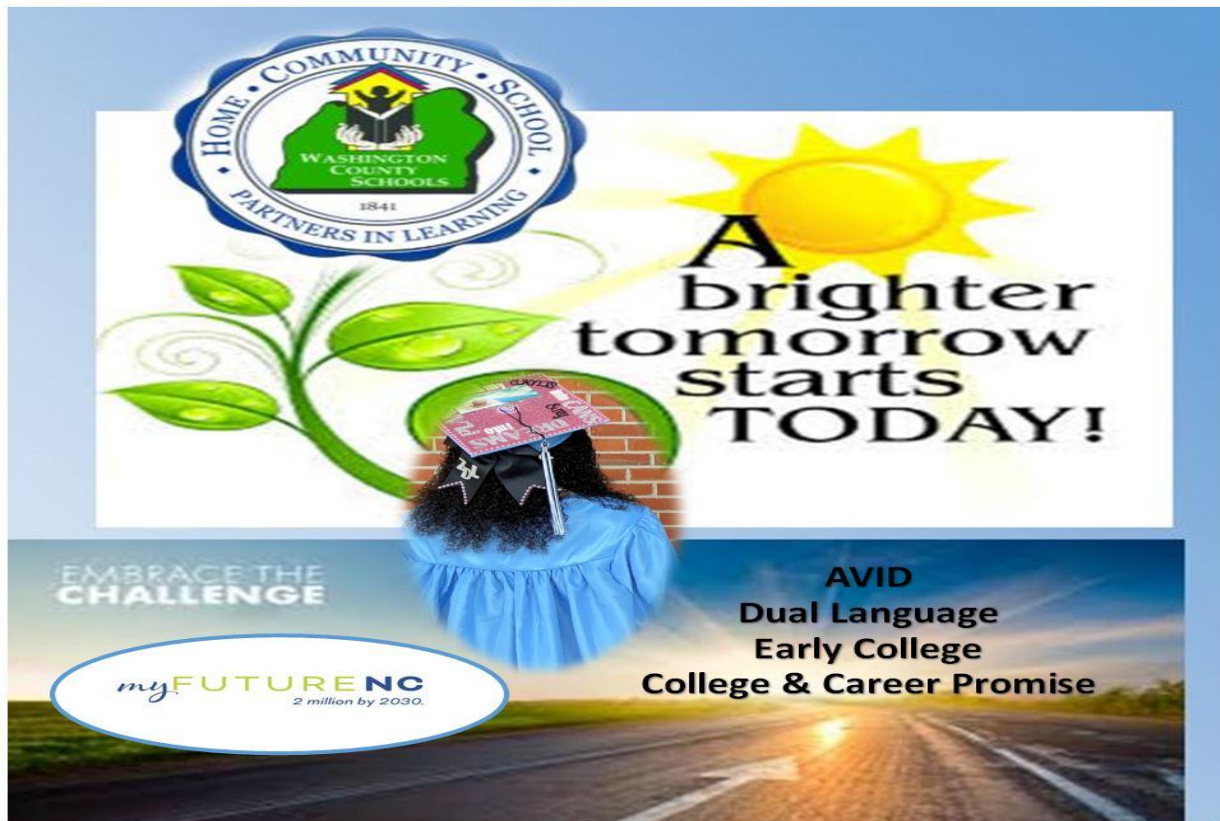


# Back to School 2021-2022 Family Guide

## Fresh Start - Brand New Year



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Dear Washington County Schools Families,

As the start of the 2021-2022 school year approaches, regarding the ongoing presence of COVID-19 and Delta variant in our community. WCS will continue to update our dashboard online with information regarding our schools and community. The family guide will continue to be a living document and one of many resources that WCS is creating to answer your questions about the changes in procedures regarding safety protocols for staff and students. It will be updated frequently to reflect the most current state guidelines and district policies, procedures, and resources that are available to you and your family. For the most up-to-date information check online at [www.wcsnc.org](http://www.wcsnc.org) frequently.

I want to assure you that the teaching staff and administrative team are going to work together to ensure the safety of all of our students, their families, and staff. I look forward to visiting classes and welcoming our parents and community throughout the year with a variety of engagement activities. I share the Washington County School Board's dedication to helping our students achieve academic excellence. I wholeheartedly believe that with dedication and hard work there are no limits for our students! As a teacher, principal and central services leader, children are the reason we are here and I welcome the continued opportunity to live and work in Washington County.

This year will be full of challenges as we work together to bring staff and students back to school in a safe supportive environment full-time throughout the year with face-to-face instruction. Student and staff safety includes all of us doing our part to protect one another including masking, washing hands frequently, staying focused on sanitizing our areas and supplies. Let's all do our part to protect one another. Please keep students at home when sick or symptomatic and inform the school. This year our school facilities will include: NCPK at the Roper location, PES/WCMS together, CES, WCECHS located in Creswell, and WCHS. We look forward to getting back in the Panther spirit supporting our students and sports programs!

