



Remote Learning Plan 2020-2021

For the 2020-2021 school year, West Liberty-Salem Local Schools is providing the option for students to participate in on-campus instruction or 100% remote learning. Below is information regarding the remote learning option. If you are considering this option for your student, we encourage you to read the information thoroughly to ensure you best understand the remote learning option.

What is WL-S remote learning and who can enroll in this option?

WL-S remote learning is an all-virtual instructional option using software provided by the vendor SchoolsPLP. SchoolsPLP is available for students in grades K-12, covering Ohio's Learning Standards.

Can my student enroll in remote learning at any time?

WL-S will be asking families to commit to in-person instruction or remote learning by August 8, 2020. That will allow the district to purchase the correct number of licenses for the remote learning program, setup student accounts, assign appropriate courses to each remote learning student. Extenuating circumstances for remote learning enrollment can be discussed with your student's building principal on a case-by-case basis, after August 8th.

Will my student still be a WL-S student?

Yes, students enrolled in the remote learning option will remain WL-S students. Registration forms and current contact information will be completed, attendance will be recorded, assignment completion will be expected, and grades will be issued by WL-S.

Will my student have a teacher(s) if they enroll in remote learning?

WL-S will have a teacher assigned to monitor SchoolsPLP and to be a resource for each enrolled student. However, the teacher assigned to this role will not be teaching in a traditional sense. SchoolsPLP has instruction built into the program, along with practice and assessment elements.

Will my student receive the same type of instruction as if they were attending in-person instruction at WL-S?

Although both in-person and remote learning options ensure instruction meets Ohio's Learning Standards, there will be a clear difference between the two. Instruction will look different and may follow a different sequence in the remote learning option, as compared to in-person

learning. Students participating in remote learning will not necessarily follow the same order of topics and will learn using the SchoolsPLP software. In-person learning will be teacher led.

What materials, if any, will I need to provide for my student to complete remote learning?

A computer or tablet will be needed (phones are not recommended) and a reliable internet connection will be needed. Students will need access to basic school supplies (varies based on grade and courses enrolled in). A printer may be needed occasionally.

Will the school provide a technology device for my student to complete remote learning?

If your student needs a device to complete their remote learning courses, an iPad can be provided. An agreement form and lease fee will be required, just as it is for in-person learning students who receive iPads. The iPad fee for students in grades K-9 is \$60 and grades 10-12 is \$75.

How long will students be expected to be online each day?

Remote learning will require students to login to their SchoolsPLP account daily and complete, at least one lesson per day, per subject. This would be similar to in-person learning. The length of time estimated to complete each remote learning lesson will vary based on the grade, subject, and the student. The lessons are self-paced with instruction provided, opportunity to practice or apply the learning, and lesson conclusion. There are also built in assignments and assessments that students will be required to complete.

If enrolling in remote learning, is attendance important?

Yes - Students will be monitored for daily online attendance (designated by logging in and/or completing lessons), communicated with to support their progress and learning, and provided support, as needed. All schools in Ohio are required to monitor and report attendance. This requirement is still in effect for students participating in remote learning.

Will my student receive grades?

Students enrolled in remote learning will receive grades in the same format as students attending WL-S in-person instruction. The same grading system and report card will be issued to a student participating in remote learning. SchoolsPLP has built in assignments and assessments that will generate information for grades.

How will a student/parent know if they are on-track with their progress in each course?

Each student enrolled in remote learning will have a WL-S teacher monitoring their progress. This should be two-way communication with the teacher reaching out to the student/family, as

well as the student/family reaching out to the teacher, as needed. In addition, when logging into SchoolsPLP a student will see their progress measured with the following categories:

- *On-Track*: The *On-Track* student is logging in regularly, submitting work at a pace which will allow him/her to complete the course as expected.
- *Behind*: The *Behind* student is logging in regularly but is starting to fall behind in submitting their work.
- *Far Behind*: The *Far Behind* student is logging in regularly but is behind in submitting work. This student may not successfully complete the course if academic performance does not improve.
- *Partly Disengaged*: The *Partly Disengaged* student has stopped working in one or more assigned courses.
- *Fully Disengage*: The *Fully Disengaged* student has stopped working in all assigned courses.

What is the role of the parent in remote learning?

The role of involvement and need for parental support to monitor and assist with remote learning will vary based on student need. However, there are several guiding principles that will support all remote learning students in their success.

- Ensure a device and reliable internet connection is available for your student daily
- Setup or define an appropriate work area to support learning while at home
- Ensure adequate time and/or a schedule is available to work daily on remote learning
- Monitor your child's SchoolsPLP progress and provide support/reinforcement, as needed.
- Communicate with your student about their work and progress
- Ensure that all assignments, and assessments are completed by your student and that the work submitted is original and reflective of their learning
- Set clear expectations for your student to keep pace with the course requirements
- Communicate academic concerns, special needs, and/or extenuating circumstances with your student's WL-S teacher-monitor.
- Encourage independence with support to time-manage and independence, as needed.
- Understand that selecting the remote learning option for a student, implies greater independence and responsibility by the student and their family due to the omission of a teacher providing and leading the instruction that one would typically receive with in-person instruction.

