

ONLINE OPTION FOR STUDENT LEARNING

Frequently Asked Questions

Will this be the same as eLearning from last spring?

No. We are working hard to make sure the learning experience in the Wawasee Virtual School is much more robust and interactive. During the spring of 2020, we all had to shift in a moment's notice to completely virtual instruction. Now that we've had time to plan, our virtual offerings will better.

Will my child have interaction with a Wawasee teacher?

Yes. At the elementary level (K-5), children will be working directly with a grade-level teacher who is either teaching an exclusively virtual class, or has a blended section of in-person and virtual students (based upon numbers). That teacher will use a combination of live or recorded lessons and will be available to work with students, give video-based instruction, and answer questions. We are hoping to provide 6th grade instruction the same way delivered by 1 teacher.

At the secondary level (7-12) we will use a combination of APEX, Indiana Online, and possibly live virtual instruction happening in-building to facilitate student learning. Every student will be supported by a Remote Learning Support Team that consists of a school administrator, guidance counselor, online learning facilitator, and any teachers that may be involved. Each student will have an individualized plan for remote education developed and routinely evaluated. Additionally, there will be daily / weekly live homeroom times where students will attend for support from Wawasee staff.

Do I still need to register my child with WCSC if they are doing the Wawasee Virtual School?

Yes. All Wawasee Community School Corporation children need to be registered, in addition to being enrolled in the virtual school. Links can be found at the following:

Wawasee Community School Corporation Online Registration: Click HERE

Wawasee Virtual School Enrollment Form: Click HERE

When can I expect to hear something from the school regarding virtual school enrollment?

We are currently in the process of collecting names and information, in addition to putting together plans for the virtual school. You can expect to be contacted by Wawasee staff the week of August 3rd.

Why do I have to commit to enrollment for a trimester?

We have to allocate existing Wawasee teaching staff to teach / work with virtual school students. Because of this, we can't have students moving between in-building and virtual instruction.

What happens if in-building school closes for a period of time?

Our plan is that if school closes, students enrolled in the virtual school will continue working with the teachers they are working with, at least through the end of the trimester. At that point, we may re-evaluate, especially at the secondary level, if students would join other virtual classes in progress.

How much instruction will be taking place?

The Indiana Department of Education defines an instructional day as 5 hours for grades K-6, and 6 hours for grades 7-12, including students who are working in a online-only environment. Unlike last spring, there has not been any discussion of schools having waiver days this year, so our virtual school will follow the WCSC school calendar (click **HERE**). When we have an in-building instructional day, the virtual school will have a day of learning. There are 180 required days in the school calendar.

Will lessons be recorded, or do I have to watch them live?

Any virtual lesson that happens live will be recorded and made available on the student learning platform (Seesaw / Google Classroom). Teachers will use Google Meet as the primary platform to do live-meets with students. For our elementary students, most instruction will funnel through Seesaw. For our secondary students, most instruction will funnel through Google Classroom. Teachers will not be required to answer questions regarding instruction outside of the school day (throughout the evening, weekend, etc.), so if you have questions, they may not be answered until the next school day.