Although many school districts across the state are making masks optional, Washington County Schools is starting the school year with mandatory masking. Again this year, parents must sign a Parent Attestation form for each child and must contact the school if symptoms arise in connection with COVID-19. We must all work together this year including face coverings, eating in the classroom and increased hands washing. I strongly encourage all eligible students and adults above the age of 12 years old to seek protection by vaccinating. Vaccines are available at our local MTW health department and Walgreens.

As a parent of a student in Washington County Schools you have a right to know several pieces of key information about your child and the school. Federal laws allow you to know about the license and professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers. We want and welcome your active participation in educating students. I am extremely enthusiastic to be starting a new year with a fresh start with face-to-face instruction. Any parent or community group that would like to participate as a member of the Superintendent Advisory or Parent Advisory group please reach out to my office with your contact information. Your voices and ideas are welcome! Join us!

Sincerely,  
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## COVID-19 Case Reporting Procedures

❖ Students that arrive at school and exhibit COVID-19 symptoms will NOT be allowed to travel home by bus and MUST be picked up by parents or emergency contacts provided to the school.

❖ If a person has a negative COVID-19 test, they can return to school once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines, and they have felt well for the 24 hours prior.

❖ If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a medical professional based on a test or their symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay home until they (or a family member if younger child) can answer YES to the following three questions:

1. Has it been at least 10 days since the individual first had symptoms?
2. Has it been at least 3 days since the individual had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)?
3. Has it been at least 3 days since the individual's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath?

We need your help with reporting any suspected, presumptive, or positive cases to Washington County Public Health officials for contact tracing. All affected facilities will be additionally sanitized. Families and staff will be notified of positive cases and provided with information on contacts and how to access screening resources. Facility closures will be determined in consultation with Public Health.

If contacted by the school to pick up a child due to symptoms a parent/guardian must pick up their child. Schools will make three contact attempts to parent/guardians first then move to emergency contacts. If the student is not picked up the next step is to call DSS.

NC Department of Health and Human Services

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/Strong-Schools-NC-Public-Health-Toolkit.pdf>

**The information included in this guide is subject to change.**

Please note that this information is accurate as of the publication date. Washington County Schools is continuing to monitor guidance provided by federal, state, and local public health agencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will provide updates as needed. Updated information will be communicated through multiple media sources including: Blackboard Connect, email, phone call notifications, and through the Washington County School Resource page on the website <https://bit.ly/WCSBlended2021> WCS Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/washcoschoolsnc/> and Twitter channels [@washcoschools](https://twitter.com/washcoschools). Additionally, WCS Board meetings can be viewed through Facebook live each month at the regular board meeting. Please follow WCS on social media and make sure your school has your most current email and phone number.

Exclusion Category	Scenario	Criteria to return to school
Diagnosis	Person has tested <b>positive</b> with an <b>antigen test</b> but <b>does not have symptoms</b> of COVID-19 and is not known to be a close contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19.	<p>If the person has a repeat PCR/molecular test performed in a laboratory within 24 – 48 hours of their positive antigen test, and that PCR/molecular test is negative: the positive antigen test can be considered a false positive and the person can immediately return to school; OR</p> <p>If the person does not have a repeat PCR/molecular test, or has one within 24 – 48 hours and it is also positive, the</p>
Diagnosis	Person has tested <b>positive</b> with a <b>PCR/molecular test</b> but the person does <b>not</b> have symptoms.	<p>person can return to school 10 days after the first positive test, as long as they did not develop symptoms.</p> <p>The person is not required to have documentation of a negative test in order to return to school.</p> <p>Person can return to school 10 days after their positive test.</p>
Symptoms	Person <b>has symptoms</b> of COVID-19 <b>and</b> has tested <b>positive</b> with an <b>antigen test or PCR/molecular test</b>	<p>Person can return to school when</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been 10 days since the first day of symptoms; AND</li> <li>• It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND</li> <li>• Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.</li> </ul> <p>The person is not required to have documentation of a negative test in order to return to school.</p>
Symptoms	Person has symptoms of COVID-19 but has <b>not</b> been tested for COVID-19 nor has visited a health care provider. Therefore, the person who has symptoms is presumed positive for COVID-19 due to the presence of a clinically compatible illness in the absence of testing.	<p>Person can return to school when</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been 10 days since the first day of symptoms; AND</li> <li>• It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND</li> <li>• Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.</li> </ul>
Symptoms	Person has symptoms of COVID-19 but has received a negative test for COVID-19* or has visited a health care provider and received a <b>an alternate diagnosis</b> that would explain the symptoms of COVID-19 *In a person with symptoms, a negative test is defined as either (1) a negative PCR/molecular test or (2) a negative antigen test if the person has a low likelihood of SARS-CoV-2 infection (e.g., the person has no known or suspected exposure to a person with COVID-19 within the last 14 days or is fully vaccinated or has had a SARS-CoV-2 infection in the last 3 months.) See CDC antigen algorithm for interpretation of antigen tests	<p>Person can return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND</li> <li>• They have felt well for at least 24 hours.</li> </ul> <p>Note: The health care provider is not required to detail the specifics of the alternate diagnosis.</p>

