West Geauga High School
2020-2021 School Opening
Frequently Asked Questions

What are the district and high school’s reopening plans?
Throughout the summer, teachers, parents, administrators, and community members contributed to the district’s reopening plan. Safety concerns and specific procedures are addressed in the finalized document. The district plan is found here. The high school plan is found here.

What learning options do students and families have for the 2020-2021 school year?
The district plan provided two options for students to attend school. Students can either attend school remotely (virtually/online) or traditionally (in-building). A survey was sent home via email in July. If the remote option is selected, students will be asked to remain online for the first semester of the school year. Please complete the survey if you have not done so already. Students will be placed in the traditional class setting for families that do not respond to the survey. The survey link can be found here.

When is the first day of school?
The first day of school is August 18, 2020. All students will attend school remotely until September 8, 2020. On September 8th, those students who have elected to attend classes in the building will start their classes at West Geauga High School. Those students who elected to take high school classes remotely will continue meeting with their teachers online.

What schedule will students follow once school opens?
West Geauga High School has a new bell schedule this year. All students, regardless of remote or in-person setting, will follow the bell schedule beginning August 18, 2020. All students are expected to report to classes on time. Daily attendance will be taken for both the remote and traditional students.
# 2020 - 2021 West Geauga High School Bell Schedule

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**When will student schedules be available?**
We are in the process of finalizing schedules. Schedules will be available to all students on Infinite Campus during the week of August 10, 2020.
What will schedules look like?
Please click a sample schedule below to view what a West Geauga High School student’s day will look like.

Traditional Student

Online Student

How do students and parents access Infinite Campus?
You can access Infinite Campus by going to www.westg.org, clicking the Parents tab, clicking on Infinite Campus, then choosing either Campus Parent or Campus Student.

For Students: Your username is your student ID number. If you have never accessed your Campus Student account, the password will be first and last initial (lower case), then your birthday in MMDDYY format (no spaces). If you don’t know your student ID number, please call the high school at (440) 729-5950.

For Parents: For any new parent of the district, you should be receiving a letter in the near future containing an activation key to set up your Campus Parent account. If you do not receive this letter by August 14th, please contact Lisa Porter at lisa.porter@westg.org to request your key.

When will lunch be served?
Boxed lunches will be available for students at 1:25 P.M. Students will take these lunches with them as they head out the door or sit and eat in the cafeteria. A snack break is built into the schedule during 5th period. Students should bring something to eat and drink during this break. Students are encouraged to bring water to school. The high school has two bottle refill stations that can be used throughout the day. Drinking fountains will be closed.

Will transportation be available to all students?
Transportation will be available to all students living in the West Geauga District. This now includes Newbury residents. Bus schedules will be mailed to WG students prior to the opening of the school year. Students will be able to ride buses home when they are dismissed at 1:24 P.M. Due to current circumstances, bus change notices will not be honored.

Can students drive to school?
Yes, students holding a valid driver’s license are permitted to drive to school with a school parking permit. Students driving to school are required to arrive on the school property without passengers that are not members of their family. Families needing special accommodations regarding this requirement are to contact the school’s assistant principal, Mr. Krippel, at 440-729-5945. Additional information and permit applications are available here.
How will students receive books and class supplies?
A schedule is being developed for families to come to West Geauga High School to pick up Chromebooks, textbooks, and any supplies needed to start the year. This will run similar to the book drop off that was held at the beginning of the summer. More details will be sent home after these plans are fully developed.

Will students receive lockers this year?
Yes, all students will be assigned lockers this year; however, lockers will not have to be used as frequently. When students receive their books and school supplies, they will receive the items in a West Geauga clear bookbag. These book bags will be able to be brought to class.

I am a remote (online) student. Are all West Geauga classes available to me?
Yes, all classes we offer are available to both online and in-building students. West Geauga teachers will instruct all remote and in-building students. Many courses in English, social studies, science, and math have been created to solely instruct online learning students. Students enrolled in advanced classes that do not solely have an online section will be able to join in-building classes remotely.

