



# Washington Township Schools

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## **KEY Information Items for Parents as WTS Gets Ready to Welcome All Children on September 1<sup>st</sup>!**



**Two-Day Rotating Schedule:** WTS has adopted a Two-Day Rotating Schedule (pictured at the close of this communication) to begin the school year. All school days are full days of school with Group “A” participating in “In-Person” learning Tuesdays and Thursdays, Group “B” Wednesdays and Fridays, and Group “C” (self-contained, special education classrooms) Tuesdays - Fridays. Group “D” students participate in “At-Home” learning and ALL children will learn virtually on Mondays.



**Learning from School & from Home:** Faculty will connect with their students in real time as students will be connected to their classrooms via the District’s robust technology platform.

Children will actively participate in the daily activities/lessons of the classroom based on the classroom’s/device’s integrated camera and microphone components.

All students will participate in live instruction for mini-lessons, small group and/or whole class activities planned by the teacher during their instructional blocks/periods in addition to their specials/related arts classes.



**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** WTS will be providing face coverings (2 cloth [face coverings](#) {attached to a lanyard} and 1 face shield) to all students. The items will be distributed along with the children’s Chromebooks prior to the start of the new school year (watch for a communication from your child’s school). PPE items are to go home with the children each day for proper cleansing. Currently, the CDC does not recommend use of face shields as a substitute for face coverings. Therefore, they may not be used to satisfy the face covering requirement as outlined in the NJDOE revised face covering guidance issued on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, face shields may be an option for students with medical or other challenges that preclude the use of face coverings. WTS purchased both shields and cloth face coverings back in July and are providing such to students and to staff. Children can wear both of these items to and from school each day (which also provides a strong visual for teachers and parents in terms of ensuring that face coverings are not left behind at school or at home), but **MUST wear at least their cloth face covering accompanied by the lanyard. Please wash/dry cloth face coverings and wipe shields at home each evening for use the following day.**





**Please Label PPE!** Please write your child’s first and last name on the face shield with a permanent marker and on the inside of their cloth face coverings! Children can certainly wear their own cloth face coverings purchased by their parents (2-ply, please).



**Internet Hotspots:** Families who do not have internet service and are in need of a WiFi (internet) “Hotspot” should contact Dr. Jolene Battitori at [jbattitori@wtschools.org](mailto:jbattitori@wtschools.org) .



**Chromebooks:** Children will be provided with a Chromebook computer. Chromebooks will be distributed prior to the start of the new school (watch for a communication from your child’s school!).



**Water Bottles:** Please send your child to school with a water bottle on days of in-person learning. Children will be able to refill their bottles using the “water bottle filling stations” at each school. Water “fountains” will be turned off during the pandemic and recovery period. If you child leaves the bottle at home, no worries ... we’ve got you covered!



⇒ **IMPORTANT Medical Information:** Please watch for a school-home communication being issued to parents next week containing specific health/medical information, protocols, and guidance.

### Two-Day Rotating Schedule

<b>WTS</b>	<u><b>Mondays</b></u>	<u><b>Tuesdays</b></u>	<u><b>Wednesdays</b></u>	<u><b>Thursdays</b></u>	<u><b>Fridays</b></u>
<b>GROUP “A”</b>	<b>@HOME</b>	<b>@SCHOOL</b>	<b>@HOME</b>	<b>@SCHOOL</b>	<b>@HOME</b>
<b>GROUP “B”</b>	<b>@HOME</b>	<b>@HOME</b>	<b>@SCHOOL</b>	<b>@HOME</b>	<b>@SCHOOL</b>
<b>FULL-DAY REMOTE</b>	<b>@HOME</b>	<b>@HOME</b>	<b>@HOME</b>	<b>@HOME</b>	<b>@HOME</b>