



WCS Newsletter

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Need help with Schoology?

All schools, beginning Sept. 8 and running through Oct. 2, will have a help desk open from 3:30-5:30 p.m. every weekday. Parents can call their school's main number to reach the help desk.

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Wood County Schools Website](#)

[Wood Schools Innovate](#)

[WV Dept of Ed Re-entry Map](#)

Welcome to a new (and unique) school year!

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought uncertainty both to daily life and to how schools will operate this year. Plans have changed multiple times as new information and guidance have become available and new challenges have emerged.

Through it all, Wood County Schools educators and staff have remained dedicated to providing the safest and best educational experience for students while addressing the needs and concerns of parents and community members.

Keeping you informed and involved

The new Wood County Schools newsletter will be sent out weekly with important announcements, links to information, and messages of encouragement not only for parents and students but for staff as well. We want to tell you some of the incredible things that are happening every day in our school system and recognize those people who go above and beyond to care for and educate our youth.

Any questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at merb@k12.wv.us and all parents and community members are encouraged to download the Wood County Schools app for news and announcements from the district's Central Office.



"Our vision is to work as a community to inspire a passion for learning, pursue excellence and empower students to reach their potential."

- Wood County Schools



Remember to follow all of the health guidelines:

Wear a mask. Bring a water bottle. Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Avoid touching your face. Take a student's temperature before they come to school. If they have a fever or show any signs of being ill, keep them home.

Things to do every night:

1. Check Schoology.
2. Charge your iPad.
3. Make sure you have a mask and water bottle ready.
4. Check announcements on the WCS App.
5. Get a good night's sleep.
6. Breathe. We can do this.

Green, Yellow, Red

Separate from the state's color-coded warning system, Wood County Schools will be using a Stoplight System to quickly inform parents what form of instruction will occur that week.

On Green, schools operate as normal with in-person instruction five days a week. On Yellow, the school move to a mix of in-person and remote learning. All schools will begin the school year on Yellow to give parents, students and teachers the chance to adapt to the new format. Red means "full stop" of on campus attendance, but the learning continues off campus! The format of instruction changes as teachers begin live instruction on TEAMS.

A summary of the Stoplight System can be found [here](#). The district's re-entry plan can be found [here](#), and a list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning COVID-19 precautions can be found [here](#).



Above all else this year, we are asking parents, students, educators, staff and the community to be patient. We are all in uncharted territory these days and there will be some bumps in the road. Children are very adaptive to new situations, but they can get frustrated and pick up on the anxiety of the adults around them. Be patient, be kind and be encouraging. We all will do our very best.

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