

Nicholas County Schools

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Schools are returning to pre-pandemic normal. Why is Nicholas County Schools offering virtual school?

A virtual school option is required by law and state policy for grades 6-12. It is not being offered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What grade levels will have the virtual school option?

Nicholas County Schools will offer virtual school instruction to students at Summersville Middle School, Richwood Middle School, Richwood High School and Nicholas County High School only. This includes students in grades 6-12. Virtual school is not an option for students in grades K-5.

Who is the provider of the virtual school?

Proximity Learning is the provider of Nicholas County Schools virtual instruction.

Who will deliver the instruction for my student?

Instruction is delivered by master degree level teachers certified through the state of West Virginia provided by Proximity Learning. These teachers may or may not be located in the state of West Virginia. Instruction will not be delivered by Nicholas County Schools teachers.

How will instruction be delivered to my child?

Instruction will be delivered live, online by the instructors 3 days per week. Classes will follow a similar schedule as traditional school. Students will receive instruction in Social Studies, Math, ELA and Science and other elective classes as required by WVBOE Policy 2510. For example, a typical 6th grader's schedule will look as follows:

8:00-9:00	Social Studies
9:00-10:00	ELA
10:00-11:00	Math
11:00-12:00	Science
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Health/PE
2:00-3:00	Elective

Is internet a requirement?

Access to consistent high-speed internet is a requirement due to classes being streamed live and other applications required by Proximity Learning.

Is there a cost to the parent?

No, there is no cost to the parent. Tuition is paid by Nicholas County Schools.

Is Distance Learning still an option for 2021-2022?

No, distance learning is no longer an option for students at any grade level.

Will my child be able to participate in co-curricular and extracurricular activities?

Students enrolled in virtual school are members of Nicholas County Schools and enjoy the same rights and privileges as other students, which include participating in co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

Is participation in Nicholas County Schools Virtual School a good alternative to homeschooling my child?

Participating in virtual school provided by Nicholas County Schools provides students the opportunities that come with public education. These benefits include instruction by licensed teachers, a variety of course offerings, participation in co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and the ability to earn a diploma from Nicholas County Schools.

How much support will I need to provide my child with instruction and assignment completion?

Daily, parents are responsible for assisting and overseeing their student's learning.

Will a technology device be provided for my student?

Yes, Nicholas County Schools will provide a device for virtual school students.

What if we have problems with our technology device?

Students and parents will have technical support available for issues involving technology.

My child receives special education services. Can he/she still participate in virtual school?

Eligibility to attend Nicholas County Virtual School is an IEP team decision. The team will meet to determine the most appropriate, least restrictive environment and the most reasonable accommodations.

How about statewide testing? Is my child required to participate in statewide testing?

Yes, required statewide assessments must be administered to all NCS students, including students enrolled in virtual school.

What if I want to my child to return to school?

Students may opt to return to the traditional school setting at the end of each semester.

Does my child have to be enrolled in Nicholas County Schools to participate in virtual school through Proximity Learning?

Yes, students must be enrolled in Nicholas County Schools to participate in virtual school.

Where can I find more information?

Online at Proximity Learning <https://www.proxlearn.com/> and Nicholas County Schools Virtual School Policy.

How do I sign my child up for virtual school?

To complete the *Virtual School Application*, go to <http://boe.nich.k12.wv.us> by 4:00 pm on July 27, 2021. Once you complete the application and click submit, it will automatically be received by the school system's central office.