

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Phil Stevens, Superintendent

March 27, 2020

Dear Willington Parents and Staff,

We are writing to inform you of more updates on our response to COVID-19. Thank you for your continued patience as we roll out our *Interim Learning Plan*. The Willington Public Schools will remain closed indefinitely. Though the Governor stated we would not be able to return to school before April 20, I anticipate he will extend the closure timeline beyond April 20 based on communications we've received.

Interim Learning Plan Calendar

We launched our *Interim Learning Plan* (ILP) on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. The next ILP calendar will be distributed on Sunday, March 29 and will include supplemental learning opportunities for students. Though not required, these supplemental resources are important as they allow students access to critical subjects such as science, social studies, music, art, library, health, makerspace and physical education.

Maintaining a Connection to School

Our most critical mission in the coming weeks will be seen in creating and maintaining a connection to our students through virtual means. This can be a challenge, however, our teachers and staff have been planning opportunities to connect with students and allow them to reconnect with their peers during this time of social isolation. Some examples of how teachers and staff might promote social interactions may include virtual lunch groups or morning meetings, social media picture and video contests, guest readers, interactive scavenger hunts and "drive by birthday shout-outs." While virtual meeting platforms are effective in connecting groups of people online, they also do not guarantee the privacy of participants. Families should be aware that Zoom or Google Hangout sessions are not as confidential as a classroom in a school. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not want them to participate in a virtual meeting.

Technology

We are continuing to make arrangements to provide technology access for every K-8 student in Willington during the pandemic. If you do not have enough devices for your children, please email the Superintendent (pstevens@willingtonct.org) to make arrangements to borrow a Chromebook. If you have any issues regarding technology, including passwords and compatibility issues, please contact your child's teacher.

School Breakfast and Lunch

School lunches will continue to be provided, though we are transitioning to onsite services and delivery three days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Pick-up will be between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please order ahead so we know how many meals to make. [Please click here](#) to order meals for

your child(ren) for the entire week and remember that all meals are free. Please submit your form by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29.

April Vacation

The Willington Board of Education approved 2019-2020 school calendar includes April vacation. All the regional school districts, including Ashford, Mansfield, Columbia, and E.O. Smith are maintaining their April vacation. The Willington Public Schools will be following the approved calendar as well, which includes April vacation. We will not be providing an ILP calendar for the week of school vacation, though students are welcome to continue the work if they choose. We have decided not to announce the last day of school until we have more information regarding the pandemic situation and the Governor's decision to close schools.

Willington Town Alerts

Willington residents are able to sign up for [Town Alerts](#) via the town website. During this pandemic, it is important to have the critical information being provided by the town and I encourage you to sign up to receive the electronic communications. The system allows you to select the type of information you would like to receive including urgent town alerts, news and announcements, meeting agendas and meeting minutes. This system operates separately from our School Messenger system.

Attendance

While we will not be taking attendance in the traditional sense, we ask that you email your student's teacher (CES: homeroom teacher; HMS: math and language arts teachers) in the event that they are unable to participate in online learning due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances. This will ensure that teachers are aware of such absences from our virtual classroom and will not hold students accountable for the work from that day. Students should make an attempt to make up the work if possible though.

Summative Smarter Balanced Testing

Smarter Balanced testing has been canceled for the school year 2019-2020. Students will not be tested even if we are able to return to school this year.

Thank you for your continued support and please call the office at Hall Memorial School at 860-429-9391, Center Elementary School at 860-429-9367, or the Superintendent's office at 860-487-3130 if you need assistance.

Sincerely,
The Willington Public Schools Administrative Team

Philip Stevens, Superintendent
Kenneth Craig, Hall Memorial School Principal
Richard Napoli, Center School Principal
Marcia McGinley, Director of Pupil Services

Willington Public Schools
Calendar for Interim Learning Plan
Week 2: March 30 - April 3

	Monday March 30	Tuesday March 31	Wednesday April 1	Thursday April 2	Friday April 3
Math	Prek: Home Link Packet (20 mins) K-1: Splash Math (30+ minutes) Gr. 2-4: iReady (30+ minutes), Xtra math (15 minutes) Gr. 5-8: iReady (45+ minutes), Xtra math (15 minutes). Log in	Prek: Home Link Packet (20 mins) K-1: Splash Math (30+ minutes) Gr. 2-4: iReady (30+ minutes), Xtra math (15 minutes) Gr. 5-8: iReady (45+ minutes), Xtra math (15 minutes). Log in	PreK: Home Link Packet (20 mins) K-1: Splash Math (30+ minutes) Gr. 2-4: iReady (30+ minutes), Xtra math (15 minutes) Gr. 5-8: iReady (45+ minutes), Xtra math (15 minutes). Log in	PreK: Home Link Packet (20 mins) K-1: Splash Math (30+ minutes) Gr. 2-4: iReady (30+ minutes), Xtra math (15 minutes) Gr. 5-8: iReady (45+ minutes), Xtra math (15 minutes). Log in	PreK: Home Link Packet (20 mins) K-1: Splash Math (30+ minutes) Gr. 2-4: iReady (30+ minutes), Xtra math (15 minutes) Gr. 5-8: iReady (45+ minutes), Xtra math (15 minutes). Log in
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The following resources are meant to be an addition to the Interim Learning Plan (ILP). These activities and lessons have been created by Willington teachers in various subjects to further the progress of students during this time. Students will still only be held accountable for the required math and language arts materials in the ILP calendar above, however, we sincerely hope that families will spend time engaging in our supplemental activities. Below are links to our supplemental materials. As always, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions at all.

Center School Supplemental Items

Use the links below to access more materials to keep your student engaged and progressing at home!

Prek: Additional activities on teacher Clever page

[Kindergarten](#)

[1st grade](#)

[2nd grade](#)

[3rd grade](#)

[4th grade](#)

[CES Unified Arts](#)

Hall Memorial School Supplemental Items

Use the link below to access more materials to keep your student engaged and progressing at home!

[Link to Google Classroom](#)

HMS Unified Arts: *class code:* klb4c36

Grades 5 and 6: *class code:* tnk2ias

Grades 7 and 8: *class code:* chuuzch