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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – UPDATED MAY 1, 2020

## When will Phase 2 of the Continuity of Education Plan start?

Phase 2 of the District's Continuity of Education Plan will start on May 4, 2020.

## Why did the District implement Phase 2 of the Plan?

Students received review and enrichment activities during Phase 1 of the Plan; however, in an effort to meet the academic rigor required for our students, Phase 2 of the District's plan will now include new, planned instruction for students.

### What types of activities will my child have access to in Google Classroom?

Teachers will introduce new academic material in a variety of formats, including real-time activities (virtual face-to-face), on-demand recordings (prerecorded/accessible at any time), and individual activities.

### What happens if my child cannot participate in Google Classroom?

If online participation is not an option, teachers will continue to provide two activities/assignments per content area each week. This will include both enrichment and new material. Office staff will continue to communicate with families and arrange student access to hard copies of assignments and activities, as needed.

### What are the student expectations in Phase 2?

In this phase of online learning, student participation is expected. Students should do their best to complete all assignments and activities. It is important that students/families communicate with their teacher(s), and ask for help when needed.

Teachers will monitor students' participation, engagement, and progress. Data collection will be essential when planning future assessments to identify learning gaps, interventions to remediate learning gaps, and grade-level instruction for the 2020-2021 school year.

How can students participate in the real-time (virtual face-to-face) sessions without conflicts? Building schedules will prevent any overlapping of virtual classroom instruction and may be useful to students and families when organizing their day.

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# How will my child submit completed assignments that are not through Google Classroom?

Students will return completed work via email, pictures, or drop box located in the front of the school during office hours (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 AM – 12 PM).

# Will my child receive a 4th quarter grade during Phase 2?

Recognizing that learning environments and access to technology will vary based on many different factors, students should expect to receive feedback and support from their teachers instead of a grade.

### Can parents and students contact teachers during the school closure?

Yes, you can search for staff emails on our District's website (http://ww3.westernwayne.org/).

### Will seniors be able to graduate?

Yes, seniors will be able to graduate if they meet district requirements. Mr. Gregorski and Mr. Barr, along with the guidance department, will continue to provide updates.

Will every child in my household receive a device? Due to the volume of requests, the district will need to limit the number of computers a family may request. We ask that if you have currently have a computer or a capable mobile device, please utilize them. The current plan is to provide one (1) computer for every two (2) students per household in need.

### Will someone be available if I call my child's school building?

Offices will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00AM-12:00PM.

### What are the next steps?

As we receive updated guidance from Governor Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, we will make decision regarding our District. We will share any new information in a timely manner with our families.

Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of our students, staff and community.

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