



Webster's Return to School FAQ

Online Learning:

1. How do I register for the Webster virtual option?

You may register your child for the virtual learning option by contacting your child's school office. Please share your interest with the office soon so that they can plan accordingly, we would prefer you call by August 7th, 2020 to best prepare for your child.

2. How long do I have to commit to the virtual option?

When registering for the online virtual learning option, consider that your decision should be for the first quarter, at a minimum. This will ensure that virtual students are keeping pace with the academic standards and are served most efficiently with our virtual learning approach without the distraction of further changes.

3. Can my child start the school year virtually and then have the option to return to the building at any time if we feel the situation is safer or if virtual school is not the best option for our family?

Yes, your child(ren) may return to school in-person if circumstances change. Consider that a decision to enroll in the virtual learning option should be by quarter, if health emergency circumstances do not otherwise change.

4. Does 4K have a virtual option?

Yes, 4K children may be served remotely through the virtual learning option. Interaction with others is important to a young learner's development. The virtual learning option may be a different experience for a young learner and will likely be focused on activity based learning.

5. Will my child be able to participate in sports or other activities if we choose the virtual learning option?

Yes, your child may participate in some activities. It is likely that the experience would be different in several ways. It is also important to note that if your child is pursuing a virtual learning option due to medical reasons, participation in the activity should be carefully considered with your health practitioner.



6. Can my elementary student bring their new device home each day?

No, your child will leave their device at school unless it is needed for distance learning. These devices are content filtered through the District's IT system. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's use of the device at home and use it with them if possible.

Health Concerns:

7. Who do I communicate with regarding my child's health concerns?

You may contact the school nurse at (715) 866-8210 x107. Please leave a message and she will contact you. In addition, she can be reached by email at jsteiner@webster.k12.wi.us

8. I have a family member with a medical condition at home, and I think I will have to keep my child home and homeschool, how do I let you know that?

You may contact your child(ren)'s school office to communicate your family's enrollment in the fall. There is a form located on the WI DPI website that you will need to file. When you communicate with the office, you may be provided further information regarding the District's virtual learning option to see if that may better meet your needs.

9. I'm having a hard time learning how the day to day classes and everything might work, in PK, 1st, Middle School, High School, how is this all going to work?

Each school is developing procedures for teachers and children within the classrooms following the district reopening plan as well as the state and other health guidance for best practices. It will look different at different levels. As an example, elementary classrooms are making sure there is an easy path to access the handwashing station, and classes have bathroom breaks at separate times. Classrooms at all levels will have children sitting socially distant and spread out. Please contact the school office with any questions.

10. How are children going to be health screened for school?

Children should stay home if they display any COVID symptoms. A screening questionnaire will be provided to parents to conduct with their child(ren) daily, prior to the child(ren) attending school. The parent taking the child(ren)'s temperature will be a component of this process.



11. How will I be notified if there is a COVID positive case at school? Will they tell me who it is?

If there is a COVID case at school, you will likely be communicated with via letter and automated phone message. Parents will be notified down to the school level of a case. Further identifiable medical information is private and confidential. If your child has been in contact with a COVID positive individual, you will likely receive direct communication from the Burnett County Health Department.

Mask and PPE Questions:

12. When is my child required to wear a mask?

Children will be required to wear masks on the school bus, or any other school transportation. This is necessary due to the inability to social distance in vehicles. Masks will be required in the middle school and high school during passing times in the hallway. This is due to the entire middle school and high school changing classes at one time. *Due to the current WI State Mandate, we must follow that protocol indoors at this time. Our school plan will stay as written with these adaptations as they exist*

13. Will the school change the mask wearing requirements?

It is possible that the requirement to wear masks may change. It is important to understand the Reopening Plan may change based upon updated guidance, health emergencies, and local needs. The Reopening Plan is designed to be flexible. If there is a requirement to wear masks, that will be communicated to parents. *Due to the current WI State Mandate, we must follow that protocol indoors at this time. Our school plan will stay as written with these adaptations as they exist*

14. What type of face mask is acceptable?

The face covering must cover the person's nose and mouth and secure under the chin. It should fit snugly against the sides of the face. Neck gaiters are acceptable. Mesh cloth is not acceptable. Cloth face coverings should be laundered frequently. Disposable surgical masks are acceptable. The school district will provide a mask for any student that would like one and does not have their own.

15. My child has a medical condition so that they cannot wear a mask. Who do I contact?

You may contact the school nurse at (715) 866-8210 x 107. Please leave a message and she will contact you. In addition, she can be reached by email at jsteiner@webster.k12.wi.us.



16. Are masks supplied to students?

Masks may be provided to the students who do not have one on the school bus. During the course of a school day, if a student would like a mask, the school will also provide them to students.