What is the role of the student in remote learning?

Students enrolled in remote learning need to be actively engaged and willing to fully participate in this style of learning. This includes:

- Access courses in SchoolsPLP daily and complete, at least, one lesson, per day, per subject.
- Establish a daily schedule and routine to support remote learning.
- Ask for help, as needed.
- Communicate with the teacher monitoring your progress in SchoolsPLP on a regular basis.
- Understand that you will be required to complete online learning activities and assessments, along with off-line learning built into the lessons.
- Commit to the process of remote learning and understand that it is not an “easier” option or that there are no consequences tied to this mode of learning. Students will be monitored for attendance, progress, grades, etc. Remote learning expectations of engagement and involvement with learning and attendance are the same as in-person instruction.
- Understand that selecting the remote learning option for a student, implies greater independence and responsibility by the student and their family due to the omission of a teacher providing and leading the instruction that one would typically receive with in-person instruction.

Will my student have school fees this year if they enroll in remote learning?

Yes – school fees help to cover a small portion of the expenses for that student (for example - cost of supplies, workbooks, technology subscriptions, etc.). Students enrolled in remote learning will be using a subscription-based platform called SchoolsPLP. School fees will still be assigned to remote learning students to assist in a portion of the expenses associated with educating in this manner. Each course assigned to a student in Schools PLP will have a \$15 fee. There will also be a \$3 communication fee and an optional iPad fee, if the school provides a device to the student.

- Grades K-8: \$63 fee (4 SchoolsPLP courses + communication fee) & \$60 iPad fee, if applicable
- Grade 9: \$15 fee per course (varies based on current schedule); \$3 communication fee & \$60 iPad fee, if applicable
- Grades 10-12: \$15 fee per course (varies based on current schedule); \$3 communication fee & \$75 iPad fee, if applicable

What courses will my student take in remote learning?

- Students in grades K-8 will be assigned English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies courses that will be accessible when they login.
- Students in grades 9-12 will be assigned the courses that would be on their schedule if they were attending in-person schooling.

Student Handbook/Code of Conduct

WL-S remote learning students will be expected to adhere to all of the regulations for WL-S.

Will a remote learning student be required to complete state assessments?

Yes – any state assessments that are required by the Ohio Department of Education will be required to complete all assessment pertinent to their grade and/or assigned courses. More information will be provided as these timelines approach.

If I enroll my student in remote learning and we don't like it, can we switch to in-person learning?

Students enrolling in remote learning are committing to online learning for the first semester. At the end of the first semester, students can remain in remote learning or switch to in-person learning. Extenuating circumstances may be considered prior to semester time.

Additional FAQs

If my student enrolls in remote learning, can they still play sports?

Yes – remote learning students are WLS students and allows them to participate in school sponsored sports and clubs. Eligibility requirements will remain in effect, per school policy, for all students enrolled in remote learning and in-person learning.

My high school student is enrolled to take an in-person class that provides high school and college credit (for example – CCP Government). If my student enrolls in remote learning can they still receive college credit?

No – WLS works with Edison State Community College to provide college credit for some courses. There are strict guidelines that must be followed for this to occur. Unfortunately, courses taken through SchoolsPLP will not allow the option to also receive college credit for a high school course.

My high school student is interested in playing sports in college OR attending college. Will SchoolsPLP courses meet the criteria?

SchoolsPLP courses do meet the criteria for the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements. The Schools PLP also offers a range of course levels, including advanced courses, that equate to college preparatory, although we do believe WLS in-person instruction will be more rigorous.

Can my student be a member of the marching band, choir or FFA?

In order to be a member of the marching band, choir or FFA, students must be actively enrolled in the corresponding WLS class. Since these courses cannot be duplicated on SchoolsPLP, a student would need to attend the in-person band, choir or FFA related class to be a member of the marching band, choir, or FFA organizations. Students who wish to enroll in the in-person

class, so they can be a member of the organization, will need to contact the school to make arrangements by 8/24.

Can my student take one or two in-person classes at WLS and complete the rest through remote learning (SchoolsPLP)?

This is possible. For example, as explained above, if a student would like to be a member of a student organization that requires enrollment in a corresponding class (marching band, choir, FFA), then the student could attend an in-person WLS class while completing other courses remotely through SchoolsPLP. Other scenarios can be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

My student is planning to take a CCP class directly through Clark State, Edison State or other college. They have other WLS courses they also are planning to take. Can they take their WLS courses through SchoolsPLP and still take the CCP course?

Yes – CCP courses can be taken in addition to high school-based courses. For the 20-21 school year, WLS has two approved high school-based course options: in-person and remote. Either option would allow a student to take CCP courses through a college. Students will need to follow the state guidelines for the number of courses allowed, in total, per school year (this is referred to as Carnegie Units) and should be discussed with the guidance counselor.