I am a remote (online) student. How will I access my classes?
All students have a West Geauga Google account. Teachers use Google Classroom to communicate, post assignments, lessons, and other relevant class information. Teachers will use Zoom as a video conferencing tool.

How do I log in to my West Geauga Google account?
Navigate to Google.com. Click the sign-in at the top of the Google page and enter the information below.

  **Username** – Two-Digit Graduation Year.Firstname.Lastname@westg.org (ie; 14.joe.smith@westg.org)
  **Password** - WG plus 6 digit student ID (ex. WG123456)
I am an Excel TECC student. Will the schedules align?
We were recently notified that Excel TECC will be all online for the first nine weeks. Their schedule and our new bell schedule present challenges that we are working to overcome. Of course, accommodations will be made in situations to allow students to get to and come from their programs. These accommodations include hand scheduling classes that permit students to arrive at and get from Excel Tecc without missing class.

I am a CCP student. Will the schedules align.
We do not control scheduling at Lakeland or other CCP programs. Please speak to your school counselor if you are having trouble scheduling your WG classes around your CCP courses.

Will West Geauga High School host a new student orientation?
In-person orientation is not possible this year. Instead, a video is being created to welcome all new students and ninth graders to West Geauga High School. The video will also include relevant information for all new high school students. The video will be shared prior to the first day of school. After school opens and before September 8th, we will hold a couple of evening sessions where students new to the high school will be able to walk through their class schedule and locate their lockers.

Are students required to wear a mask to school?
Yes, masks are required on school transportation and in the school buildings. This policy has been adopted by the school board and will be strictly enforced. Families need to contact the school nurse should medical needs necessitate alternative protective equipment.

What Forms are required for the beginning of the school year?
This year it is more important than ever that your student’s online forms are completed as soon as possible. West Geauga Schools uses OneView to collect this data. If you do not already have an account set up, we are requesting that you take a moment to visit the OneView portal at https://westgeauga.esvportal.com and create your own account as soon as possible. If you have used OneView before, there is no need to create a new account. Your previous account information is still active. Please complete your student’s online forms no later than August 18, 2020.

Instructions for Creating an Account in Oneview:

1) Go to https://westgeauga.esvportal.com, which can also be found on each building’s website.

2) Click on the “Create a new account” button

3) Fill in the personal information

4) Create your own
-Username and Password

-Security question/answer

-Pin Code (Please create a username & password that you will be able to easily remember for ongoing use. For example, use the same username and password that you already use to check your student's grades in Parent Access)

5) Next: You will “link a student to your account”.

6) You will need to use your student's Student Number(s), after filling in the Student Last Name, Grade Level and DOB. Click Attach. (Please note the Grade Level will be the current/upcoming grade level of the student for the new school year).

If you have questions or need assistance completing forms, please contact Theresa Poelking at 440-729-5958 or Tracy Suba at 440-729-5950. Further directions with screenshots are available at the high school's website under the "West Geauga Online Forms" link or by clicking this link: https://westgeauga.esvportal.com/

Where will my student go after school if they will be participating in an extracurricular activity that doesn’t start until later?
Students will go home after school and join practices per your coach’s schedule. Band students will eat lunch at the school and practice at 2:00 P.M. Mr. Branch and Mrs. DeSapri will provide more information for our band students regarding lunch and practice procedures.

I am a remote (online) student. Can I still participate in athletics?
Yes, all students taking classes online are able to participate in the school’s extracurricular activities.

How can I be kept up to date regarding any changes to these plans?
Please check your email and our school’s website for all of the latest school information. Our district's main page hosts links to important information from Dr. Markwardt and building principals. Mr. Bishop is available to answer any questions via email at 440-729-5955 or at Jay.Bishop@WestG.org. Here is a list of additional school contacts.

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