George Washington School
Reopening Quick Guide for September 2020

George Washington School will be offering a hybrid schedule that will consist of both an a.m. session and a p.m. session of in person learning and remote-virtual learning. Every other Wednesday, beginning on September 16, 2020, will be a virtual learning day for all students. A full remote program is also being offered. Please see additional information and guidelines for enrolling in the full remote program on our district website. (linked below)
Full Remote Learning Information/Application

School hours:

A.M. Session: 8:40 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
P.M. Session: 12:45 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Hybrid Model: (In person learning at GW/Remote Learning from Home)

In-person learning consists of 2 hours and 25 minutes.
(Time for each content area is flexible)
10 minutes: Morning Meeting
60 MInutes: Reading/Writing Workshop
30 Minutes: Word Study
45 Minutes: Math

Virtual/Independent Learning Daily will consist of 1 hour and 50 minutes.

40 minutes: Live Specials (Music, Art, Physical Education, Library/Media, and Spanish)
40 minutes: Asynchronous Learning for Science and Social Studies via slides, activities, and long-term projects
30 minutes: Independent Practice (Hard copies from school, RAZ Kids, Math Fact Monster, IXL)

Full Remote Learning:

A virtual homeroom teacher will be assigned to each child. Remote Learning will allow students to log into live Zoom online sessions facilitated by their teacher(s) daily. Students will also participate in independent learning activities to practice skills taught in the live sessions. In addition to whole group Zoom sessions, teachers will meet with small groups after the mini-lesson/main experience. When not working with the teacher in a live small group, students will have opportunities to ask questions and receive live support and feedback to support their independent learning. There will also be a virtual portion of the day that mirrors the hybrid model Virtual/Independent learning listed above.

Comparison of Full Remote and Hybrid Learners

Full Remote Learner

Every student is assigned a Virtual Homeroom Teacher and "In-school" Homeroom Teacher. The virtual teacher will be the student's instructor for core content: ELA, Math, Word Study. The "in-school" homeroom teacher will have a Google Classroom where the student can access links and content for specials classes, science, social studies and independent learning.

Live Virtual Core Instruction takes place via Zoom for half the day in either an AM/PM session.

During the session where the student is not receiving live instruction he or she should login to their school based homeroom's Google Classroom for links to live specials classes, social studies and science activities, and links to independent practice.

Hybrid Learner

Every student is assigned a homeroom teacher.

The student attends school for half day (AM or PM session) in person for core instruction in ELA, Math, Word Study.

During the session where the student is not receiving live instruction he or she should login to their homeroom Google Classroom for links to live specials classes, social studies and science activities, and links to independent practice.

Lunch/Snack:

- *Lunch will not be served in school to the general student population.*
- *Lunch will be provided for students participating in our self-contained program.*
- *All students will have the opportunity to purchase a "to go" lunch from the district.*
- *There will be no snack at this time due to the shortened day.*
- *Students will be able to have their own water bottle and have access to the water filling stations to fill their bottles, if needed.*
- *We encourage both hybrid and remote students to eat lunch and play outside during the 11:05 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. time period in between our in- person sessions.*

Student Arrival:

All students will report directly to their homeroom classroom upon arrival. We will not be congregating as a school in the all-purpose room at this time. Maks are required at all times.

Transportation by Bus

If your child is using bus service, please refer to the Transportation link on your portal, as it will have pick up and drop off information. During the first week of school please do not be alarmed if pick up and return times are a bit delayed. These delays are typical as drivers learn new bus routes and students become familiar with bus routines. If the bus is delayed, please remain at the bus stop until it arrives. Paraprofessionals will be riding the bus to ensure that safety protocols are followed and to assist students when necessary. Please make sure your child has his or her mask on before entering the school bus.

Arrival by Car

Line up your car along Fardale Avenue in front of George Washington School. Pull up to the curb and let your child out on the sidewalk in front of the school. A staff member will be outside the main entrance to greet your child and direct him/her to the assigned classroom. Please make sure your child is wearing a mask before he or she exits the car. Once your child safely exits the car pull away slowly and proceed down Fardale Avenue. Please do not make a U-turn on Fardale Avenue after dropping off your child as it increases danger for both cars and pedestrians

<u>Student Dismissal:</u>

All students will be called individually via intercom/walkie talkie to their dismissal location when their parent/guardian or bus arrives. Masks are required at all times.