Teaching and Learning and the School Day:

17. Will there be any summer school in August?

There will not be any summer school in August, including **NO LEAP DAY this year**. This is to ensure that the school and the staff are fully prepared for a successful start to the school year. Reducing contact amongst groups at school will help to ensure that the start of the school year is not jeopardized by any COVID exposures.

18. I heard there is a change to the school day. What is the school day?

The school day has not been changed. The school day begins at 8:20am and will end at 3:10pm every day. Students may be dropped off no earlier than 8:00am. If your child has breakfast at school, they will get their “Grab and Go” breakfast as they enter school and will take it to their homeroom to eat. Students must be picked up at the end of the school day by no later than 3:20pm. This is to ensure that students are not grouping at the beginning and the end of the day.

19. When will class lists come out?

Class lists will be available by the third week of August. You will receive a welcome letter from your new teacher and a call regarding Open House on August 25th and 27th. It is necessary to determine the number of students who will be enrolling with the virtual learning option prior to class lists being completed.

20. What is “flipped learning”?

Flipped learning is a phrase that describes the process of teachers creating their lessons and instruction before class starts. Teachers and schools in the past that have done this have made the lessons and instruction available to students and parents to access online, which gives students the ability to watch them before class, after class, before an exam, or from home if they have to stay home. When they are at school, the teacher can play the lesson, or teach it in person. Teachers will be able to interact with students in the classroom and put the learning into practice. In most instances, the teachers find they have more time to individually help students, whether through the computer if they are at home, or in their classrooms. Students find they have more access to anything they may have missed or forgotten. Parents find they are more informed of what is being taught in the classroom.



This will take a lot of planning and effort on our teacher's part and we are committed to doing everything we can to make learning the most enjoyable and convenient experience for all families this fall.

21. Will students at the elementary school still have outside recess?

Yes, students at the Elementary School will continue to have outdoor recess, weather permitting. Students will likely have recess with their homeroom and teacher.

22. Will students stay in the same classroom all day?

No. Elementary students will be located in their same classroom as in the past, with some small changes, such as having lunch with their class in the cafeteria one grade level at a time as well as going outside for recess one grade level at a time. Middle School and High School students will experience a very similar day to what they had previously. We recognize the new procedures may make school feel a little more rigid, so we are also planning special breaks in safe areas for our littlest learners in the elementary.

Athletics and Co-Curriculars:

23. Will there be fall sports?

According to a meeting of the WIAA Board of Control on July 23, 2020, fall sports will be scheduled. Football, soccer, and volleyball may start on September 7th. Cross-country, tennis, and girls golf may start as early as August 17th. **These dates may be changed due to health circumstances within the school district and by the guidance of the local health department.**

24. Does my middle or high school student need a physical?

Sports physicals are not required this year, unless your child has not had one previously. All sports physicals were extended a year by the WIAA.

25. If school closes and becomes virtual, can athletics and co-curricular activities continue?

If schools are closed due to a public health emergency, it is likely that extra-curricular and co-curricular activities will also be canceled. Further information will be provided at that time if that is the case.



Transportation:

26. How many bus pickup and dropoff locations can I have?

You may have two designated locations for bus transportation, a primary and an emergency one. These locations are to be designated prior to the start of the school year and may not be changed unless the family moves their residence. There will not be any other pickup or dropoff locations allowed for a student. Parents must make the necessary arrangements.

27. I am willing to provide transportation for my child to and from school. Where do I pick them up and drop them off at the school?

You may drop off and pick up your child(ren) in the pickup lane in front of the school building. Upon drop-off there will supervision as students walk in. A reminder to parents and guardians, that only students and staff are allowed inside the building. At pick-up time, children will be lined up on the sidewalk in front of the building at the end of the school day with supervision. Parents can drive through the lane slowly to pick up their child(ren). Children will be released when a visual contact is made with supervising staff and the parent.

28. I want to drop off and pick up my child, but I can't meet the school's hours - my work starts at 7 and gets done at 4, do you have a before and after school care program? Otherwise I may have to use the bus.

At this time we do not have a before and after school care program. Please watch for upcoming information regarding this option. We will do our best to accommodate your child on the bus if you cannot pick up or drop off your child. An option some families are considering is carpooling while wearing masks, especially if their children interact in the same classroom during the day. When class lists are made available this may be an option more families can look into.

29. Can I drop my child off 2 days per week and have them ride the bus 3 days per week?

You may set that up by communicating with the transportation director at 715-866-8210 x336 . If you wish to make any changes to this schedule they must be communicated to the school offices no later than 1 pm each day. In addition, it may not be possible to change the schedule further if bus spacing is not available. Please see the transportation section for more information.