<p><b>Exposure</b></p>	<p>Person who is not fully vaccinated and has been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19. (Fully vaccinated persons and persons who have tested positive in the last 3 months and do not have any symptoms after a close contact do not need to quarantine.)</p>	<p>Person can return to school after completing up to 14 days of quarantine. The 14 days of quarantine begin after the last known close contact with the COVID-19 positive individual. Alternatively the person may complete a <b>10-day quarantine</b> if the person is <b>not presenting symptoms of COVID-19</b> after daily at-home monitoring, or they may complete <b>7 days of quarantine if they report no symptoms during daily at-home monitoring, and the individual has received results of a negative antigen or PCR/molecular test on a test taken no earlier than day 5 of quarantine.</b></p> <p>Follow the recommendations of your local public health department if someone at your schools should quarantine. Local public health authorities make the final decisions about how long quarantine should last in the communities they serve, based on local conditions and needs.</p> <p><b>If quarantine is discontinued before day 14, the individual should continue to monitor symptoms and strictly adhere to all non-pharmaceutical interventions</b> (e.g. wear a mask, practice social distancing) through 14 days after the date of last exposure.</p> <p>Note: NCDHHS recommends that schools not require an individual who is fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks after getting their second dose in a 2-dose series or one-dose of a single-dose series) or tested positive for COVID-19 in the past three months to quarantine if they have had no symptoms after being a close contact to someone with</p>
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		<p>COVID-19, and they do not live in a congregate setting (such as a shelter).</p>
<p><b>Exposure</b></p>	<p>K-12 student who is not fully vaccinated but has been in close contact, within 3 to 6 feet, with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, in which both individuals were wearing a mask the entire time</p>	<p><b>NCDHHS does not recommend quarantine of students following exposures in school settings if masks were being worn appropriately and consistently by both the person with COVID-19 and the potential exposed person.</b> This applies to exposures in classrooms, other in-school settings, and school transportation but does not apply to exposures during extracurricular or athletic activities. This option should only be utilized in settings where masks are consistently worn. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.</p>

## Teaching and Learning

We are committed to challenging and engaging students in relevant, rigorous, and meaningful learning. It's our core belief that all students deserve to be challenged and engaged in meaningful learning every day that aligns with North Carolina's grade-level standards.

**State testing will occur including benchmark testing, formative tests, beginning of grade (BOG), end of grade (EOG), and end of course (EOC).**

## Electronic Devices & Connectivity

Chromebooks are available for check-out. Washington County Schools will not provide internet services to homes during the 2021-2022 school year. If you participated in the partnership last year due to remote learning and still have a Mediacom modem *please return it to the school or central services before September 3 to avoid charges personally.* Each school parking lot including the central office serves as community accessibility for hot spots providing internet access for downloading or uploading material and assignments.

## **Learning Environments & School Schedules**

Early Release will be at 12:30pm for all campuses unless otherwise advertised due to inclement weather or other emergency needs

### **Elementary**

#### *Pines Elementary*

7:50am-8:25am Breakfast/Morning work

8:30am-10:10am English Language Arts

10:15am-11:30am Math

11:00am-1:00pm Lunch and enrichment (30 minutes for lunch rotations)

1:00pm-3:30pm Intervention, Social Studies and Science

#### *Creswell Elementary*

7:50am-8:15am Breakfast/Morning work

8:15am-10:10am English Language Arts

10:15am-11:30am Math

11:35am-12:45pm Lunch and Science/Social Studies (30 minutes for lunch rotations)

12:50pm-2:10pm Connection, Social Studies and Science

2:10pm-2:45pm English Language Arts and Math

2:45pm-3:30pm Intervention Time

### **Middle**

#### *Washington County Middle School*

8:00am-8:30am Breakfast/Reading & Math Interventions

8:35am-9:45am 1st period

9:50am-11:00am 2nd period

11:05am-12:40pm 3rd period (includes lunch)

12:45pm-1:55pm 4th period

2:00pm-3:15pm 5th period

### **High**

#### *Washington County High School*

7:30am-7:55am Breakfast

8:00am-9:45am 1st period

9:50am-11:20am 2nd period

11:25am-1:25pm 3rd period (includes 30 minutes for lunch rotations)

1:30pm-3:00pm 4th period

#### *Washington County Early College High School*

7:30am-7:55am Breakfast

8:00am-9:30am 1st Block

9:35 am-11:05am 2nd Block

11:10 am-12:40pm 3rd Block

12:40pm -1:10 pm Lunch

1:10pm- 2:40pm 4th period

2:40pm - 3:00 pm Enrichment (tutoring, clubs, service projects, seminar)

### *Washington County Early College High School BCCC Students*

7:40am Bus departs Creswell for Plymouth pick up

8:00am Bus departs Plymouth WCHS for BCCC

8:45am Bus arrives at BCCC

1:00pm Bus departs BCCC

1:50pm Bus arrives in Plymouth (Bus 150 will take Plymouth students home Creswell students stay on bus will travel to Creswell)

2:20pm BCCC students arrive at Creswell (Report to multi-purpose room)

## **Athletics**

Washington County Schools is following the guidance listed at [www.nchsaa.org](http://www.nchsaa.org). All athletic activities are voluntary for student athletes. WCS will continue to follow NCHSAA and the Washington County Health Department guidance regarding athletics and will provide updates as new information becomes available. We are excited to offer sports options to middle school and high school students this year. In order to qualify for participation students must have a current completed physical on file as well as concussion forms. See the athletic director for copies and information. Student athletes must maintain academics in good standing to participate in sports.

