

Wheatland Union High School District

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Nicole Newman, Superintendent



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Dear WUHSD Students and Parents:

The district has been working hard to develop a way that all students can return to campus before the end of the school year. The directive from CDPH states that students must be at least 4 feet apart in the classrooms. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet the directive in most of our classrooms on campus. Under this directive we can only get 21-23 students in the classroom. Most of our classes are 25 students and some of the electives are at 32 students per period. The WUHSD Board of Trustees gave administration direction at the last board meeting to maintain the hybrid schedule until the end of the school year with a modification to the Wednesday schedule for Office Hours and Asynchronous Assignments.

Details of the schedule for the remainder of the year beginning the week of April 12th (when we return from spring break):

- We will continue with hybrid for the remainder of the school year (M/Th- A Group & Tu/Fr-B Group). Wednesday's will be required for some students and optional for others.
- Students that have two or more P and F's at progress reports **will be required** to come to campus on Wednesday's. Progress reports going out this week will make this determination. Parents will receive an email or a phone call if your student is required to attend on Wednesday's. Please note that Ms. Freeman will be in touch with some parents of students with IEPs to discuss Wednesday options.
- In addition, students may come on campus to get help from teachers/paras/academic techs/counselors if needed. Students that are not required to come on campus may come on campus for only the period they need help but will have to be responsible for their own transportation (we will only run the buses at the beginning and the end of the day). They must follow the bell schedule and arrive at the beginning of the period they need help. Students that come on campus voluntarily will need to check in and out with the attendance office.
- We will run a regular 7 period bell schedule.
- Buses will run just like a regular day and breakfast, snack, and lunch will be served.
- Teachers will not be providing new instruction on Wednesday's. They will be there to assist in catching up and provide encouragement, motivation, and support by giving them the extra help that they need.

We recognize that the perfect solution is having students on campus 5 days a week; however, that is not possible at this time. We are hopeful that we can start the school year with all students back on campus as well as an independent study option for parents that do not want their student back on campus yet. Thank you so much for your patience. Please be on the lookout for a phone call or an email about the Wednesday requirement. We also encourage you to check the Parent Portal to make the determination as well. Feel free to contact the school if you have further questions.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nicole Newman'.

Nicole Newman, Superintendent