, staff and community.

At Pleasants County Middle School, we are offering the In-Person/Blended Instruction Model for school re-entry. Our students will physically attend school four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday), and be provided remote learning on Wednesdays. Remote learning will be done electronically via Teams and other online school programs. If WiFi is a concern, arrangements will be made to accommodate students. Any students that chooses to not attend in person, a virtual school option will be provided utilizing WVDE Virtual Schools.

Based on the guidance provided by the WVDE and DHHR, Pleasants County Middle School will operate under the following procedures:

Arrival Procedures:

Walkers and Drop Off – Walkers and drop off students should arrive between 7:45 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. through the back entrance. Upon arrival students must wear a face covering. Students will then pickup breakfast (if eating) and report to homeroom with their belongings. A student that is not eating will report directly to homeroom. The homeroom teacher will ask a series of questions regarding COVID-19 to students upon arrival to the classroom.

Students riding a bus - Upon arrival students must wear a face covering. Students will then pickup breakfast (if eating) and report to homeroom with their belongings. A student that is not eating will report directly to homeroom. The homeroom teacher will ask a series of questions regarding COVID-19 to students upon arrival to the classroom.

Daily Routines:

- Students will be grouped in pods. The teachers will then rotate to each class when possible. Students will remain in their pods as much as possible to maintain social distancing.

- Every student and staff member will be provided a face mask/covering.
 - When students are in their home classrooms and with their pod they **WILL NOT** have to wear masks/face coverings.
 - Anytime students have to move outside of their pod or home class they **WILL** have to wear face masks/ coverings, unless medically waived.
- When in the academic wing the traffic will flow in the same direction. All students will go to the right and proceed to class, counter clockwise.
- Entrance and exit doors will be designated in classrooms.
- Restrooms will be assigned to certain grades to maintain social distancing. 5th/6th grades will use the restrooms by the office, 7th/8th will use the restrooms in the academic wing. The restrooms in the pool hall will be used for Band and Choir. Restrooms will be sanitized frequently.
- Classrooms, hallways, restrooms, etc. will be marked to designate six feet of spacing to remind students and staff to stay six feet apart in lines. Desks and chairs will also be placed to ensure students are six feet apart in classrooms.
- Signage will be placed in the hallways as frequent reminders for students and staff to stay at least six feet apart from one another.
- Activities will be suspended that involve bringing together large groups for assemblies.
- Brain breaks for students will be conducted throughout the day.

Lunch:

- Students will be dismissed by pod to go to the cafeteria to get lunch. Cold lunch students will stay with their pod but will not be required to get a hot lunch. Once students' pickup their meals, the pod will return to their home classroom to eat.
- Social distanced recess will be provided if time allows.

Departure Procedures:

- Students will remain in their homerooms until their designated bell rings to leave. When the bell rings, students will walk orderly to their designated location following the six feet social distancing guideline.
- Walkers will be dismissed at 3:30 PM.

Sanitation:

- Classrooms will be cleaned daily/nightly with a deep cleaning being conducted on Wednesdays.
- Hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations will be provided in each classroom and throughout the school.

Visitors:

All nonessential visitors and activities involving external groups or organizations will be limited. Upon arrival visitors will be screened for symptoms and required to wear a face mask/face covering.

Full Remote Learning:

Full remote learning can only be required by the Governor. Full remote learning means all students would be instructed remotely five days a week. Virtual students will continue with previously established programming.

Remote Day Feeding:

Pleasants County Schools will be providing a bagged breakfast and lunch to all students on Tuesday afternoon in preparation for the remote learning day Wednesday.

ANY STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 OR MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19 MUST FOLLOW WV-DHHR AND CDC REQUIREMENTS AND SHOULD NOT BE IN SCHOOLS.

Sincerely,



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