

**BACK TO SCHOOL
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
2020-21 School Year**

1. When does school start for students?

School begins for students on September 16, 2020. Students will have an opportunity to pick up their assigned Chromebook on a date which will be shared by the building principal

2. What are the options to attend school for students?

Remote: Students will not attend school in the school building. All learning will occur online. Teaching and learning may occur in a synchronous and or asynchronous format and will be a licensed teacher. Opportunities will exist for ample interaction online.

Hybrid: This model is a combination of in person and online learning. Students will be divided into two cohort groups. Cohort A will attend school on Monday and Tuesday and will participate in online learning on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Cohort B will attend school on Thursday and Friday and will participate in online learning on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

3. What if my child enrolls in hybrid and the cohort group they are assigned does not work with my schedule. Can my child change to the other Cohort?

We understand that there are some situations which will necessitate groups being changed. The building principal will make the determination based on the following guidelines. Keeping in mind the cohorts control individual class sizes and this must be kept within the required guidelines.

- a. Families with children of different last names may request to be in the same group.*
- b. Parents/guardians whose work schedules conflict with the days children have been assigned.*
- c. Child care conflicts.*
- d. Special circumstances will be given full consideration.*

4. When will I know my child's cohort?

This information will be released by the end of August by each school

5. What are my options if I do not want to send my child to school?

Wareham is offering a full remote option. Enroll your child in the remote learning model by completing and submitting the enrollment form.

6. Are students and staff required to wear masks?

Yes, Wareham Public Schools will require all faculty, staff, students, and any visitors to any of our schools to have a mask or face covering on at all times. The mask or face covering must cover both the wearer's mouth and nose. The exceptions being:

- a. While eating*
- b. Working in a room alone (employees)*
- c. Involved in an activity which it is unsafe to wear a mask or face covering*
- d. Person with a documented medical condition which makes wearing a mask unsafe.*
- e. Other reasons which may impair the health of the individual*

7. How will I be notified of COVID-19 positive or is suspected positive in the schools?

The district will send a communication to families, generally informing them of the positive case. No names or classes will be released.

Parents in the cohort will be contacted that a member of the cohort has tested positive and may have been within 6 ft of this individual and, therefore, should be tested. Again, no names will be released.

8. If I choose remote learning, can I switch to hybrid at some point?

*Yes, a student could move from remote to hybrid **IF** space is available in the classroom and there is a valid reason for the request. Ie...change in parent/guardian work Schedule.*

9. What are the hours of the schools?

We are currently working on this and will update once information is finalized.

10. What will remote learning look like this year? Will students be required to complete work by the end of the day?

Remote learning will differ this year with teachers doing direct Instruction. They may record themselves teaching the lesson or some may be assigned to teach remotely and will teach the lesson via Zoom or other platform. It will be more structured as attendance will be taken and there will be regular grading done. Your child's teacher will explain the schedule.

11. For the hybrid model, will students have to complete work once they arrive home from the early dismissal?

Yes, in order to meet the required DESE hours, students will need to complete work once they return home. This could be when they have their Unified Arts/Specialist times.

12. Are there transportation variances?

No, variances were offered in the past knowing space would exist on the bus. Following the directives from DESE, capacity on the buses have been reduced by ⅔. Example a bus which has a capacity of 77, now is reduced to 25 passengers. Because of the restrictions which we must operate under, variances - transportating a student from their home stop in the morning and then to a different location in the afternoon is not possible. However, should a parent/guardian decide to have their child picked at the daycare or other location in the morning and this is the dropoff also for the afternoon, transportation will be provided.

PLEASE refer to the District's PLAN FOR INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY During COVID 19. This document is listed on the District's Home Page.