

Dear Whiteside Families,

Next week Monday will begin Phase 3 which will transition grades Pre K - 1st and 5th and 6th grades back to the elementary and middle schools. I wanted to provide you some reminders to help with this transition. While students in these grades enter the district's hybrid model which includes live streams each day for A/B groups and full remote students. All other grade levels, 2nd-4th and 7th-8th, will stay on their remote schedule until they are scheduled to return in Phase 4. If you have not had an opportunity to review our return to learn items, please visit www.wssd115.org for further information.

Below is a bulleted list of items that you will need to either complete or come prepared for on Monday if you are attending on October 5.

- Hybrid students with the last name A-K attend Monday and Wednesday.
- Hybrid students with the last name L-Z attend on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Both Hybrid A/B along with Full Remote students stream every day on the assigned schedule.
- Hybrid attendance times 8:00 - 12:45 (ES) and 8:00 - 12:30 (MS).
- Students riding a bus are expected to social distance.
- All students must wear a mask unless waived through a medical provider.
- Students not following social distancing or mask rules will be asked to return to Full Remote.
- Self-Certification forms are due when students arrive on their 1st day of attendance.
- Elementary and Middle School schedules will be sent out via the principal or teacher.
- Students may only bring school-issued Chromebooks to in-person learning.
- Any student displaying COVID symptoms will be sent home and can only return with a Doctors note.

Our next transition, Phase 4, is set for Tuesday, October 13, due to the Columbus Day Holiday. Please review the A/B hybrid attendance calendar on our website found in the area labeled Return to Learn. During this week all students PreK - 8th will have the opportunity to return to school unless they are choosing to stay full remote. Remember, your student's cooperation is imperative to make our plans work and allow for a return to in-person learning. Whiteside School District is committed to review and adjust our in-person learning plans to continue to increase instruction time and provide additional in-person learning opportunities as we transition into the second quarter.

Respectfully,
Mark Heuring