



Wrightson Ridge School
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Dear Wrightson Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and well as we complete the third week of the new school year in the remote learning format. I am grateful for everyone's efforts as our teachers, support staff, parents, and administrators work together to support our students' success in this nontraditional teaching and learning environment. We are all eager for the day when the health metrics for Pima County improve in order to allow us to transition to hybrid instruction. Dr. Valenzuela, SUSD Superintendent, will announce when this can begin and provide one to two weeks of notice in advance. We anticipate opening the hybrid model with **Kindergarten - 5th grade first**. Our middle school students are scheduled to begin hybrid learning shortly after K-5th grade begins. There will be more information forthcoming regarding the exact start date for middle school students.

Hybrid learning is a blended learning approach where students come to school in-person (synchronous learning) for two days out of the week and work from home with online learning (asynchronous learning) for three days of the week. Hybrid learning allows for reduced student numbers in the classroom at one time which, in turn, assists with appropriate social distancing. When students work from home, they are expected to continue working on assigned work. Attendance will continue to be taken each day as well.

The entire district will be assigning students to in-person learning days by their last name. If there are several last names living within a family unit, we will ensure that the students receive the same hybrid schedule. There may be other small adjustments to the assigned days in order to balance classrooms. If there is a need for this, your child's teacher will reach out to you. Otherwise, you will be asked to remain with your assigned grouping.

Your child will need to report to school on the assigned days below:

All students with last names that start with: **A-L**= Report to WRS on Monday and Tuesday
Work from home on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

All Students with last names that start with: **M-Z**= Report to WRS on Thursday and Friday
Work from home on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

School buses will be running at their designated times each day. Gates will open at 6:50a.m. with the tardy bell ringing at 7:20a.m. Dismissal will be staggered with Kindergarten - 2nd grade dismissed at 1:55p.m., 3rd - 5th grade dismissed at 2:00p.m. and 6th-8th grade dismissed at 2:05p.m. Buses will pull out of the school by 2:10p.m. each day.

Please note some of the new systems we will have in place:

Hybrid Schedule:

- Families with last names in both the A-L and M-Z sections of the alphabet will be kept together on the same schedule. Please email Mrs. Latasha Pannell, WRS Registrar at lpannell@sahuarita.net if this applies to you and please let her know which schedule all of your children will attend. Please also email the other SUSD schools that your children attend in order for us to keep families together.
- Students in the WRS Extended Resources program are asked to attend WRS on Mondays and Tuesdays. They will engage in remote learning from home Wednesday through Friday.





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- Since all students are engaged in remote learning at home on Wednesdays, on this day our professional custodial and facilities team will be deep cleaning throughout the campus, which will be in addition to the daily cleaning and disinfecting that will take place.

Health Office and Conference Room:

- The health office will be utilized as an isolation area for any student or staff member that exhibits COVID-19 symptoms and needs to be assessed and possibly sent home.
- The student cot area in the health office has been built out with drywall for isolation.
- The conference room will be the secondary location that the health assistant will utilize for other student health-related needs, such as tending to injuries.
- Minor student health issues, such as band-aids for minor cuts and scrapes, will be handled by the classroom teacher using supplies provided by the health assistant.
- If a student requests to be seen by the health assistant, the teacher will call the health office. The health assistant will provide direction or assess the student outside the classroom for privacy.
- If a student receives medication at school, the health assistant will either go to the classroom to administer the medication outside the classroom for privacy or call the student to the office.

Classrooms and Indoor Common Areas:

- Desks/tables will be separated to the greatest extent possible and faced forward for social distancing.
- Student desks and workspaces will be sprayed with disinfectant at the end of each period.
- Fabric furniture will be removed due to its inability to be deep-cleaned daily.
- Buses will run on their regular schedule, and your child's bus route and bus stop information can be found online at: <https://susd30.us/families/school-related/transportation/>
- Bus seating will be spaced out when possible, and windows can be partially opened to provide for air circulation. Parents are welcome to provide their own transportation as well.
- Students will be requested to enter bathrooms in groups no larger than the number of stalls/urinals.
- Library books will sit on a cart for three days before being checked in and re-shelved.
- Students will wipe down their computer lab keyboard or Chromebook after use.
- The P.E. teachers will set up a schedule for use of the gym areas and outside in order to social distance. Equipment and locker room benches will be disinfected after each use. Students will not share lockers. Dressing out for P.E. will be optional this year. Students who wish to dress out will be socially distanced at assigned lockers to the greatest extent possible and staggered in locker room access. If students opt to not dress out, they are asked to wear appropriate attire to school for physical activity and athletic shoes.

