

# School City of Whiting

## COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**\*Document will be updated as new information becomes available**

Number	Question	Answer
<b>1</b>	How long will schools be closed due to COVID-19?	<p>All Indiana schools have been mandated by Governor Holcomb to be closed from March 20th through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. All K-12 students will complete the current school year with remote instruction through e-learning or other measures. Every school is mandated to meet 160 instructional days.</p> <p>We are currently looking at our school calendar and determining our last e-learning day in order to meet the 160 days of instruction. Please check the SCW website for calendar updates.</p>
<b>2</b>	How will SCW students receive instruction during the COVID-19 school closure?	<p>All SCW students will receive instruction via e-learning. Student work will be posted in Google Classroom (grades 3-12) or Seesaw (grades K-2). Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are E-learning days. Tuesdays and Thursdays are student work days in which students should continue to work on their assignments or any incomplete work. There will be a daily attendance question that each student needs to answer and an assignment equivalent to student "work time" when they are in class on a regular day. All assignments will be posted by 8pm the evening before each e-learning day. All assignments will be graded and counted toward students' third trimester grades.</p>
<b>3</b>	How can my child receive help with e-learning assignments?	<p>Teachers will maintain daily office hours Mon-Fri from 9am-2pm and may be contacted via email to answer questions and help students.</p> <p>If you have trouble contacting a teacher for assistance please notify your child's principal who will assist you in contacting the teacher.</p>
<b>4</b>	How will state mandated assessment administration be addressed while students are away from school buildings?	<p>All state mandated accountability assessments for the 2019-2020 school year have been canceled by Governor Holcomb's executive order 20-05. This includes IREAD3, ILEARN , and ISTEP.</p> <p><b>Additional guidance will be given to schools on summer assessments in the future.</b></p>
<b>5</b>	What are the graduation requirements for seniors?	<p>The Governor's executive order mandates that all students grades K-12 must participate in remote learning through the <b>end</b> of the school year and students are expected to complete <b>160</b> instructional days. This guidance includes seniors. Current seniors must continue to actively participate in their enrolled courses via e-learning. The seniors</p>

		<p>will receive credits toward graduation and their chosen diploma type for the courses they complete at the end of the current school year. Credits will only be given for courses that seniors receive passing grades in. Seniors who stop participating in their coursework or fail to receive passing grades are at risk of not graduating. If you have any questions regarding your child's current courses or earned credits you may contact the WHS counselor Mrs. Giron at <a href="mailto:sgiron@ns.whiting.k12.in.us">sgiron@ns.whiting.k12.in.us</a> You may also visit the following link for additional graduation information: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p>
6	<p>What are we doing about Dual Credit, AP testing, and HACC courses/certifications?</p>	<p>We are committed to ensuring that our WHS students are able to earn college credit for the dual credit/advanced placement courses in which they are enrolled while maintaining academic standards. Our dual credit/AP teachers are working to ensure that the course learning objectives are covered through e-learning delivery. Teachers are reviewing the Course Outline of Record for the course(s) they are teaching, self-assessing progress toward coverage of the required objectives, and developing plans for covering the remaining objectives.</p> <p>Dual credit, AP and HACC students should contact their teachers directly if they have any specific questions about their class or testing.</p>
7	<p>How will WHS students be scheduled for classes for 2020-2021?</p>	<p>All WHS students will register for next year's courses using our online scheduling process. The WHS counselor, Mrs. Giron, has set up google classrooms for students and has sent messages with instructions. She can be contacted via email for scheduling assistance or questions you may have about your child's courses for next school year.</p>
8	<p>How will annual case conferences take place for students with IEPs?</p>	<p>All case conferences will take place utilizing phone conferences. Your child's teacher of record will be reaching out to you to schedule your child's conference. All relevant personnel will participate in students' annual case conferences. If you have any questions about the process please reach out to your child's principal.</p>
9	<p>What is happening with end of the year student activities, extracurricular activities, and events such as graduation?</p>	<p>All spring extracurricular activities (academic and athletic) have been cancelled. Prom has also been cancelled.</p> <p>Due to CDC guidelines of no gatherings of more than 10 people, it is not possible to do events such as graduation in a traditional way. We are currently exploring alternatives such as virtual events keeping the safety and well-being of our students, families, and staff a priority. It is difficult to plan for a postponed ceremony in the summer without knowing if it will be possible. We will work hard to do everything we can to provide meaningful experiences for our students.</p>