## **After School, Field trips, and Extracurricular Activities**

After school, field trips and extracurricular activities will resume 2021-2022. The same safety rules that must take place following the Washington County Board of Education masking procedures must be followed after school hours at school.

## **Visitors and Volunteers**

WCS schools and administrative facilities will continue to limit visitors except by appointment or at the discretion of the school principal and with special announced programming.

## **Student Support Services**

To address the concerns and stress you may be experiencing, the following tips can support your family during this time:

- ❖ Stay connected with caring friends and family.
- ❖ Stay connected with plans for the opening of the new school year [www.wcsnc.org](http://www.wcsnc.org) and through district and school social media accounts.
- ❖ Access resources made available to you and your family for any needs you may have. If you have unmet needs, please contact 211 for assistance.
- ❖ Prepare your children to follow safety procedures at school including masking requirements and frequent hand washing.
- ❖ Prepare your children for changes they will find when arriving at school such as: staff/students wearing face coverings, keeping socially distant as much as possible, keeping materials (pencils, markers, etc) to yourself, and not touching each other or each other's belongings.

We know that school is a necessary part of our community. We are doing everything we can to be able to learn and work all together in the safest way possible. We expect to continue to:

- ❖ Cultivate a sense of belonging and community.
- ❖ Provide structures for physical and emotional safety.
- ❖ Provide tiered support for meeting the needs of all students.
- ❖ Provide access to overall health services for optimal developmental and learning outcomes.

## Special Education

❖ IEP meetings may be held face-to-face or virtual this year in order to accommodate working parents. We found great success in offering IEP meetings virtually with paperwork securely emailed to parent and/or mailed.

## Social-Emotional Learning

We recognize that the pandemic has caused stress and emotional health concerns for families, students and staff. We have taken these needs into consideration and will be working with staff to provide support for your student. Below are some signs students may exhibit if experiencing concerns.

Stress during an infectious disease outbreak can include:

- ❖ Fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones.
- ❖ Changes in sleep or eating patterns.
- ❖ Difficulty sleeping or concentrating.
- ❖ Worsening of chronic health problems.
- ❖ Worsening of mental health conditions.
- ❖ Potential use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

We encourage parents to contact your school counselor if you feel your child is experiencing emotional or mental health symptoms. You can reach them by phone or email by visiting [www.Washington.k12.nc.us](http://www.Washington.k12.nc.us) see WCS Cares on the left side of the menu screen for extra resources to access quickly and easily.

For additional mental health information and resources, you can access the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov)'s website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) under Coronavirus Disease 2019/Coping With Stress or call the HOPE4NC Helpline 1-855-587-3463 or make an anonymous tip using SAY SOMETHING at <https://www.saysomething.net/> or call 1-844-5SAYNOW.

## Transportation

Bus transportation is available to and from school. Riding the bus is a privilege. The Parent Attestation form can be found at the end of this handbook. This form must be signed before a student can participate in transportation services 2021-2022. The parent should notify the school and update the form if anything changes in regards to COVID symptoms. To the highest extent possible we will promote social distancing on buses. Students should sit in assigned seats daily. Students living in the same household should be seated together.

Masking will follow the directive from the Washington County Board of Education. Currently, K-12 students riding a bus must wear a face covering which is a form fitting mask unless there is an exception due to developmental, medical, or behavioral health needs.



Hand sanitizer will be available on all school transportation vehicles for safe use by employees and older children. Touch points, including doors and windows, grab handles, arm rests, hard seats, door handles, and seat belt buckles, will be cleaned and disinfected between each bus run with an EPA-approved disinfectant for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Every bus will be cleaned between morning and afternoon runs and at the end of each day.

A responsible adult or older sibling is required to wait with elementary-age children at the bus stop.

## **Meal Service**

Our child nutrition employees will continue to prepare food in our school kitchens following very strict food safety and sanitation procedures required by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), and NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI).

We will begin the school year, students will eat in their classroom for breakfast and lunch. All meals will be individually packaged for direct service to students. Washington County Schools participates in the community eligibility program (CEP) and all students may participate in free breakfast and lunch services.

Our menus will continue to feature student favorites, our signature in-house speed-scratch specialties, fresh Got To Be NC farm-to-school fruits and vegetables, and will provide the protein, whole grains, low-fat dairy, fruits and vegetables that are important ingredients in a nutritious meal.

