



#Washougal *Rising*

2020-21

REOPENING GUIDE



Keeping our students, staff and community safe during this time is our top priority. We're committed to partnering with you to provide a flexible framework of learning options so that all students have access to an education model that works for them this fall. Together, we will ensure that every Washougal student will continue to be known, nurtured, and challenged to rise this year!

OPTION 1

Enroll at your regular school

To prepare for a number of possible school reopening scenarios, we've developed three main learning models for students depending on their unique learning needs. As COVID-19 remains an evolving situation, WSD will be continuously evaluating conditions of the virus over the coming months. We are prepared to quickly transition between learning models if and when needed, and we will communicate with families about any changes between learning models.

Most families will choose to stay enrolled in their neighborhood school.

impactED REMOTE LEARNING

Due to high COVID-19 activity levels, our school year will begin with our **impactED** remote learning program. Students will be expected to engage with their teacher and peers on a regular basis, actively participate in virtual classes and submit assigned work for grading.

- Available for grades K-12
- Online daily lessons, activities and classes
- Office hours for students/parents and their teachers
- Project-based learning opportunities



BLENDED MODEL (REMOTE & IN-PERSON)

Under a blended learning model, WSD students will split their learning time between remote and in-person learning. This may look different depending on what grade level your child is in, as health guidance allows.

- Combination of in-person and remote learning
- Half of students will learn in person two days per week while the other half learns at home in teacher-directed distance learning; then, the two groups of students will switch
- Learning to use digital platforms to complete school work
- Standardized communication and distance learning platforms
- Full-time online option available for families who prefer distance learning

MODIFIED IN-PERSON LEARNING

When it's safe for us to begin welcoming our students back to school for in-person learning, things will still look a little different. To help ensure the health and safety of all students, staff and family members, additional safety protocols will be followed by all students and staff, including:

- Daily wellness checks
- Required frequent hand washing
- Social distancing among all students and staff
- Staff and students will be required to wear facial coverings
- Increased cleaning and sanitizing procedures
- Formation of student cohorts to minimize contact with others



As safety allows, students with special needs and those who may need additional academic and/or social/emotional support may have the option to attend limited in-person learning opportunities. For more information on these opportunities, visit: www.washougal.k12.wa.us/impactED

OPTION 2

*Enroll in our new
WLA program*



**WASHOUGAL
LEARNING**
Academy

WLA is designed for families who need flexibility.

WSD will also offer a program this fall called Washougal Learning Academy (WLA). This program will support K-12 students who want to take classes primarily online and prefer to mostly complete their learning independently, with weekly teacher check-ins and development of an individualized student learning plan.

Students enrolled in WLA will be provided with an internet-capable device and materials for activities will be delivered to their home regularly. They will also have consulting and academic support, as well as periodic class meetings and opportunities to engage with their peers. Learning modules for all subject areas will be included.

BENEFITS

- Students take courses online at their own pace
- Suggested daily schedules with flexibility
- Clear objectives to keep your child making academic progress
- Project-based lessons that teach concepts in English, math and science; combined with art, PE and music!
- Curriculum from the nationally recognized Edmentum and Calvert programs
- One hour per week of dedicated time with a certified teacher

WHO SHOULD SIGN UP

- Families who want more flexibility in how they structure their school day
- Families with high-risk members at home who are concerned about their children being exposed to the general population
- Students who prefer to work at their own pace
- High school students who may have other life commitments, such as work or childcare
- High school students who may need to complete additional coursework to meet graduation standards

2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR FAQ

Why shouldn't I just homeschool?

Consider signing up for our Washougal Learning Academy instead—it offers the best of both worlds! The WLA program features dedicated time from a Washougal teacher to design a program that works for you and your child, and you will be keeping your student on-track with their peers for when we return to in-person learning.

Will the district still be delivering materials and paper packets?

Yes, the district will utilize a similar model to deliver materials and learning packets to families who prefer those options to digital offerings.

When will students return to in-person learning?

District leadership will continue monitoring health data and consulting with local health officials to make a decision on when we might be able to switch from impactED to our hybrid or in-person models.

How do I sign up?

Your child's school will contact you to see which option works best for you and your child. Once you're signed up, we will work on connecting you with your teacher, tech devices and learning materials.

What if I do not have a device?

Your child's school will announce a plan to deliver a device to you, or an opportunity to pick it up with social distancing and safety measures in place.

If I'm already registered and choosing option 1, do I need to do anything?

No, your school will provide more information in a couple weeks on the plan for the first week of school.

Find more answers at
[www.washougal.k12.wa.us/
impactED](http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us/impactED)



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IMPROVEMENTS TO REMOTE LEARNING

We've worked hard over the summer to be able to offer our families a highly improved version of the online learning model they experienced last spring, and we've included some options for those students who may not be able to fully participate in online learning. Based on feedback from families, students, teachers and building administrators, we're offering a distance learning model that includes enhancements in the following areas:

TRAINING & SUPPORT

- **Workshops** for parents and guardians to learn different ways to keep your students engaged while learning remotely
- **Dedicated help hotline** for families needing assistance with remote learning issues
- **Paid professional development** for teachers to learn best practices for implementing effective remote instruction practices

INSTRUCTION

- **Virtual tutoring** centers and drop-in times for student support
- **Focus on essential learning:** teachers will work together to identify the most important concepts and standards to ensure they are prioritized
- **Greater accountability,** including daily attendance, set learning schedules and assessments
- **Limited in-person** instruction for students whose learning needs require this support

TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION

- **Teacher outreach:** teachers will check in with students and families on an agreed-upon schedule to keep communication consistent throughout the semester
- **Teacher-family communication:** Streamlined communications for families and teachers to easily reach each other through ParentSquare and an online hub for impactED remote learning information
- **Internet access:** portable internet "hot spots" distributed to students who don't have a reliable internet connection at home
- **Technology helpdesk:** live phone and email support for troubleshooting problems with district platforms and devices



**Ready to enroll?
Have more questions?**
Visit www.washougal.k12.wa.us/impactED
or contact your child's school in mid-August
for more details about how our new programs
will work, and to sign up.