



WATERLOO LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Guiding Principles

1. National, state, and local health officials make health decisions
 - *Plan is aligned to ODH Risk Levels and FCPH Guidance*
2. COVID-19 safety concerns take priority over educational issues
 - *Mitigating risk will maximize learning*
3. Equity and Access for all students
 - *Teacher directed learning for all options*
 - *Chromebooks for all Waterloo students*
 - *Social emotional balance and care*
4. Mindful of finances and resources
 - *Budget is a consideration in planning*
 - *Created in partnership with teachers and staff*

Learning Options for 2020-2021 School Year

ALL IN

All students at school with risk mitigation in place.
Takes place when Portage County is at Risk Level 1 or 2.

HYBRID

50% of students attend school on alternating days.
Takes place when Portage County is at Risk Level 3.

eLearning

All learning takes place online. Option for all parents at any risk level.
Takes place when Portage County is at Risk Level 4.

Learning Options for 2020-2021 School Year

Waterloo Local Schools will offer 3 options for school throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

For those who still may not feel safe with in-school options, **we are offering our students the opportunity to register as online students through our own program and still remain Waterloo students.**

This is at no extra cost to our students who may choose this path.

You will also receive our chrome books to assist our children at home.

Ohio COVID-19 Risk Levels

Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the Public			
LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Public Emergency Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.
LEVEL 1–4 REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL HEALTH ORDERS			
Over 60% of Ohioans are considered high-risk based on CDC guidance . High-risk individuals* are at an increased risk of severe illness and should take every precaution to guard against contracting COVID-19, including following higher risk level guidance outlined below. Consult a doctor about your risk.			

Risk Levels Aligned to Learning Options

LEVEL 1

ALL IN PLAN

All Students Every Day

LEVEL 2

ALL IN PLAN

All Students Every Day

LEVEL 3

HYBRID PLAN

Mon/Tues OR Thurs/Fri
(Remote learning on days
when not in school)

LEVEL 4

eLEARNING

All Students learn remotely

- The district or an individual building *may* be directed to close.
- If Ohio Department of Education develops “district specific” Risk Levels those *may* become triggers for changes.
- If teacher and staff COVID-19 absenteeism outpaces available substitutes, school *may* shift to eLearning.
- **A student may elect to participate in eLearning when the school is at any Risk Level but must remain in eLearning for one semester.**

Overview of Waterloo's Facial Covering Policy



- All teachers and staff will wear cloth face masks or face shields per the guidelines in the district Facial Covering Policy.
- **K-2 Students** - wear masks on buses, in hallways, and with specific mask breaks in classroom per teacher direction.
- **3-5 Students** - wear masks on buses, in hallways, and in classrooms with mask breaks scheduled when being outside is practical.
- **6-12 Students** - wear masks on buses and while inside all buildings.
- Health appeal process for face covering with district nurse
 - Process and forms available August 1st
 - Face shields and other measures to be approved and promoted through school website
 - District to work with health care professionals and Portage County Public Health



ALL IN OPTION

All students attend school in-person five days a week with risk mitigation in place. Takes place when Portage County is at Risk Level 1 or 2.

All In Option Details

3' Social Distancing with Mask, 6' Without Mask

- Parents assess student health before school
- Temperature at 100 degrees or higher, please do not attend school
- Face masks required per district policy
- Additional cleaning of surfaces
- Hand sanitizing
- No volunteers/ visitors
- No shared student supplies
- Special education services may be adjusted
- Two students per seat on the buses
- Lunchroom space expands to other areas; breakfast grab and go
- Limited locker visits
- One-way hallways when possible
- Attendance taken daily

A student has the option to select eLearning from home everyday under any Risk Level

HYBRID OPTION

50% of students attend school on alternating days. Allows ability to maintain 6' social distancing. Takes place when Portage County is at Risk Level 3.

- **Group A** attends school in person on Mondays and Tuesday.
- **Group B** attends school in person on Thursdays and Fridays.
- All students participate in eLearning when not attending school in person.

Hybrid Option Details

50% of students attend school on alternating days with 6' Social Distancing

- Parents assess student health before school
- Temperature at 100 degrees or higher, please do not attend school
- Face masks required per district policy
- Additional cleaning of surfaces
- Hand sanitizing
- No volunteers/ visitors
- No shared student supplies
- Special education services may be adjusted
- One student per seat on the buses
- Lunchroom space expands to other areas; breakfast grab and go
- Limited locker visits
- One-way hallways when possible
- No large student groups
- Attendance taken when in classroom
- Students participate in eLearning when they are not in school.