## **Health and Safety**

### **Symptom Screening**

#### **At Home**

- ❖ The Attestation form should be signed indicating the parent will check students for symptoms daily before leaving home.
- ❖ Students should have their temperature taken daily before leaving for school.
- ❖ Students should not attend school if they have a fever (100.4 degrees F) with or without fever-reducing medicine.

#### **At School**

Our school nurses are public health staff and will continue to be considered the medical expert at each school site. As supervised by Washington County Public Health, school nurses will maintain consistent communication and advice for the care and well-being of the school family.

Staff will be trained on signs/symptoms to refer students for screening. Students exhibiting signs/symptoms will be discreetly provided an isolated space to wait for a parent or caregiver to take them home.

## Dress Code

### Policy Code: 4316 Student Dress Code

The board believes the dress and personal appearance of students greatly affects their academic performance and interactions with other students. The board requests parents outfit their children in clothing that will be conducive to learning. Generally, dress and grooming standards as determined by the student and their parents will be deemed acceptable. However, the board prohibits appearance or clothing that does the following:

- (1) violates a dress code adopted and publicized by the school,
- (2) is disruptive (for information on gang-related attire, see also policy 4328, Gang-Related Activity),
- (3) is provocative or obscene, or
- (4) endangers the health or safety of the student or others.

A student not in compliance with this policy or a school dress code will be given an opportunity to make adjustments so that he/she will be in compliance. Failure to comply will result in the student being removed from school until their appearance or clothing meets school district policy or rules. The student's parent/guardian will be notified prior to any such removal.

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENT DRESS POLICY**

The Washington County Board of Education believes a safe and disciplined learning environment is conducive to learning, promotes school pride, develops a student's self-esteem and is a requirement for a high performing school. Therefore, the Washington County Board of Education adopts a student uniform dress policy. All Washington County students will follow a standard dress code during the student instructional days and any other instructional time, i.e. Saturday Academy.

Students are expected to adhere to standards of dress and appearance that are compatible with an effective learning environment. Wearing clothing that is disruptive, provocative, revealing, profane, vulgar, offensive, and obscene or that endangers the health or safety of the student and others is prohibited.

#### **Examples of prohibited dress or appearance include, but are not limited to:**

- Sagging pants
- Excessively short or tight garments; form fitting spandex material and leggings
- Jewelry affixed to the nose, tongue, cheek, lip or eyebrow
- Head covering of any kind \*(Religious or medical conditions may be exempted)
- See-through clothing
- Shoulders and midriffs cannot be visible (sleeveless shirts are not allowed)
- Attire that exposes cleavage
- Any adornment such as chains or spikes that reasonably could be perceived as or used as a weapon
- Overalls and coveralls
- Visible undergarments (underwear, bras, etc.)
- Spikes, steel toes, cleats, flip flops or bedroom shoes
- Any symbols, styles or attire frequently associated with intimidation, violence or violent groups about which students have been notified
- Garments with visible graphics of any kind (Note: Designer brand labels are acceptable so long as the top or bottom meets the required dress code requirements.)

### The Washington County Student **CODE OF CONDUCT**

## Water Fountain Use

In response to COVID-19, students will be prohibited from drinking directly from water fountains. WCS has purchased individual water bottles that will be distributed to students daily. During the year we will be upgrading our water availability by installing water bottle filling stations.

## Leaving and Returning to Campus

Visitors are discouraged at this time and will be limited to specific events.

Schools will be limited to a few designated areas of entrance and exits which will be monitored at all times.

Arrival - Staff will make sure that proper sanitizing takes place prior to the entrance; face masks will be required; no unauthorized persons may enter without permission from school administration.

Dismissal - Staff will make sure that no congregation will take place; social distancing will be monitored.

## Communication

Washington County Schools will continue to use the all-call system for important announcements. It is imperative that we have working phone numbers to communicate with our families. We will also utilize a texting paid subscription through **REMINd** to aid with our two way communication and access to important school wide information on a regular basis.

Please complete all forms in the back of this **FAMILY GUIDE** in order to have the necessary beginning of year paperwork that is needed for each student. Please contact the school to update any important contact information throughout the year as needed for changes including your phone number, a change in address, emergency contacts or email accounts. Stay involved! Check your child's grades through the PowerSchool Parent Portal often and reach out to the school with any questions or concerns throughout the year.

## Healthy School Buildings

### Face Coverings

All adults and students in K-12 settings are required to wear form-fitting face coverings when they are, or may be, within 6 feet of another person other than family members. Staff and students must wear cloth face coverings on buses and school transportation vehicles, inside school buildings, and on school grounds.

All K-12 students riding a bus must wear a face covering unless there is an exception due to developmental, medical, or behavioral health needs providing documentation from a licenced physician. If a student cannot wear a face covering, they will be required to complete a form to notify Transportation Services. Students must stay aware and keep socially distanced from others as much as possible.

### Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizing

Hand washing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. The CDC recommends everyone wash their hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Teachers will be teaching proper hand washing procedures in the classroom, incorporating hand washing breaks into the school day, and reinforcing hand washing during key times throughout the school day such as before and after eating, using the restroom, and touching shared objects.

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs in most situations. If soap and water are not readily available, individuals are encouraged to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol). Schools will provide hand-sanitizing stations at every school entrance and exit throughout the building and in every class, and on every bus and transportation vehicle. If your child has sensitivities to hand sanitizer, please communicate this with your child's teachers so they can provide your child other opportunities to clean their hands.

To prepare for a return to campus, please review hand sanitizer best practices by CDC Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/hand-sanitizer-use.html>

## **Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures**

Buildings will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected throughout the day and every evening. Multiple times a day, custodians will perform the following duties, among others:

- ❖ Sweeping, dust mopping, and spot mopping hallways, steps, and stair landings, as well as the cafeteria;
- ❖ Cleaning and disinfecting bathroom floors, sinks, toilets, urinals, and stall handles; monitoring hand sanitizer, soap, and paper products;
- ❖ Wiping and disinfecting high-traffic areas and touch points in halls, common areas, and classrooms, if accessible.

Horizontal and high-touch surfaces and shared equipment will be wiped down between classes. Disinfectants used are EPA-approved for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Current cleaning and disinfecting protocols will continue to be reviewed and enhanced in terms of frequency and intensity.

***COVID-19 DISCLAIMER: All Washington County Schools district-level and school-based communications or guidance, e.g., handbooks, websites, social media communications, etc., are subject to change at any time due to changing COVID-19 conditions and related health or safety guidance.***



### **Please detach the following forms**

### **Complete the and Return to the School 2021-2022**

- \* Information Verification
- \* Parent Attestation
- \* Technology Equipment
- \* Acceptable Use
- \* Media Release

**Washington County Schools**

[Online Form](#)

Hand Written / Information Verification Form

**(Please return to the school by August 30 to assist with scheduling)**

If you have not completed the form mailed to you with the 2020-2021 report card please complete and return to the school as soon as possible. The new information provided will be used to update your child's contact information in Power School for 2021-2022. Please complete the form in its entirety to ensure communication between you and the school.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your **physical** home address including city, state, and zip code? Please include the apartment/lot number if available. \_\_\_\_\_

What is your **mailing** address including city, state, and zip code? Please include the apartment/lot number if available.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact 1 please include full name, relationship to the child, and phone number?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact 2 please include full name, relationship to the child, and phone number?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact 3 please include full name, relationship to the child, and phone number?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which School will your child be attending for the 2021-2022 school year?

- Creswell Elementary
- Pines Elementary (located at WCMS)
- Pines NCPK (located in Roper at the Washington Center)
- Washington County Middle School
- Washington County High School
- Washington County Early College High School (located in Creswell)

Transportation will be provided for those who need it but due to new health regulations students must use the same AM/PM bus stop this year to facilitate the reduced capacity on school buses. Will your child need bus transportation for the 2021-2022 school year?

- Morning (address) \_\_\_\_\_
- Afternoon (address) \_\_\_\_\_
- Both
- Will not need transportation

# PARENT ATTESTATION

## 2021-2022

Student's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and advised you to quarantine?

- YES** The student should not be at school and can return 14 days after the last time he/she had close contact with someone with COVID-19 or as listed below
- NO** The student can be at school if the student is not experiencing symptoms.

**Does your child have any of these symptoms?**

- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New cough
- New loss of taste or smell

**Since you were last at school, has your child been diagnosed with COVID-19?**

- YES** If a child is diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a test, their symptoms, or does not get a COVID 19 test but has had symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay at home until they meet the criteria below.
- NO**

**A student can return to school when a family member can ensure that you can answer YES to ALL three questions:**

- Has it been at least 10 days since the child first had symptoms?
- Had it been at least 3 days since the child had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)?
- Has it been at least 3 days since the child's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath?

If a child has had a negative COVID-19 test, they can return to school once there is no fever without the use of a fever reducing medicine and you have felt well for 24 hours.

If a child has been diagnosed with COVID-10 but does not have symptoms, they should remain out of school until 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

If a child has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 they should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact, unless they test positive. In which case, criteria above would apply. You must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if you test negative.

I attest that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge as of: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 2021, \_\_: \_\_ AM / PM Month Day

TIME Circle Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian by your signature you are agreeing to uphold the health and safety regulations to protect your child and others. I will notify the school if I need to keep my child home due to COVID-19 related symptoms or exposure.



