



# WAYLAND UNION SCHOOLS

H O M E O F T H E W I L D C A T S

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Dear Wayland Union High School Staff, Parents, Guardians, and Students:

At the April 19th school board meeting, a discussion was held regarding the instructional model for students at Wayland Union High School due to the high number of COVID-19 cases among high school students. The Allegan County Health Department has reported evidence of transmission at Wayland Union High School through a number of connected cases.

**To mitigate this spread, all Wayland Union High School staff and students will transition to a hybrid model of instruction beginning Thursday, April 22 through the remainder of the school year. High School students **will not** attend school, in-person or remotely, this Wednesday, April 21, as teachers prepare to make this transition.** All other buildings will continue in-person instruction as originally scheduled.

## **WUHS Hybrid Model:**

Students will begin to follow the hybrid model on Thursday, April 22:

- **Group A** - Students with a last name beginning with letters A-K; attend in-person on Mondays/Thursdays 7:45am - 2:40pm with independent remote days on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- **Group B** - Students with the last name beginning with L-Z; attend in-person on Tuesdays/Fridays 7:45am - 2:40pm with independent remote days on Mondays and Thursdays.
- **Group A and B** - All students will participate in required online sessions on Wednesdays, as communicated by WUHS teachers and staff.

## **Hybrid Group Assignments:**

- Students who were assigned a group in the beginning of the school year will remain in that group.
- Former VAAC students who are now attending in-person and did not have an assigned group should follow the last name protocol.

## **Unique Circumstances:**

- If you are without internet access, your student may be able to work in designated locations within the high school building with approval from WUHS Administration. Transportation will be available, on our regular route schedule, for those who need WiFi access. Further communication will be sent by the High School office.

- If your child has an Individualized Education Plan, your special education teacher will be contacting you about programming during hybrid instruction.
  - High Students receiving Level 2 programming will be able to attend school Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays each week.
- If your child attends ACATEC, they may attend ACATEC each day beginning Thursday.
  - Please watch for additional information to be released by Wednesday.
- If your child would benefit from talking with a counselor or social worker about this transition, please contact the high school office at (269) 792-2254.
- Students and parents, please monitor your email for additional updates from high school administrators and/or teachers.

**In summary, the schedule for Wayland Union High School is as follows:**

Tuesday, April 20

- Remote classes following the bell schedule.
- Students without WiFi access will have the opportunity to make up assignments without penalty.

Wednesday, April 21

- Teacher Planning Day / **No school for WUHS students**

Thursday, April 22

- Group A attends school in-person / Group B independent remote learning

Friday, April 23

- Group B attends school in-person / Group A independent remote learning

Monday, April 26 - Friday, June 4

- WUHS follows the hybrid schedule as described above.

Safety protocols will continue at our high school and in all buildings: daily screenings; frequent hand washing/sanitizing; face masks unless there's a medical exemption on file; routine cleaning of high touchpoints and social distancing to the extent possible in each setting. Additional protocols may be found in the Extended COVID-19 Learning (ECOL) Plan.

The transition to the hybrid model was selected to ensure consistency for our students, staff, and students and to ensure a strong finish to the 2020-2021 school year. It provides combined in-person instruction and independent remote learning with the ability to provide greater physical distance in all spaces within the high school building. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns. Collectively, we are Wayland UNION Schools.

In partnership,



Dr. Christina Hinds, Superintendent