

May 12, 2021

Dear WISD families,

Last night, the WISD Board of Education took action on our proposal to expand in-person instructional services up to a hybrid model for our student programs. This decision was based on a recommendation from the Instructional Governance Committee and the Pandemic Response Team.

Expansion of in-person, hybrid instruction will begin on May 17, 2021, or as soon as transportation and instructional plans can be confirmed. For classrooms that are able, the goal will be for each student to have the ability to attend in-person instruction for up to half of each week. Here is what this will look like for our WISD programs:

Currently hybrid:

- Court-Involved Youth at the Washtenaw County Complex on Hogback: Will increase to four days of in-person instruction.
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing PreK and K-8 Classrooms: Will maintain current hybrid schedule.
- Progress Park: Will maintain current hybrid schedule.
- Local-Based Classroom in Eberwhite Elementary: Will maintain current schedule for the remainder of the school year based on facility availability.

Individualized instruction will increase to hybrid instruction:

- High Point
- Local-Based Classrooms in Eberwhite, Manchester, Milan and Dexter High School
- Red Oak
- Young Adult Out-Center Classrooms at Carpenter, Chelsea, Dexter, Downtown Ypsilanti, EMU, WCC, and Washtenaw News: Will increase as health and safety considerations, such as social distancing in classroom spaces, allow.
- Young Adult Project

Prenatal-3 Home Visiting services will increase the availability of in-person where appropriate:

- Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs: Will increasingly transition to offering in-person options based upon the individual needs of each child and family. In-person services may be offered at community-based locations and outdoor settings when appropriate and feasible.

Virtual instruction and services will continue plans due to facility limitations:

- Adult Education and Special Education at the Washtenaw County Complex on Hogback: Will remain fully virtual.

Please watch for additional communication from your child's program supervisor, teacher or home visitor on next steps.



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Like many of you, WISD is also monitoring the approval process for the Pfizer vaccine for young children, and we are optimistic that this development will be a game changer for many families and for our schools. Please watch for more information as we continue to work with the Washtenaw County Health Department on vaccination efforts.

We are grateful that vaccination rates are on the rise in our community and across the state, and that we are seeing COVID-19 case numbers consistently trend downward. As we see promising progress, we encourage everyone to continue doing their part to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 both inside and outside of school so we can finish the year together safely.

WISD remains deeply committed to prioritizing the health and safety of our entire WISD family – our students, families, and staff – while upholding our responsibility to educate and care for our students and families.

I deeply appreciate each person in our district and the ways in which you have all gone above and beyond this year for each other. I continue to be grateful to everyone in our WISD family for taking the health and safety precautions so we could finally get to this point.

Sincerely,

Naomi Norman
Interim Superintendent
Washtenaw Intermediate School District