# Washington County Schools

## TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBLE USE AGREEMENT STUDENT / STAFF MEDIA RELEASE 2021-2022

Each student or staff user of Washington County Schools (WCS) is expected to be familiar with and follow the expectations and requirements of this administrative rule. The purpose of this rule is--*for students/staff who take devices off campus*--to ensure that individuals are aware of their responsibilities regarding the Internet and related technology and equipment. This rule also helps ensure the safety and privacy of current and former employees and students. WCS provides students with access to the District's electronic communications system for educational purposes. The electronic communications system is defined as the District's network, servers, computers, mobile devices, peripherals, applications, databases, online resources, Internet access, email and any other technology designated for use by students. *With this educational opportunity comes responsibility.*

While the District uses filtering technology and protection measures to restrict access to inappropriate material, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access, especially at home. *It will be each student's responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate and responsible use.* Access to WCS technology is a privilege and administrators and faculty may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are acting responsibly.

1. School system technological resources are provided for school-related purposes only. Acceptable uses of such technological resources are limited to activities that support learning and teaching. Use of school system technological resources for commercial gain or profit is prohibited.
2. Under no circumstance may software purchased by the school system be copied for personal use.
3. Students and employees must comply with all applicable laws, including those relating to copyrights and trademarks, confidential information, and public records. Any use that violates state or federal law is strictly prohibited.
4. No user of technological resources, including a person sending or receiving electronic communications, may engage in creating, intentionally accessing, downloading, storing, printing or transmitting images, graphics (including still or moving pictures), sound files, text files, documents, messages or other material that is obscene, defamatory, profane, pornographic, harassing or considered to be harmful to minors.
5. The use of anonymous proxies to circumvent content filtering is prohibited.
6. Users may not install or use any Internet-based file sharing program designed to facilitate sharing of copyrighted material.
7. Users of technological resources may not send electronic communications fraudulently (i.e., by misrepresenting the identity of the sender).
8. Users must respect the privacy of others. When using e-mail, chat rooms, blogs or other forms of electronic communication, ***students must not reveal personally identifiable, private or confidential information***, such as the home address or telephone number, of themselves or fellow students. In addition, school employees must not disclose on the Internet or on school system websites or web pages any personally identifiable information concerning students (including names, addresses or pictures)

without the written permission of a parent or guardian or an eligible student, except as otherwise permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Users also may not forward or post personal communications without the author's prior consent.

9. Students and any persons appearing on a live stream during a secure class session should be clothed appropriately according to school dress code policy. Persons appearing in inappropriate attire or an undressed state will be subject to disciplinary actions.
10. Users may not intentionally or negligently damage computers, computer systems, electronic devices, software or computer networks. Users may not knowingly or negligently transmit computer viruses or self-replicating messages or deliberately try to degrade or disrupt system performance. Users must scan any downloaded files for viruses.
11. Users may not create or introduce games, network communications programs or any foreign program or software onto any school system computer, electronic device or network without the express written permission of the technology director or designee.
12. Users are prohibited from engaging in unauthorized or unlawful activities, such as "hacking" or using the computer network to gain or attempt to gain unauthorized or unlawful access to other computers, computer systems or accounts.
13. Users are prohibited from using another individual's ID or password for any technological resource without the permission from the individual. Students must also have permission from the teacher or other school official.
14. Users may not read, alter, change, block, execute or delete files or communications belonging to another user without the owner's express permission.
15. Employees shall not use password or user IDs for any data system for an unauthorized or improper purpose.
16. If a user identifies a security problem on a technological resource, he or she must immediately notify a system administrator. Users must not demonstrate the problem to other users. Any user identified as a security risk will be denied access.
17. Teachers shall make reasonable efforts to supervise a student's use of the Internet during instructional time.
18. Views may be expressed on the Internet or other technological resources as representing the view of the school system or part of the school system only with prior approval by the superintendent or designee.
19. Students shall adhere to all laws and statutes related to issues of copyright or plagiarism.
20. The District makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the district system will be error-free or without defect. The District will not be responsible for any damage the user may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the system.

## **DAMAGE OF SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY**

- If a student causes damage to a device (or its peripheral devices) through negligence or intentional misuse/abuse, the student is responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement. Students are not allowed to use the devices until all debts are paid; however, they may use the desktop computers present on campus. See Device Cost chart below for device costs.
- A flat Damage Fee of \$30 will be assessed if the assigned device is damaged beyond normal wear and tear (accidental damage to the device or its peripheral devices while in the student's possession).
- FAILURE TO REPORT DAMAGE OF A DEVICE UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL TERM WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC FULL DEVICE COST CHARGE.



## Determination of Assessed Fees

- The Principal of the student's school will have the final determination of whether damage fees will be assessed according to the accident scale or the negligence scale.

## Disciplinary Actions

- In addition to damage fees, Principals may complete a discipline referral for repeated, intentional misuse of school technology devices, which may also result in loss of technology device access for the student.

## Device Cost

HP Lenovo Brand Chromebook \$265

PC Laptop \$650

iPad \$399

Internet HotSpot \$99

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Teachers in WCS strive to provide appropriate content resources that supplement learning in and around the classroom. If you have a question about the types of content your student's teacher is exposing them to, please contact the teacher directly, and if necessary, specify boundaries for your student's exposure.

