

WJUSD Re-opening Schools Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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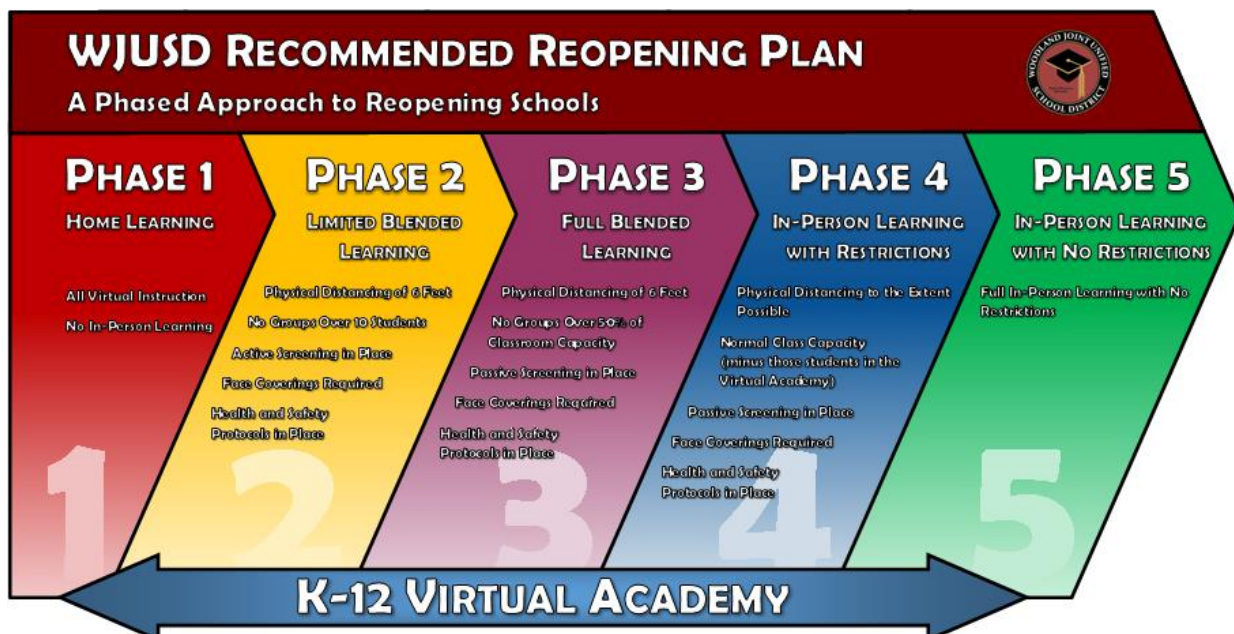
1. Is it true that the Governor ordered schools to start virtually?

Yes. The WJUSD Board of Trustees voted to start the 2020-21 school year using a phased-in approach with Phase 1 being virtual instruction. The Governor supported that decision by ordering schools to begin instruction virtually if the county in which the district resides is on the State “watch list”.

The Governor’s order is located [HERE](#) and the guidelines are located [HERE](#). The mandate says we will be unable to physically reopen for “in-person instruction” until the county is off the “watch list” for 14 days. Yolo County is currently on the watch list. If we are unable to reopen schools, all students will be served through Google Classroom as well as CANVAS, our distance learning platforms. We are looking forward to getting students on campus, but our current plan is to do so gradually with a phased-in approach.

2. Will Remote Learning Occur All Year?

No. WJUSD has planned for a Phased-in approach. This means that as health and safety indicators improve, we will work with our local health officials to gradually re-open in Phases. Please let me be clear, this does not mean that we will jump from Phase 1 to Phase 5.



3. Will Remote Learning Be the Same as the End of Last Year?

No. The governor described a “robust” distance learning program that will be offered to each student, as we begin school with an all distance learning model. Some foundational components of the program are as follows:

- ✓ All students have access to distance learning (either online or through independent study).
- ✓ Provide standards-aligned content and instruction.
- ✓ Provide daily live interaction with students “for instruction, progress monitoring, and maintaining school connectedness”.
- ✓ Maintain regular communication with parents on student progress.
- ✓ Establish procedures to re-engage students who are absent for more than 60% of instruction per week.
- ✓ Provide academic supports for English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, homeless students, and students who have fallen behind in their academic progress.
- ✓ Continue special education services.

Our staff has been hard at work building on this foundation to fully implement a quality experience for students using a distance format.

4. How will we know when to re-open to 100% in-person?

Our plan involves a Phased-in approach to re-opening gradually. To begin with, our schools will start the year using distance learning for all students. We will remain in that mode for at least 14 days beyond the point at which Yolo County is removed from the State’s COVID-19 watch list. As the health and safety of our community improve, WJUSD staff will work closely with our local public health department to determine when it is appropriate to move to Phase 2, Phase 3, and so on.

5. What is the CIF Sports Timeline?

The State California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) released a timeline for sports, which delays each of the sports. The overall delays are posted [HERE](#). These timelines are going to be honed by each section and we will have more information once that happens. We are in the San Joaquin Section of the CIF.

6. Will Grab-n-Go Food Distribution Continue?

Yes. We will continue to provide breakfast and lunch meals at the same place and at the same time, we have been distributing meals.

The following locations are distribution sites:

- Gibson Elementary
- Tafoya Elementary
- Sci-Tech Charter School at Knights Landing
- Lee Middle School
- Douglass Middle School
- Woodland High School
- Cache Creek High School
- Yolano Village
- Casa del Sol (Beginning 6/10/2020)
- Mutual Housing at Spring Lake (Beginning 6/15/2020)

Meals provided will consist of Lunch for that day and Breakfast for the following day and will be available between 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please inquire at 530-406-5955 with questions regarding meals during this time.

7. How do I get a work permit?

We have students getting jobs during this shutdown that require work permits. If you require a work permit, please call the enrollment center for more information. Their number is 530-406-3240 and 530-406-3275.

8. I am new to WJUSD, how do I register my student?

All students currently enrolled in WJUSD will roll forward and be enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year.

Students new to our district (for elementary grades) can enroll for the 2020-2021 school year remotely via our website (<https://air.wjUSD.org/>) or visit the enrollment center at 435 6th Street, Woodland, CA 95695. If you have any questions, you can contact the District Office Enrollment Center at 530-406-3240 and 530-406-3275 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

9. What is the Phased-in Approach?

Our Phased-in approach means we will start the school year using remote learning, monitor health conditions, and gradually return to in-person instruction as conditions permit.

10. What is Remote Learning?

Remote learning is instruction away from the classroom designed to maintain the continuity of teaching and learning. Students and teachers remain in their regular

classroom configurations, but learning is facilitated through an online platform while students are at home.

11. What is the Virtual Academy?

The Virtual Academy is a new instructional program for families who want to opt-out of remote learning for the entire school year. This provides an option for those parents who prefer not to send their children to a physical school setting (Phases 3-5). This also helps build on the already existing program such as our K-8 Home Study and 9th-12th Independent Learning Center.

12. What are some Remote Learning considerations for special education students?

The special education staff presented to our Board on July 23rd. The presentations can be viewed here:

[file:///C:/Users/thomas.pritchard/Downloads/F_1_DistanceLearningImplicationsForSpecialEducationStudents_0%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/thomas.pritchard/Downloads/F_1_DistanceLearningImplicationsForSpecialEducationStudents_0%20(1).pdf)