

## **August 2020 Wayne County Schools Staggered Opening**

Due to the ever-changing conditions surrounding COVID-19, Wayne County Schools has revised the schedule for the month of August through Sept. 4. Our priority is maintaining the safety of students and staff while providing a quality education. We have closely monitored local and statewide COVID-19 trends and are aware of the role that schools could potentially play in the spread of the virus. In order to follow CDC recommendations, all students will follow a staggered schedule for this time period. The schedule will be re-evaluated at the end of August using all available data and recommendations.

- Students will be divided into groups and will receive instruction in the building every third day. Students will be identified as group A, B, or C. The provided calendar will indicate when each group will attend the school building. We will schedule siblings to attend on the same day. The group schedules are as follows:
  - Group A--August 12, 17, 20, 25, 28, and Sept. 2
  - Group B--August 13, 18, 21, 26, 31, and Sept. 3
  - Group C--August 14, 19, 24, 27, Sept. 1, and 4
- Students will be provided with instructional activities and the opportunity for virtual learning the days that they are not physically at school.
- Students will have exposure to a fewer number of individuals and allow for social distancing (approximately 6-8 students per classroom).
- Students will receive more individualized instruction and intervention to master needed skills and standards. We will be addressing academic gaps resulting from the extended closure.
- This could possibly delay or prevent a schoolwide shutdown by limiting the number of students being exposed and exposing germs to each other.

### **Instructional Devices:**

Students will need an electronic device such as a Chromebook to connect with the classroom teacher. Teachers will be providing learning opportunities even when the student is not scheduled to attend at the school building.

**Transportation:**

In response to CDC guidance as pertaining to social distancing on school buses, Wayne County School Pupil Transportation will provide daily transportation to all students as defined in their **staggered schedule** as stated in this document.

**Attendance:**

During the Staggered Schedule as defined by the Wayne County School System, the following attendance definitions and procedures will be implemented;

1. **Absence:** A student will be considered absent when he/she does not check in with his or her teacher as determined by the teacher.
2. **Reporting Absences:** Absences shall be reported and records of absences kept in accordance with regulations adopted to implement this policy.
3. **Special Absences:** Special absences are not counted in the maximum absence rule. Students are granted special absences for the following reasons:
  - (a.) Religious instruction
  - (b.) Illness of pupil.
  - (c.) Serious illness in the immediate family [mother, father, step-parent, guardian, brother, sister, grandparents].
  - (d.) Death in the immediate family/funeral.
  - (e.) Attendance at a court or other judicial proceeding upon written verification by the court or hearing officer of the specific date and time.
4. **Excessive Absences:** If a student has not logged in during a class period or office hours, or if school officials have not been able to reach a student for three consecutive days, school officials will contact the parent/guardian and begin to create an individualized plan to ensure student success.

**Procedures for Reporting Absences**

- A. **Students with Internet Access:** If a student does not check in during the time determined by all stakeholders, teachers will attempt to make contact with the student. If no contact is made, the student will be marked absent until contact is established.

- B. **Students without Internet Access:** If a teacher is unable to make contact with the student by a telephone call as determined by stakeholders, the absence will be reported. At this point, school officials will begin to contact parents/guardians.

After 3 days of student inactivity, the teacher will notify the parent to communicate the concern of inactivity. The teacher will report the student's absences. If direct contact is not made, a return email or phone call from the parent is required within 24 hours to discuss absences.

After 5 days, if there is not a response from the parent and/or the student does not actively participate in the course, the teacher will again report the student as absent. The student's absence will be reported to the school attendance officer who will contact the parent with concerns.

After 10 days, if there is not a response from the parent, and/or the student does not actively participate in the course, the student will be placed on academic probation and/or filed truant with the Wayne County School System.

### **Food Service for Breakfast and Lunch during Staggered Schedule Dates**

Students will receive meals in the cafeteria on the days they are in school as during any traditional school day.

Students will receive meals on days they are not in school on the following basis.

**Free Lunch Status – Meals (Non-Perishable)** will be sent home with the students for the two days they are not scheduled to be in school unless the parent/guardian request that they not be sent home.

**Reduced Price Lunch Status – Meals (Non-Perishable)** will be sent home with the students for the two days they are not scheduled to be in school at the same cost to parent/guardian as the traditional rate unless the parent/guardian request that they not be sent home.

**Full Price Lunch Status – Parent/guardian** may opt to receive meals (Non-Perishable) for the two days they are not scheduled to be in school at the same cost to parent/guardian as the traditional rate if the parent/guardian request that they be sent home with the student.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities during Staggered Schedule Dates**

Individual schools will make a schedule for students to attend practices or related activities for each Extra-Curricular Activity. Consideration is given to social distancing and other requirements outlined in the re-opening plan.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Group A	13 Group B	14 Group C	15
16	17 Group A	18 Group B	19 Group C	20 Group A	21 Group B	22
23	24 Group C	25 Group A	26 Group B	27 Group C	28 Group A	29
30	31 Group B	Sep 1 Group C	Sep 2 Group A	Sep 3 Group B	Sep 4 Group C	Sep 5