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I, the undersigned, affirm that I have read the agreement and will comply with all administrative rules set forth in this document. I also give consent for my child to participate in online learning where they may have occasion to appear on video in a secure, online classroom session observed by employees or their peers. I further understand that if I damage any school technology equipment, I (and my family) will be responsible for the \$30 damage fee, or when applicable, full replacement cost of a mobile device\* as listed in the device cost table.

Student Name (Print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*\*The term "mobile devices" includes, but is not limited to, Chromebooks, laptops, netbooks, iPads, iPods, Android tablets, calculators, digital cameras.*

*\*\*Parents may sign for students who are not able to physically sign. Be sure to list the student's full name clearly.*



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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*Dr. Linda Jewell Carr*  
Superintendent

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 29, 2021  
TO: All Parents  
FROM: Dr. Linda Jewell Carr, Superintendent  
SUBJECT: Asbestos Management Plans Under AHERA

Notice is hereby given to all parents, teachers and employee organizations of the school district of Washington County Schools: that each school in the district has been inspected for the presence of asbestos-containing materials, and a management plan for each school building, as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) was developed and a copy submitted to the North Carolina Department of Education.

A copy of the management plan for each school is on file in the Principal's office at each school, and the Central Support Services Office. You may inspect the management plan at the school or district office. The school or district office may charge a reasonable fee to cover the cost of any requested copies. If you have any questions, please contact me or Lisa Cantrell, Director of Maintenance at (252) 793-5171.

Sincerely,

Dr. Linda Jewell Carr  
Superintendent  
Washington County Schools



2021-2022

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## MEDIA RELEASE FORM

School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent or Guardian: Throughout the school year, the media may visit your school to cover special events. Washington County Schools may also wish to use your child's photograph, likeness, voice or student work for promotional and educational reasons, such as in publications, posters, brochures and newsletters; on the district website, radio station or Cable TV channel; or at community fairs or special district events. Before your child's photograph, likeness, voice or student work can be used by the media or by the school district, we would like for you to give permission. Please sign and return this form to your child's school immediately, indicating your preference. Thank you for your cooperation.

I **give** my permission for my child to be filmed/photographed/interviewed by the media during school events and for the district to use my child's photograph/work/voice for promotional and educational purposes.

I **do not** give my permission for my child to be filmed/photographed/interviewed by the media during school events and for the district to use my child's photograph/work/voice for promotional and educational purposes. Parent/Guardian

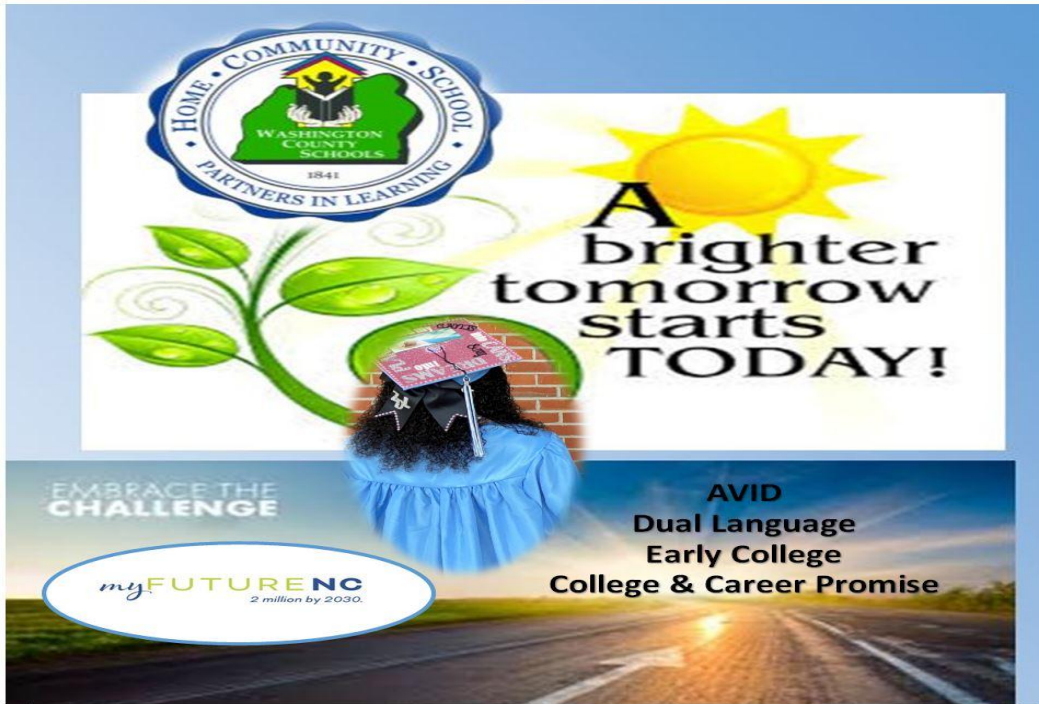
I **ONLY** want my child's photograph placed in the yearbook for this school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

This form will be required annually. If you have any questions about this form, please call your school or Washington County Schools Central Office at 252.793.5171.



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