



# WCS Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT LINKS

**[Wood County Schools Website](#)**

**[iPad/Schoology Support](#)**

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

### Need help with Schoology?

Through Nov. 6, all schools 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.

## Parent Options for School Re-entry

The Wood County Board of Education has approved an updated re-entry plan which will return students to in-person classes four days a week.

The school system has been on a blended model since the start of the 2020-21 school year, with students alternating in-person and remote learning days. Though Wood County has remained mostly in the green on the state's COVID-19 tracking map, parent survey results indicated some parents were still hesitant to send their children for in-person learning five days a week.

But many parents also expressed concerns the blended model was not serving their children well enough, and in-person instruction has been the goal of the school system since Day 1. As a compromise, the new re-entry plan allows for parents to choose: Four days of in-person instruction with Fridays being remote learning days; five days of off-campus remote learning only; or for elementary school students grades K-5 the West Virginia Learns Virtual School facilitated through Wood County Schools and with local teachers.

These options are designed to help families make the best choice for their students while giving everyone the chance to return to in-person classes.

A PDF summary of the plan can be found at [www.woodcountyschoolswv.com](http://www.woodcountyschoolswv.com).



A summary of Wood County Schools instruction levels 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](#).

## Robert M. Hutchins



**Off-campus Remote Learning:** For parents who choose not to send their child to four days of in-person learning, there is the option to instead have five days of remote learning utilizing Schoology. For those attending on-campus classes, Friday's will continue to be remote learning days as well.

To sign up, parents must contact their school's administrator, counselor or designee to make an appointment to review the COVID-19 Learning commitment form. The form helps explain the expectations of the five-day remote learning option. Students who are remote learners will still have opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities, such as sports and band. The student(s) would remain in the five-day remote learning option until Jan. 22, the end of the semester. A new option can be chosen for the second semester.

## Oct. 31 – Halloween

## Nov. 1 – Daylight Savings Ends

Nov. 3 – Election Day (No School)

Nov. 6 – 1st 9 Weeks Ends

## Nov. 10 – Wood BOE Meeting

Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day

Nov. 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break

Moving from a blended model to an in-person model takes a little bit of time. A lot of logistics, such as lunches, have to be worked out before students are back in school buildings four days a week. To help facilitate this transition, different grade levels will shift into the new format at different times during the month of November.

- **Nov. 9:** Elementary schools.
- **Nov. 16:** Secondary/Middle schools.
- **Nov. 30:** High schools.
- **Jan. 12:** Reassessment by administration and school board.
- **Jan. 22:** Semester ends.



*Do you have feedback on the parent newsletter? Any questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at [merb@woodcountyschoolswv.net](mailto:merb@woodcountyschoolswv.net) 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.*

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