



Virtual K-8 School 2021-2022

School Committee

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions
- ❖ What is a Virtual School?
- ❖ Why open a Virtual School?
- ❖ Components of the Westfield K-8 Virtual School
- ❖ Next Steps

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Westfield Virtual School Committee

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Westfield Virtual School

Rationale

- ❖ Consistent with WPS Vision
- ❖ Unique Educational Pathway for K-8 Students
- ❖ Keep Students Connected to their Community
- ❖ WPS Curriculum Taught by WPS Teachers



DISTRICT CORE VALUES

- ✓ Inclusive school communities
- ✓ Student-centered relationships
- ✓ Relevant and rigorous learning



Family Commitment



- ❖ Intended to be a full year commitment
- ❖ Learning Coach Expectations
 - Support Learning
 - Monitor attendance
 - Communicate with Teachers and Staff

Westfield Virtual School

Incorporated August 2021

The newest of the
Westfield Public Schools

Expectations are consistent with all other Westfield Public Schools:

- ❖ State Laws and Regulations
- ❖ DESE Accountability
- ❖ School Policy
- ❖ District Handbook Section
- ❖ School Calendar
- ❖ Attendance
- ❖ Grading & Assessments
- ❖ Discipline
- ❖ Extracurricular Activities

Schedule



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- ❖ 2021-2022 District Calendar
- ❖ K-8 Student Day
 - 8:00 am to 2:30 pm
- ❖ One K-8 Lunch Schedule
- ❖ Morning Meeting/Homeroom to begin each day
- ❖ Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning
- ❖ Trimester Schedule/Grading

Curriculum and Instruction



- ❖ MA Curriculum Frameworks
- ❖ WPS Curriculum
- ❖ Four Core Subject Areas (Math, English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies)
- ❖ Special Subject Areas (Arts, Wellness, Computer Science, Engineering, and World Language)
- ❖ Project-Based Learning
- ❖ Specialized Learning
 - Goal Setting
 - Exploration Time
- ❖ Social-Emotional Learning
 - PBIS Framework

Support and Intervention



Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

- ❖ High-quality, scientifically based classroom instruction
- ❖ Ongoing student assessment
- ❖ Data analysis
- ❖ Tiered instruction
- ❖ Parent involvement

Special Education



- ❖ All Grid services provided by certified special education personnel
- ❖ Related services (OT, PT, Speech)
- ❖ Virtual Team Meetings held with Parent/Guardian and students



English Learner Education



- ❖ District Intake Screening
- ❖ Receive designated required services
- ❖ Certified ESL Teacher and SEI Content Teachers
- ❖ Support Staff - Bilingual Paraprofessionals
- ❖ District Translation Services for Parents/Guardians for Communication with Virtual School Faculty and Staff

Breakfast and Lunch



- ❖ WPS Menu
- ❖ Breakfast and Lunch provided
 - Families can provide their own
 - OR**
 - Families can purchase breakfast/lunch and pick up at Westfield Middle School
- ❖ Lunch is 30 minutes taken between 11:30-12:30 pm.
- ❖ Free and Reduced Lunch



Social Opportunities



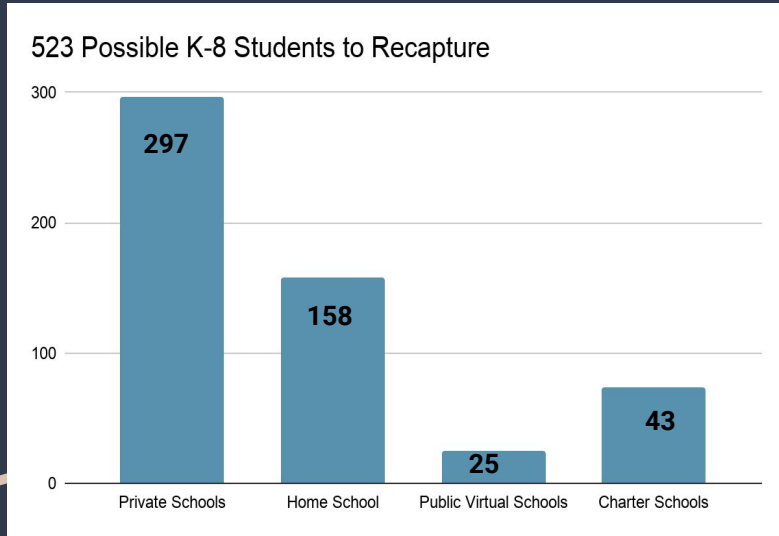
- ❖ Field Trips
 - In-person and Virtual
- ❖ Special Event Get-togethers
- ❖ Intramural Sports
- ❖ Clubs (STEM, Drama, Chess)
- ❖ Groups with School Adjustment Counselor and Staff (Grief, Family Support, Lunch Bunch)

Personalized Learning



- ❖ Teachers will work to support students in real-world certifications
 - CPR/First Aid
 - Babysitting
 - Scouting Badges
- ❖ Interest-based collaboration with local business professionals
 - Pathways
 - Mentoring

Application Process



- ❖ Westfield Residents Only
- ❖ Open to current students enrolled in private, parochial, homeschool, or virtual public school settings
- ❖ Electronic Application
- ❖ Applications Due Friday, May 28, 2021
- ❖ Approvals Friday, June 25, 2021



Next Steps

Pending School Committee Approval



- ❖ Letter of Intent to DESE
- ❖ WEA Negotiations
- ❖ Staff Information Session
 - Tuesday, April 13th 4-5 pm
- ❖ Parent Information Sessions
 - Wednesday, April 28th
10-11 am
 - Thursday, May 6th 6-7 pm
- ❖ Student Application Process

Questions



Thank
You