Reopening Our Schools: Elementary Scheduling

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Guiding Principles in Schedule Development

- Provide ample time for high quality instruction with an emphasis on literacy and mathematics.
- Emphasize schedule to provide consistent contact between children and teachers.
- Create schedules that can transition from hybrid to fully remote learning.
- Maximize instructional time through consistent blocks.
- Emphasize safety and health.

Preparation through:

- National and State Guidance
- Westport Weston Health Department
- School Reopening Committee, working with Central Office and other administrators
- Family and Faculty Surveys and Input
- BOE and Steering Committee

Stepping Stones Preschool

Operating full program

- Class sizes less than 14
- Prioritizing on-site learning

Mitigation Strategies

- Consistent with WPS guidelines
- Cohorting to the extent possible
- Masks

Fully Remote Learning

- Blended synchronous/asynchronous learning
- Individualized

Change in K-5 Hybrid Schedule

- Morning and afternoon schedules of attendance in school.
- In-person emphasis on literacy and mathematics.
- Daily intervention block for special education and response to intervention services.
- Block schedule to ensure consistency across schools.
- Live online specials while students are home.

Distance Learning Activites

- Students will experience one live 30 minute special per day via Zoom.
- P.E. Art, Music, and Spanish will occur once per week. On Wednesdays, each grade level will have a second special.
- Small group instrumental lessons & ensemble (gr. 4 and 5) will be provided virtually.
- At home learning activities will be assigned for literacy and mathematics. Activities fall into two buckets:
 - Preview & Explore activities to prepare for in-person instruction
 - Reflect & Practice activities to reinforce in-person instruction.

Full In-Person

Sample Schedule: Grade 1

Period	First	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
А	9:00-9:15	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting 9:00-9:15	
В	9:20-10:00	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing 9:20-9:50	
С	10:10-10:50	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading 9:55-10:25	
D	11:00-11:40	Lunch	Lunch 10:55-11:25/ Recess 11:30-11:45 (Zone B)				
E	11:50-12:30	Live Special	Live Special	Live Special	Live Special	Intervention 11:30-12:00	
_	11.00 12.00	Live opedial	Live openial	Live openial	Live Special	Live Special 12:05-12:35	
F	12:40-1:20	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Math 12:40-1:10	
G	1:30-2:10	Math	Math	Math	Math	Closing Circle 1:15-1:30	
Н	2:20-3:00	Sm.Grp.	Sm.Grp. 2:15-2:35 pm/ Recess 2:45-3:00 pm (Zone A)				
I	3:10-3:40	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle		

Hybrid Model

Sample Schedule: Grade 1, Cohort A and B, Week 1

First Grade (A-K)							
Morning Cohort	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
9:00-9:15	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting		
9:15-10:30	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy		
10:30-11:15	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math		
11:15-11:45	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention		

First Grade (L-Z)

Afternoon Cohort	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1:00-1:15	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
1:15-2:30	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
2:30-3:15	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
3:15-3:45	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention

Hybrid Model

Sample Schedule: Grade 1, Cohort A and B, Week 2

First Grade (A-K)							
Morning Cohort	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
9:00-9:15	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting		Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting		
9:15-10:30	Literacy	Literacy		Literacy	Literacy		
10:30-11:15	Math	Math		Math	Math		
11:15-11:45	Intervention	Intervention		Intervention	Intervention		

First Grade (L-Z)

Afternoon Cohort	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1:00-1:15	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting		Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
1:15-2:30	Literacy	Literacy		Literacy	Literacy
2:30-3:15	Math	Math		Math	Math
3:15-3:45	Intervention	Intervention		Intervention	Intervention

Fully Remote Learning

Special Area Teachers

Sample Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K	PE	Spanish	Art	Music	Art
First Grade	Art	Music	Art	Spanish	PE
Second Grade	Art	Music	Music	PE	Spanish
Third Grade	Music	Art	Music	PE	Spanish
Fourth Grade	Spanish	PE	Spanish	Art	Music
Fifth Grade	PE	Spanish	PE	Art	Music

Temporary Support Distance Learning

- A distance learning model will be provided for students whose parents choose not to send them to in-person class.
- The distance learning model will be identical to the hybrid schedule.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to opt in or out of this model on a trimester basis. This will ensure better consistency of instruction for their children.
- Online classes for each grade will be formed at the district level.
- Additional teachers may be required to support this model.