

Wolf Point School District 2020-2021 COVID Plan

The Wolf Point School District will take every precaution to ensure the safety of students, faculty, volunteers and guests. At this time and in accordance with the Montana Health department, we are planning to return back to the classroom. In addition, the Wolf Point School District will offer on-line learning opportunities for those students who are interested. However, students will have to choose EITHER on ground learning or virtual learning prior to the beginning of the school year by August 21, 2020. For students, faculty and guests, here are some of the guidelines that will be followed as we enter into the fall school year. Guidelines are subject to change based on recommendations by the Montana Health Department and the Center for Disease Control.

Plan A: (Returning to School)

Staff, Students, and Visitors – Temperature and Symptom Screening – Limited Visitors to Campus
Students Temperature Screening prior to being allowed into buildings.

Staff will be required to wear masks and/or face shields when outside of their classroom except while teaching students while socially distancing. We have also purchased a large number of face shields for staff to use while teaching, allowing students to see their mouth.

Students (5 yr. older) will be required to wear masks and/or face shields when inside/outside of their classroom. If the teacher's classroom has desk guard PPE, they may be optional in the classroom.

Increased sanitation throughout the day.

Parents/Guardians will need to have a plan in place to pick up any students who may show symptoms or become sick in a timely manner (within the hour). These students will be quarantined while they wait to be picked up in HPDP offices.

Classrooms will be sanitized while students transition in Elem, MS and HS. Increased sanitation throughout the day.

Transition protocols for lunch and recess times.

Playground equipment use will be limited. In addition, it will be sanitized throughout the day.

Students will need to use their own water bottles; they will not be able to drink directly from water fountains.

Any students riding school buses will be required to have a mask.

Buses will be sanitized by the transportation department in compliance with their industry guidelines.

Siblings will sit together to allow more students per bus with assigned seating.

Shuttle services will no longer be available.

Provided meals will have a procedure to limit students standing in line.

School sports and extracurricular activities will follow MHSA and CDC guidelines. Students (students in the same family) who select to use virtual learning will not be allowed to participate in extra curricular activities.

The aforementioned guidelines will be reviewed on a routine basis to ensure that they are in accordance with the Montana Health Department and the Center for Disease Control.

For more information on the Wolf Point School District Covid plan, please contact Superintendent Loverty Erickson.

Plan B: (Hybrid Approach: On ground and Virtual Learning)

Staff, Students, and Visitors – Temperature and Symptom Screening

Staff will be required to wear masks and/or face shields when outside of their classroom. We have also purchased a large number of face shields for staff to use while teaching, allowing students to see their mouth.

Students (5 yr. older) will be required to wear masks and/or face shields when inside/outside of their classroom. Regardless if the teacher's classroom has desk guard PPE. Increased sanitation throughout the day.

Parents/Guardians will need to have a plan in place to pick up any students who may show symptoms or become sick in a timely manner (within the hour). These students will be quarantined while they wait to be picked up in HPDP offices.

Extremely Limited Visitors to Campus Students Temperature Screening prior to being allowed on campus.

Students will need to use water bottles; they will not be able to drink directly from water fountains.

Each grade level will have a different designated entrance and exit from the building to discourage mingling between grades.

Any students riding school buses will be required to have a mask.

Shuttle services will not be available.

Buses will be sanitized in compliance with their industry guidelines. Siblings will sit together, allowing more students per bus with assigned seating.

“Grab and go” meals will be served and students will be able to eat in a socially distanced environment based on available space.

Elementary (K-6)- Students will be divided by Day A or Day B grouping per school. The district will consider families for grouping, however, will not assure grouping or take grouping requests. Ex: Day A groups attends the whole day, then distance learns on the alternative day using both instructional paper packets and virtual classes.

Elementary (K-6)- Classes will run from 8:15-11:15 and 12:00-3:00. All meals will be served in the classroom. Individual classes will have “Relaxed Learning” and special classes in lieu of large-scale recess times.

In person lessons will be supplemented by distance learning as appropriate for each grade level.

Playground equipment use may be limited.

Secondary (7-

12)- Students will be divided in groups school in person two days per week: Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Group A- M, W Group B- T, TH. This in person instruction will be partnered with online learning the rest of the week.

A limited number of students who are falling behind, struggling with attendance, have limited internet access, or simply need additional support will be invited to attend in person.

The district will have a "Technology Hotline" to assist with online learning. (406)653-5570 & (406) 653- 5571. Please call within a "normal" time frame for courtesy.

Plan C: (Stay Home Order-Governor Issued)

Daily Temperature and Symptom Screening for essential workers. No

Students or Visitors on Campus Elementary

Teachers will utilize Class Do Jo, Zoom and/or Google Classroom to communicate with students. Classes will be both synchronous and asynchronous. There will be participation and attendance expectations.

Teachers will be available via phone, email and livestream as needed.

Secondary Teachers will utilize Google Classroom and Zoom meetings to communicate with students. Each teacher will conduct their classes per week. Attendance will be taken during these periods.

Students will work independently on assignments on other days. Teachers will be available via phone, email and livestream as needed.

"Family Onsite Opt Out" during any Plan at Parent's Discretion

Families have the option to opt their students, at any grade level, out of on-site instruction. This can be due to a health risk to the student and others in their household or simply as a precautionary measure. These students will remain enrolled with the Wolf Point School District and we will continue to provide their education via virtual learning and/or instructional packets. Expectations for students "Opting Out" will be similar to the plan C scenario with designated Distance Learning Staff. MHSAs has changed their by-law and now allows students working from home to be involved with their sanctioned activities if they choose; however Wolf Point School District will not allow these students (or students in the same family) to join extra curricular activities. Parents considering this option who do not have access to broadband and/or devices should contact their child's Principal for planning and to discuss possible options. Parents will have the ultimate decision making regarding utilizing the "Opt-out" option, however the District will limit students moving back and forth between distance learning and in-person lessons multiple times without changes in circumstances. In the interest of stability for the student and planning purposes, we ask that all students "Opting Out" do so for at least the first grading period (Quarter or Trimester). There is a form called the "Student Opt Out Form" that must be filled out and give to the district office on or before Aug 14th, 2020, no later than Aug 21.