



# Moving into Hybrid Learning for North Wasco County School Students

February 19, 2021 Family Update

## \*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*

### All North Wasco Students will be in hybrid or can choose the North Wasco Virtual Academy option

Families will have two choices for instruction; in-person hybrid or fully on-line with the North Wasco Virtual Academy using Acellus.

Families will opt-in for hybrid or opt-in for NWasco Virtual Academy for each student by making their selection Monday, February 22 through Thursday, February 25. Opt-in links will be sent out by each school Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> via email and Remind.

For families without email, please call your school(s) to select hybrid or the Virtual Academy option.

### When will students switch to hybrid, or, if parents choose, begin in the NWasco Virtual Academy?

*\*May change based on advisory metrics and case counts.*

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline for families to opt-in to hybrid or the NWasco Virtual Academy and busing service.

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>:** Grades K-8-shortened instruction day/Teacher work days to move classrooms.

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup>:** Kindergarten & 6<sup>th</sup> start in-person (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> shortened instruction day/teachers move classrooms)

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup>:** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> shortened instruction day/ teachers move classrooms)

**Mar 18<sup>th</sup>:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> start in-person

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>:** 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> start in-person

*Until the grade level is in-person, CDL will remain available.*

### Virtual Academy Schedule Fully on-line with Acellus

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- Fully on-line school experience available K-12
- Instruction available daily through self-paced Acellus courses
- Students expected to engage and log-in daily
- Personalized support will be available with regular check-ins scheduled with a NWasco teacher
- Families selecting this option are asked to commit for the remainder of the 2020-21 year

### Hybrid Schedule

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- K-12<sup>th</sup> students are assigned a cohort and will attend in-person on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- K-8<sup>th</sup> Times: Cohort A (8:00 –10:30), Cohort B (12:30 – 3:00).
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 AM-12:30PM - alternating days by Cohort A or Cohort B.
- K-5<sup>th</sup> students will be assigned learning activities to be done both in class and at home.
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Students will also have two distance learning classes and learning activities to be done at home.
- All K-12 students will participate in distance learning on Wednesdays.

### Busing

Due to physical distancing requirements on buses we have limited seats available. If you live in the bus zone and will need transportation, please complete a bus service request in the opt-in link to sign up for busing. Deadline for requests will be February 25<sup>th</sup>.

New address, phone or email? Questions? Please contact your child's school.

### Meals

Students at school will continue to receive meals-to-go. For students in Cohort A: breakfast will be served in the classroom and they will receive a lunch & dinner to-go meal. Students in Cohort B: will receive lunch, dinner and breakfast to-go. Weekend meals will be distributed to students on Thursday and Friday.

Families in the NWasco Virtual Academy can sign up for a 7-day meal box to be picked up on Wednesdays.



# FULL TIME ONLINE OPTION FOR GRADES K-12 NORTH WASCO VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Online learning creates opportunities for students to learn flexibly from home while maintaining direct contact with a North Wasco Virtual Academy teacher through online tools and resources. This option will include a curriculum delivered through *Acellus*. Students will have check-ins on scheduled days and times during the week provided by a North Wasco Virtual Academy teacher.

## Overview:

- We ask families selecting this option to commit for the remainder of the 2020/21 school year.
- Students will access their courses through [Acellus](#) which will not mirror what's being used in North Wasco classrooms.
- Students participate in online learning 5 days per week and enroll in a full load of courses.
- Courses for students in grades K through 12th are not taught by North Wasco teachers but will be supported by a team of North Wasco teachers who offer office hours during the week.
- Personalized support will be available as needed.

## Instruction

- This full-time online school experience is ideal for students who wish to have more control over their learning path and pace, and for whom a flexible daily schedule is important.
- Instruction will be self-paced, interactive, video-based lessons.
- Success is best when there is an adult who can partner with teachers by serving as the learning guide for the student.
- This full-time online option offers a rigorous curriculum, access to academic advisement, college planning, and opportunities for advanced coursework.

## What to Expect:

- Students are expected to engage and log in on a daily basis for attendance and make weekly progress based upon pacing guides for completion of courses.
- **We are asking families selecting this option to commit for the remainder of the 2020/21 school year.**



# HYBRID OPTION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-8

A hybrid model means students would alternate between on-site in-person and at-home remote learning. Reasons for operating in a hybrid model are to reduce class sizes in order to accommodate the 35 square feet per person rule, and physical distancing requirements. This also allows stable cohorts, or groups of students, to limit exposure. Our hybrid model provides in-person learning four days a week with stable cohort groups, while providing opportunities for the whole class to learn and interact in a distance learning format once per week.

## Overview

- Students can expect to be learning 5 days a week with assignments, lessons, projects and extension activities happening both in class and online when students are learning from home.
- Students will be assigned to one of two stable cohorts. Each cohort, or group of students, will be assigned specifically to Cohort A (8:00-10:30 AM) or Cohort B (12:30-3:00 PM) four days a week to attend school on-site. Family members in the same household will be assigned to the same cohort group and attend school on the same days.
- In a typical week students will have four days of on-site instruction at their school M, T, TH, F and one day of distance instruction at home on Wednesday mornings, with their whole class.
- Estimated class size will range between 12 and 20 students.

## Instruction

- Teachers provide instruction, connection and deep learning experiences five days a week.
- Students access instruction in-person in assigned cohorts Cohort A (8:00-10:30 AM) or Cohort B (12:30-3:00 PM), four days a week.
- Teachers focus on both academics and social-emotional learning and skill building.
- Teachers use *Google Classroom* as a resource to ensure that students continue their learning in a meaningful way during the time they are not in the school building.
- Teachers focus learning expectations on priority standards and provide meaningful and ongoing feedback about student progress.
- When on campus, students will be in a cohort of peers and will attend classes with a common group of students.
- On Wednesday mornings starting at 8 AM all students will receive instruction in distance learning via Zoom.

## **Students and Staff Health and Safety**

- Ill students and staff must stay home.
- Students and staff will be screened for symptoms upon entering the buildings. (*Please keep Ill Students at Home flyer*)
- Practice safe social and physical distancing.
- Frequent hand washing and hygiene practices will be taught and encouraged.
- Increased cleaning protocols throughout each campus including playgrounds and equipment.
- Face coverings that cover the mouth and nose are required for all students and staff on campus and on the bus. *“Gaiters” are not considered an acceptable face covering.*
- Once identified, ensure any staff or students who exhibit symptoms are not at school.
- All instructional spaces will have a true HEPA filtration system in place.
- Limit visitors and volunteers to essential personnel only.

*Health and safety protocols will be described for each school in their Operational Blueprint for School Reentry, which will be posted on the district website.*