Dismissal By Bus

Please see arrival information noted above. Each day staff members will escort your child safely to the correct bus at dismissal. Paraprofessionals will

be riding the bus to ensure that safety protocols are followed and to assist students when necessary.

Dismissal by Car

Print your child's name in large bold letters on a piece of paper and place it in the front window of your car. Line up your car along Fardale Avenue in front of George Washington School. As children are dismissed pull your car up to the furthest available spot on the pick-up line. Your child will be escorted to your car. Children will be dismissed individually from their homeroom classes to the car line upon your arrival, so dismissal will take longer than it typically would in a traditional school year. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work to make dismissal as safe as possible. *Please do not pull into or park in the designated bus parking areas or in the parking lot for the firehouse. If you wish to park and pick up your child, follow the hand to hand pick-up procedure below.

Hand to Hand Pick-Up

Hand to hand pick up requires that you park your car in the lot adjacent to the tennis courts on Chapel Road or in the lot off of Bartholf Lane and walk to your child's pick up location. A staff member will dismiss your child from the assigned doorway. For families with siblings pick up for all family members will be at the youngest child's dismissal location. All dismissal locations will be clearly identified with signage. Parents must wear masks and practice social distancing during pick up.

Kindergarten – Pick up from the exterior door to the student's classroom. (On side of school nearest to parking lot off of Bartholf Lane)

First Grade – Pick up from the exterior door by the playground. (Traditional pick up location)

Second Grade – Pick up from exterior doors at staff entrance. (Side of school with road access for emergency vehicles)

Third Grade – Pick up from sidewalk by stairs for our car pick up line. (Front of School) Please wait by designated cone.

Transportation:

All students are offered courtesy bus transportation to their assigned session (AM/PM). Individual routes only run once either in the morning or afternoon so any change in assigned session will result in forfeiture of bus privileges.

Visitors:

For the health and safety of our school community visitation to the school building will be limited during facilitation of our hybrid model.

No visitors will be permitted into the building without an appointment.

Visitors must wear masks at all times.

If student materials or belongings need to be dropped off at school, parents/guardians will be asked to place the item in a bin located in the security vestibule.

All IEP/I&RS/504 meetings will be conducted via Zoom.

All HSO meetings will be conducted remotely via Zoom.

A virtual Back-To-School Night is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 24th

Homeroom Assignments:

Each student will be assigned a homeroom class regardless of if he or she is participating in the hybrid program or full remote program. The homeroom

class that is assigned will be the student's homeroom if he or she should return to school during the facilitation of our hybrid program or if all students return to school for in person instruction.

Please know that our intent and hope is to keep all class assignments final; however, due to the unique circumstances and potential additional changes or adjustments to program, your child's homeroom teacher may change before the start of the school year. If a change occurs, you will be notified.

Student and Staff Safety:

Parents will be required to complete an attestation form each day confirming that their child is fever free and is not presenting any symptoms of COVID-19.
COVID-19 Symptoms (CDC)

All staff members will be required to have a temperature check before beginning their work day.

A designated quarantine area will be established for students who present symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day. The parent or guardian of the student will be contacted and required to pick up the student immediately.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 the school district will work in conjunction with the Mahwah Health Department to determine the necessary steps to maintain community health and safety. Contact tracing and notification to the school community will be aligned with guidance from the Mahwah Health Department and CDC. Responses to maintain community health and safety may include: increased monitoring of symptoms, self-quarantine, and in significant cases of community spread temporary closure of school.

Modified School Environment:

To maintain the health and safety of students and staff the following adjustments have been made to our school/classrooms:

Limited capacity to maintain social distancing to the maximum extent possible.

Students seated at individual desks at all grade levels. If asked to work at small tables, plexi-glass dividers will be used to separate staff and students.

Masks required for all staff members and students while in the school building.

Individual supply bins for each student to store desk supplies and personal belongings.

Windows opened when possible to increase circulation of fresh air throughout the classroom/building.

Thorough cleaning of classroom, classroom furniture, and supplies after each student session.

Increased signage in hallways, classrooms, and bathrooms with safety reminders and directions for proper health and safety precautions.

Floor decals to encourage social distancing and one way traffic in the hallways.

Childcare:

Childcare is being offered on premises by the Wyckoff YMCA. For information about childcare options offered by the YMCA please call 201-891-2081 extension 104.