

Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan Updated - March 2024

Instructional Services

Instructional Delivery & Exposure to Core Content

Williamston Community Schools will solely provide in-person instruction to our student population for the 2022-23 school year and onward.

Students will receive standards-aligned instruction in all core content areas and will also receive instruction in elective and/or ARC classes. Schedules also include opportunities for tiered support (MTSS) for academic and social-emotional needs.

All district curriculum is aligned with the State of Michigan Standards and is appropriately paced to support learning.

Assessment and Grading

Our district assessment system is based on the Michigan Standards. Daily formative assessment is a key component that supports feedback to learners and also guides and informs each teacher's instruction. District-developed and/or core program summative assessments are administered at the end of a period of learning such as at the completion of a unit of study. This allows us to monitor student learning, skill acquisition, and academic performance. Additionally, WCS consistently monitors student progress through assessments such as NWEA MAP and Aimsweb+.

Our grading system remains the same during periods of virtual instruction and in-person instruction. Progress reports are sent home to families at the end of each marking period. In addition, PowerSchool, emails, phone calls, and other communications are used to share information and to address celebrations, as well as concerns.

Health and Safety Protocols

Face Covering Protocols

Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors may wish to wear a face covering regardless of the current level of community transmission and are supported in doing so. The District will abide by all laws, lawfully executed orders, regulations, etc. pertaining to facial coverings.

Cleaning Protocols

The District will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and/or disinfection procedures within a classroom, school, or across the district will be implemented as needed based on local conditions. ESSER II funding was utilized to upgrade the District's HVAC systems to improve ventilation in school buildings.

Athletics

Williamston Community Schools aligns all athletic programs and protocols to the approved Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) guidelines.

COVID-19 Testing

Testing will not be required but test kits may be offered to families if provided by the State. Athletic testing will not be required unless mandated by the MHSAA or a local, state, or federal agency and/or a sanctioning body.

Health Screening & Student Illness

Parents/guardians are encouraged to conduct a daily wellness check to ensure students are well enough to attend school. Students should not be sent to school when they are ill. A child who has had a fever or is vomiting cannot return to school until they are healthy for 24 hours. Parents/guardians should follow medical professional and/or health department guidance regarding exclusion periods for communicable diseases.

Cohorting

Mixing of student groups will be permitted. The District may consider temporarily restricting mixing of student groups where feasible as deemed necessary based on the local conditions.

Food Services

Normal food service operations will occur. Additional health and safety protocols may be implemented as required by the Ingham County Health Department.

Hand Hygiene & Respiratory Etiquette

Proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are encouraged and expected. Supplies, including hand sanitizer, will be maintained in order to facilitate proper hand hygiene.

Isolation & Quarantine

The District will follow current mandates/orders from federal, state, or local health agencies. In the absence of health department orders, the District encourages parents/guardians to follow current medical professional and/or health department guidance regarding exclusion periods for communicable diseases.

Vaccinations

The District does not require staff or students to be vaccinated against COVID-19. OCHD, MDHHS, and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well as keep schools, extracurricular activities, and sports safely operational and in person.

Visitor and Volunteer Protocols

Visitor and volunteer protocols will revert to pre-pandemic policies as outlined in building handbooks.

Student Transportation

Visitor and volunteer protocols will revert to pre-pandemic policies as outlined in building handbooks.

Review of Weekly 2-Way Interaction

For the 2022-23 school year and onward, students are in person; therefore, there are no 2-way interactions necessary to document.