A student has the option to select eLearning from home everyday under any risk level



eLEARNING OPTION

All learning takes place remotely online. Takes place when Portage County is at Risk Level 4 or may be selected under any Risk Level.

eLearning Option Details

Students will learn remotely.

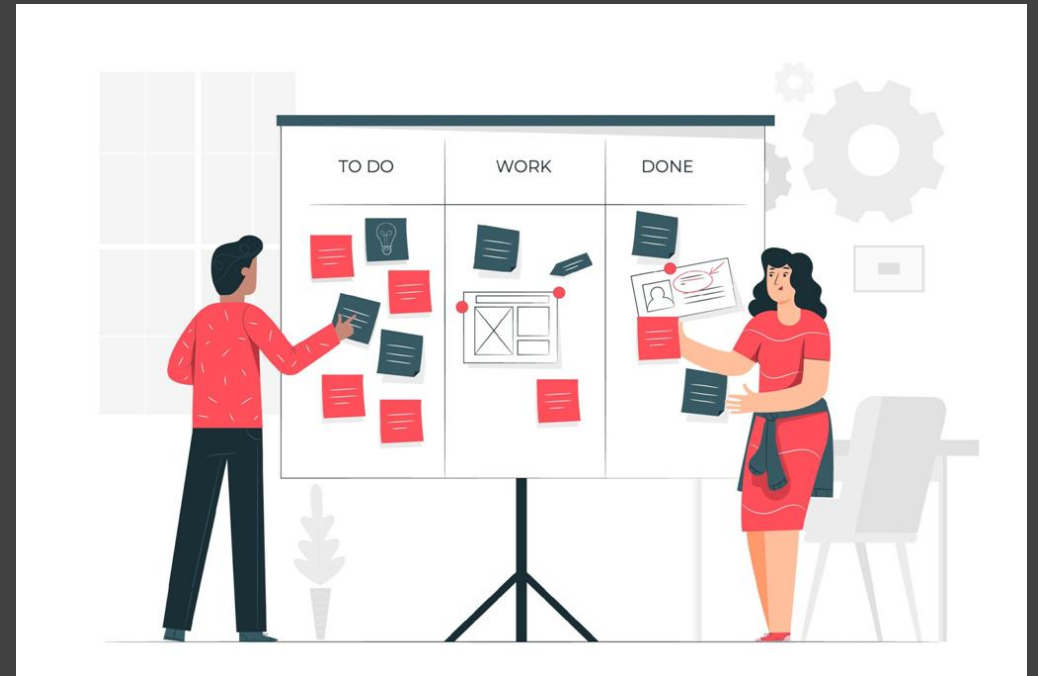
- All teachers will work with students through Google Classroom and a curriculum that provides continuity from grade to grade.
- Students will utilize Chromebooks provided by the Waterloo Local School District.
- Will apply learnings from last spring to ensure a positive experience for teachers and students.
- Breakfast / Lunch grab may be delivered to students
- No large group student events
- Special education services may be adjusted
- Attendance: Taken daily during Google Meet sessions

eLearning Registration – Coming Soon

- eLearning can be chosen as your child's educational platform under any Risk Level or will automatically become the entire Waterloo School District's learning platform if the county reaches Risk Level 4.
- If you have concerns about your child attending school in the fall, we are offering our on line eLearning program at no cost, register on our school website soon.
- If you sign up for eLearning for the year or semester instead of returning to school in the fall, remember the following:
 - *K – 12 has a minimum of a semester commitment*
 - *High school online courses offer students flexibility and choices surrounding when and how they learn*
 - *Elementary and middle school curriculum aligned by pace, scope, and sequence in classrooms.*
 - *Elementary students will need a parent or other responsible adult for daily support*
 - *Not all district courses are offered online*
 - *Special education services may be adjusted*
- Attendance Expectations:
 - *K – 5 Daily attendance*
 - *6 – 12 Based on progress with required periodic "check-in" with teachers*

Adapt and Adjust

As a reminder, plans are “at this moment”, and we will continue to re-evaluate based on evolving conditions, data about the status of the pandemic, and recommendations and guidance from public health authorities and the scientific community.





QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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