

Marshall County Schools

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During the regularly scheduled Marshall County Board of Education meeting Tuesday evening, plans for the upcoming school year were approved.

First, the amended calendar was authorized. County employees working on a 200 day contract will report to work on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 for three days of training as mandated by policy. The following five days will be used to prepare for the unique means of instruction that MCS will be providing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Friday, September 4, 2020 will serve as a final preparation day prior to the Labor Day weekend. Instruction will begin the day after Labor Day.

The revised calendar now includes "NT" days. These are non-traditional instructional days, for example: remote learning days. These are scheduled days when employees report to work while students work from home on their county-provided devices.

The county's goal is to have students in their school buildings five days per week, as there is no replacement for quality face-to-face instruction. The state of West Virginia is experiencing the lowest abuse and neglect referral rate in five years while in the midst of an opioid epidemic, mental health crisis and medical pandemic; children need to be in school as much as possible. However, with the uncertainties of COVID-19, the school district must be prepared for other options. Just as many other counties across the state, MCS has prepared a multi-tiered schedule. These levels allow smaller class sizes for physical distancing and additional days off for extensive cleaning. Each level will be implemented based on recommendations from the West Virginia Department of Education and Marshall County Health Department along with the Marshall County Schools administration and Board of Education.

MCS has adopted three school options from which parents can choose. The first is traditional schooling, which will coincide with whatever level the county is currently following. The second is a virtual option that has two different instructional platforms. The third choice is completely remote learning as implemented by Governor Jim Justice or the Marshall County Health Department. Announcing the options now gives parents six weeks to prepare for each of the scenarios and make a decision based on what meets their child's needs.

These levels have been developed with input from professional personnel, service personnel, administrators, parents and board of education members. County administrators have worked through many versions of these documents based on the feedback from virtual meetings, face-to-face meetings and surveys. The decisions made were based on the health and safety of more than 700 staff members and 4,300 students.

School officials will continue to work closely with the health professionals at the Marshall County Health Department to determine how students will return to school on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. A final decision will be made, based on the number of COVID-19 cases in the county at the time, and released to parents or guardians on Monday, August 17, 2020.

Feel free to email any administrator for clarification on the upcoming school year. Email addresses and additional information about the re-entry plan are available on the Marshall County Schools website at boes.mars.k12.wv.us.

Everyone's patience and support through this uncharted territory is greatly appreciated.

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2020-2021 Re-Entry Level Chart



	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
STUDENTS Pre-K - 12	All students: In-person learning 5 days a week. *Wednesday one hour delay.	All students: In-person learning M-T-Th-F, W-remote learning	All students: In-person learning 2 days, remote learning 3 days based on First letter of last name. M & T- Names beginning with A-K attend. Th & F- Names beginning with L-Z attend. W-remote learning for everyone.	All students: Remote Learning
TEACHING AND LEARNING	All students: regular class schedule	In-person: Regular class schedule Remote Learning: Microsoft Office 365 Platform - iPads	In-person: Regular class schedule Remote Learning: Microsoft Office 365 Platform – iPads	Remote: All instruction delivered through Microsoft Office 365 Platform – iPads
FACE COVERINGS	Follow current Governor Mandate	Follow current Governor Mandate	Follow current Governor Mandate	Follow current Governor Mandate
FACILITIES	Use will be in accordance with recommendations from local Health Department, WVDE, and WVSSAC.	Use will be limited in accordance with recommendations from local Health Department, WVDE, and WVSSAC.	Use will be limited in accordance with recommendations from local Health Department, WVDE, and WVSSAC.	Facilities closed for students and public.

Levels will be determined in conjunction with the Local Health Department and the WVDE.

If children live at the same address, but have different last names, the parent should contact the Principal to request that all children attend school on the same days in Level 3.

If face coverings are mandated by the governor for any grade level, all Marshall County students of school age will wear masks or face shields when physical distancing is not possible.

*According to the WVDE guidance, all Marshall County Employees are to report to work 5 days a week.

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School Options



Option 1: In-person Learning – (Pre-K – 12) Students attend classes in-person following the prescribed format based on the current level. See the Marshall County Level Chart **describing varying degrees of in-person learning that may be employed based on factors related to Covid-19.**

Option 2: Virtual Options

- A. Temporary Covid19 Distance Learning – (K-12)** Comprised of all on-line courses, monitored by a certified Marshall County teacher, but instruction is delivered, not by the teacher, but through an on-line program. Parent responsibility to communicate with the teacher weekly. Enrollment is for a nine-week basis.
- B. Marshall County Schools Virtual School – (6-12)** Comprised of all on-line courses, monitored by a teacher through WV Virtual School and WVDE. No involvement with the Marshall County Teacher. All instruction is delivered, not by the teacher, but through an on-line program provided by the State of WV. Enrollment is for a semester.

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Option 3: Homeschooling – All children in West Virginia 6-18 years of age are required to receive appropriate educational instruction. Home-based education offers parents an option to fulfill that obligation. Curriculum and monitoring is the responsibility of the parent. The student is withdrawn from MCS.

Remote Learning – This is not an option for parents. Remote learning is initiated by the Governor or in conjunction with our local Health Department and the WVDE. All in-person learning is suspended. Students remain enrolled in their schools and classes. Instruction is delivered by MCS teachers through the Microsoft Office 365 platform.