

Spring/Trimester 3 Reopening Fact Sheet

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On Tuesday, March 16, the Williamsburg Charter High School (“WCHS” or “School”) Board of Trustees voted to initiate a phased reopening plan of the School for Trimester 3, beginning on April 28.

Phase 1 will include **optional** in-person instruction on Wednesdays. If it is safe to do so, the school will initiate Phase 2 and Phase 3, which will add additional days of instruction incrementally. If it is not safe to do so, the school will remain in Phase 1.

Contextual Factors

- National studies confirm that remote learning is increasing the academic learning gap.
- The School has been predominantly remote for one year and WCHS wanted to provide additional support for all of our students, especially our students with special needs, English language learners, and at-risk students.
- The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) will be reopening high schools on March 22.
- Currently, there will be June Regents in core subjects.

Methodology

- Academic leadership considered space, student performance and staffing.
- Academic leadership surveyed students, parents, and staff re: comfort returning to school for Trimester 3.
- Leadership, Board members, and School Counsel discussed survey data, updated COVID data and information, and various factors affecting our community including academic and social emotional wellbeing.

Phase 1 Reopening

- WCHS will reopen for **optional** in-person instruction on Wednesdays beginning April 28, 2021.
- Parents do not have to send their child to school.
- **IMPORTANT:** Parents can **opt into or opt out of in-person instruction** for their students via the [Trimester 3 Selection Form](#) that was sent out to families on March 17. Families have until March 26 to complete the form.
- Families that choose to opt into the in-person program will receive in-person instruction on Wednesdays and remote instruction on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Families that choose to continue remote learning will receive remote learning on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- If you do not submit a [Trimester 3 Selection Form](#), your child will automatically be enrolled in the Remote only program.



Schedule

- The schedule for Trimester 3 will remain the same. The only difference is that some students will be receiving instruction *in-person* on Wednesdays.

Wednesday Sample In-Person Schedule

| Time | Mins | Wednesday |
|---------------|------|---|
| 7:55 - 8:00 | 5 | Arrival/ Advisory Question of the Day/Study Skills |
| 8:00 - 8:45 | 45 | |
| 8:45 - 9:30 | 45 | ELA |
| 9:30 - 10:15 | 45 | Math |
| 10:15 - 11:00 | 45 | Social Studies |
| 11:00 - 11:45 | 45 | Science |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | 45 | Dismissal/Lunch |
| 12:30 - 1:15 | 45 | Remote Student Independent Work Time |
| 1:15 - 3:00 | 105 | Remote Student Independent Work Time |

Student Sample Remote Schedule

| Time | Mins | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday* | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7:55-8:00 | 5 | Homeroom/Advisory Question of the Day | | | | |
| 8:00-9:35 | 95 | 1st Period | 5th Period (10th Advisory) | Asynchronous Remote Learning with Teacher Office Hours and/or In-Person Support Services* | 1st Period | 5th Period (10th Advisory) |
| 9:35-9:40 | 5 | Break | | | Break | |
| 9:40- 11:15 | 95 | 2nd Period | 6th Period (11th Advisory) | | 2nd Period | 6th Period (11th Advisory) |
| 11:15-11:45 | 30 | Lunch | | | Lunch | |
| 11:45-1:20 | 95 | 3rd Period | 7th Period (12th Advisory) | | 3rd Period | 7th Period (12th Advisory) |
| 1:20-1:25 | 5 | Break | | | Break | |
| 1:25-3:00 | 95 | 4th Period (9th Advisory) | 8th Period | | 4th Period (9th Advisory) | 8th Period |

*Note: Each block consists of 2 blocks of 45 minutes each with a five minute break between each block.



Safety Precautions

- WCHS will continue to follow all safety protocols outlined in the [WCHS COVID-19 Re-Entry and Operating Plan 2020-21](#) located on our website.
- WCHS will continue to use the EPA and CDC recommended MERV-13 air filters in all of our HVAC systems. Windows are able to be opened in all classrooms in use.
- WCHS will ensure that students are seated at a distance of six feet apart until we are provided different guidance from New York State. Based on varying classroom size, approximately 12-18 students may be in a standard classroom at any time. Social distancing markers will indicate where students are allowed to sit in order to maintain social distancing.
- WCHS will continue to screen [students](#) and [staff](#) using the Daily Screening Survey. Students and staff who respond “yes” to any question will not be allowed in the building.
- WCHS will require all students and staff to wear masks. **While not mandatory at this time, students and staff will be encouraged to double mask.** Masks will also be available on-site for staff or students who forget, lose, or damage their face covering.
- WCHS will continue to encourage students and staff to wash hands frequently. Students and staff will have access to multiple hand sanitizers around the building and in every classroom.
- WCHS will not allow any guests onto the site unless it is an emergency.
- WCHS is not mandating testing and does not currently have the resources to provide COVID testing on site; however, WCHS will continue to encourage all members of our community to get tested frequently. If COVID testing resources become available, WCHS would like to pursue this option.

Lunch and Meal Distribution

- On Wednesdays, in-person students will receive Grab ‘n Go breakfast (includes a bread such as cereal, a fruit, and milk) as they arrive during morning arrival from 7:55-8:45am. Students will also be able to pick up a Grab ‘n Go lunch (includes a main, such as sandwich, with a cold vegetable, milk and fruit) as they exit the building at dismissal from 11:45am-12:30pm. Menus will be posted on the [OSFNS website](#).
- During Phase 2 and 3, in-person students will receive dedicated time to eat lunch in the classroom while seated 6 feet apart at their desks. Lunch will not be served in the cafeteria.
- Students who select Remote learning can pick up meals from designated DOE sites. The link for where to pick up take out meals during remote learning is below:
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/school-meals>.

MetroCards

- MetroCards will be provided for students receiving in-person instruction.
- Students learning remotely will NOT receive MetroCards.

Uniforms

- Students who receive in-person instruction will be required to wear their uniforms.
- Students will be permitted to wear additional layers of clothing in order to stay warm due to the windows being open in classrooms.

Technology

- If you are in need of a school device, please complete our [technology request form](#). Laptop and/or wifi device pickup is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am-2pm when school is in session. Students should bring WCHS ID, wear proper face covering, stay 6 feet apart, take the Daily Symptom Screening and only come in if they answer “No” to all the questions.

Extracurricular Activities, Sports, and Field Trips

- WCHS extracurricular activities will continue to be remote during T3. WCHS will **not** be participating in in-person sports, clubs, or field trips at this time.
- While the PSAL and the CSAA will be hosting low risk sports, WCHS has opted not to participate in league play at this time and will be focusing on preparing our athletes and teams for the fall.

Questions and Concerns

- If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to covidconcerns@thewcs.org or your child’s Academy Leader.

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