Arrival, Dismissal, and Mealtimes:

- The cafeteria will be open at breakfast for students who wish to purchase breakfast, and they may eat in the cafeteria. Students not eating breakfast will report straight to class.
- Tables in the cafeteria will be separated for social distancing. In the cafeteria, students will sit facing one direction and will be spaced out at the tables.
- Students are asked to go directly to the parent pick-up loop or to their bus and to follow social distancing norms while leaving school. Parents are asked to stay in their vehicles during drop-off and pick-up.





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Systems:

- There will be no assemblies, pep rallies, dances, concerts, or programs where large groups would gather.
 - Students' class schedules are available on PowerSchool.
 - All awards assembly recognition will be digitally created and watched in the classroom as well as sent out via social media. There will not be attendance awards.
 - Virtual field trips may be planned in lieu of in-person field trips.
 - Parent-teacher conferences, 504 meetings, IEP meetings, PTO meetings, Site Council meetings, and other parent meetings will take place over the phone or via video conferencing.
- Some classes, such as science labs, Choir, Band, P.E., Art, and others, may require adjustments or alternative lesson plans to socially distance and limit the sharing of supplies and the spread of respiratory droplets.
- Masks will be required for all staff, students, and essential visitors while on campus. Masks may be removed while seated when eating breakfast and lunch. Exceptions for mask-wearing will be granted based on Pima County exceptions criteria. Students are responsible for bringing their own masks.
- Staff will have their temperature checked using touchless thermometers upon arriving to campus and will be sent home if their temperature is greater than 100.0 degrees after a rest/cooling off period and having it taken again or if they have symptoms of illness.
- Each morning parents are asked to take their child's temperature and assess their child for signs of illness. Parents are asked to keep their child home if they have any of the following: a temperature of 100.0 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea, or two or more moderate symptoms or one severe symptom of illness (chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue/tiredness, or new loss of taste or smell). Students should also be kept home if anyone in their household is experiencing COVID-like illness with the above-mentioned symptoms.
- Staff members at the gates will monitor students for visible or reported signs of illness upon arrival to school. Staff members may request to have the student's temperature checked as needed. If a student presents as ill, the student will be taken to the health office for assessment by the health assistant, and parents will be notified.
- Parents are asked to please follow the social distancing guidelines when visiting our school office. We ask that only 2 visitors at a time occupy the office space.
- Parents are asked to please utilize online services whenever possible (uploading all documents for new student registration, emailing forms and absence reporting, paying class and athletic fees online, putting lunch money on your child's student ID card online, etc.)
- All essential visitors to the office will be asked to make an appointment, which is the current norm, and to wear a mask upon entering campus.
- There will be no volunteers on campus until further notice.
- Students are asked to leave at home items that are not necessary for school.
- Staff will maintain six feet of social distancing between individuals unless this is not physically possible or if less space is required for a student's safety.
- Classroom supplies will not be shared. If a school supply or piece of equipment must be shared by students (for instance, a pencil sharpener or textbook), a staff member or a student will wipe down the item with disinfectant after each use.
- Posters are visible throughout the campus on how to properly wash hands and use hygiene practices that limit the spread of germs.





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- All students and staff are asked to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol at the following times:
 - Upon arrival at school (use hand sanitizer if there is no sink in the classroom),
 - After being outside for physical activity,
 - Before and after eating,
 - Prior to leaving school for home, and
 - After sneezing, coughing, or blowing one's nose.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be set up in high-traffic areas, and hand sanitizer bottles will be used in classrooms and offices.
- Students are asked to bring their own water bottle, and drinking fountains will be for filling bottles.
- Sports will await approval and guidance from Dr. Valenzuela, SUSD Superintendent, on practices, games, travel, spectators, shared equipment, etc.

All parents will need to complete a COVID-19 Parental Acknowledgment and Disclosure form for each child that attends in-person learning. The form will be collected within the first two days of your child's return to Wrightson.

As we transition back to into the classroom, our goal is to continue working as a cohesive team to meet the needs of all of our students. Please reach out to your child's teacher or myself if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

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