



# Virtual K-8 School 2021-2022

Parent Presentation

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

# Staff Commitment



- ❖ Staff member of Westfield Virtual School
- ❖ Frequent and consistent parental communication
- ❖ Provide daily synchronous and asynchronous instruction
- ❖ Meet with students in small groups and 1:1

# 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

# Student Schedule



F Consistency K-8

- ❖ 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

# Staff Schedule



F Consistency K-8

- ❖ 2021-2022 School Calendar
- ❖ K-8 Staff Day
  - 8:00 - 2:45
  - One Preparation Period
  - No Duty Period
- ❖ Collaboration Time
  - 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
  - 2:15 - 2:45 pm
    - Teacher
    - Parent
    - Administrator



# 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



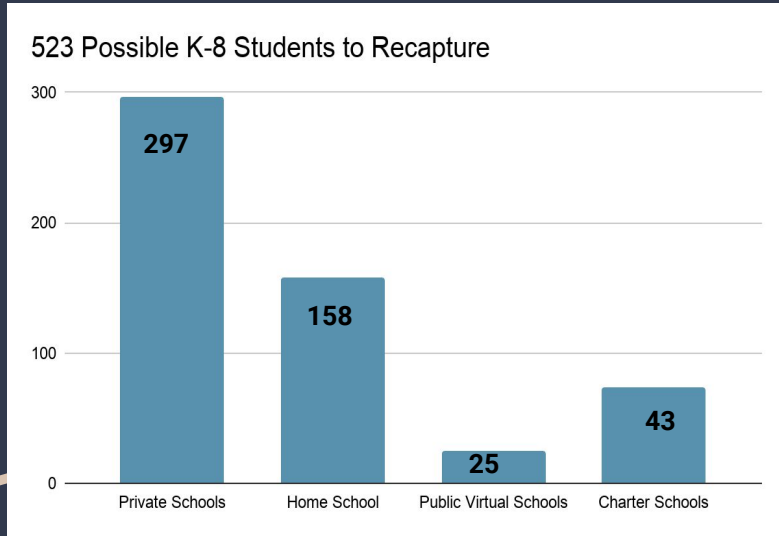
- ❖ Field Trips
  - In-person and Virtual
- ❖ Special Event Get-togethers
- ❖ Intramural Sports
- ❖ Clubs (STEM, Drama, Chess)
- ❖ Groups with School Adjustment Counselor and Staff (Grief, Family Support, Lunch Bunch)

# 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



- ❖ Letter of Intent to DESE
- ❖ WEA Negotiations
- ❖ Parent Information Sessions
  - Wednesday, April 28th  
10-11 am
  - Thursday, May 6th 6-7 pm
  - Drop in 'Office Hours'
- ❖ Student Application Process begins

# Questions



Thank  
You