10	How is the SCW meeting the nutritional needs of its students during the closure?	<p>The SCW is providing grab and go meal service, (5) breakfasts and (5) lunches per child, every Monday morning until the end of the school year. Meal distribution takes place from 8:30am to 11:30 am in the New York Ave parking lot. In order to follow the CDC guidelines for social distancing and to make this process as safe as possible for everyone involved, we are utilizing a contact free distribution. A card indicating the number of children (18 yrs or younger) in each family will be placed on your vehicle's windshield as it enters the north end of the parking lot. Parents are asked to pop their trunks from inside their vehicles as they drive up to the distribution tables. The SCW staff places the correct number of meals in your trunk and signals to you when you can safely pull away. All cars will enter the New York Avenue parking lot entrance in a single line for meal pick up.</p>
11	<p>When can my child get his/her belongings left in lockers?</p> <p>When can we return our textbooks?</p>	<p>All of our buildings were terminally cleaned after the school closure. We are currently limiting access to outside individuals in our buildings to protect the safety of our essential staff who are still working in the buildings. We are working on plans for locker clean out and textbook drop off at the end of the school year in May. Both will be done in the safest way possible and through guidance from the local health department.</p> <p>Parents will be notified when a plan is in place.</p>
12	How can I pick up my child's medication left in the nurse's office?	<p>If you have not already picked up your child's medication, please contact the school offices by phone or your child's principal via email to schedule a date and time to pick up the medication.</p>
13	What about kindergarten and pre-k round-up?	<p>We will not hold the traditional pre-k or kindergarten round-up this spring. We will be offering our regular preschool program as well as our Head Start preschool program for the 2020-2021 school year. Please remember that children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2020 to enroll in kindergarten.</p> <p>We are currently working on setting up an online process for both and information will be coming.</p>

14	How will report cards be distributed at the end of the school year?	Report cards will be mailed to parents in early June.
15	Will summer school be offered this year?	Students who need to attend summer school due to failures and missing credits will receive notification letters from the school offices. We are still planning on having summer school but are waiting on guidance from the IDOE on this issue due to the Governor's mandated school closure order as well as the current CDC guidelines.
16	How will I pay my child's unpaid student and textbook fees for the current school year?	The school offices will be mailing student textbook fee letters to parents. Parents may mail in their payments to the respective school offices. If you need to set up a payment plan, this can be done by contacting the school office.
17	What will happen with money left on our child's cafeteria account?	Any funds that are left in a student's cafeteria account will roll over into the next school year. If your child is withdrawing or graduating you may request a refund by contact our Food Service Director Chris Lerma as <a href="mailto:clerma@ns.whiting.k12.in.us">clerma@ns.whiting.k12.in.us</a>
18	When will registration take place for the 2020-2021 school year?	We are waiting to finalize plans for in person registration due to current CDC restrictions. The tentative dates for registration will be distributed to parents before the end of the current school year. As in the past, online registration for all school buildings for the 2020-2021 school year will be an option.
19	Will yearbooks still be available for this school year?	Yearbooks will be available for all three schools this year. At this time we do not have a delivery date to the schools due to closure of some businesses. Information for the purchase of the yearbooks will be posted for parents on each school's website.
20	When will school start for the 2020-2021 school year?	We have approved the SCW calendar for the 2020-2021 school year and it will be posted on the website. At this time, we are planning on starting the 2nd week of August as usual unless directed otherwise by Governor Holcomb
21	Is the SCW still taking non-resident students for the 2020-2021 school year?	The SCW is still accepting non-resident enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. The current enrollment process is closed and the non-resident lottery will take place at the April 27th board meeting. Due to current CDC guidelines, we cannot allow parents to attend the lottery drawing this year. A link will be provided to prospective nonresident parents to view the lottery virtually. Non-resident students will receive their acceptance letters the first week of May.