



Weatherford Public Schools Distant Learning Plan

On Wednesday, March 25th, the OK State Board of Education approved a recommendation by Joy Hofmeister to finish this school year with a form of “Distance Learning.” Our administrators, teachers and instructional support staff have been working hard to develop a distance-learning plan that will help our students finish the school year strong. As you can imagine, this planning has presented its own set of trials, as most of it has occurred digitally or at a distance so we can protect ourselves just as you are at home. Our students deserve a learning plan that will help them grow academically this spring, and that is what we are determined to give them.

We know you and your child have many questions about what the remainder of the school year will be like. The purpose of this letter is to share what we know and to ask you for your help as we prepare for this significant transition. While this is not how we expected to end the school year, we believe our distance learning plan will allow us to keep students on track, while also protecting what is most important – their health and well-being.

A change of this magnitude will not occur without bumps in the road; however, with your help, I am confident we can offer the best services possible for our students. If you have questions about the remainder of the school year or you need assistance, please call the Administration office between the hours of 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday, or email your Principal. All Principals are available in their office every Monday from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

- Burcham Elementary 774-0812
- East Elementary 772-3533
- West Elementary 772-5888
- Middle School 772-2270
- High School 772-3385
- Administration 772-3327

WPS Distance Learning Plan

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our teachers and staff, we will resume services to students on Monday, April 6. These services will be provided until May 8, which is the last day of the 2019-2020 school year. We understand this ongoing instruction cannot be delivered through a one-size-fits-all approach. We hope as you read the information below you can see how we are working to help meet the needs of all students.

❖ Burcham Learning Plan

We believe elementary students learn best when they have the opportunity to experience hands-on activities. Teachers have developed lessons that align with Oklahoma Academic Standards in each grade level. While some of the options will include online resources, most will only require the materials you commonly have in your home. All activities will be available on the district website (www.wpsok.org) as well as packets available for pickup. Assignments and activities should not be returned to Burcham; instead, they will be for enrichment and for practicing math and literacy skills. Students should spend no more than 30-45 minutes each day on lessons/activities. Teachers will be touching base with families each week to continue to grow their relationship with students and to check on their progress.

❖ **East/West Learning Plan**

We believe elementary students learn best when they have the opportunity to experience hands-on activities and on-line learning. Our teachers are developing lessons that align with state learning standards in each grade level. Lesson plans and activity instructions will be updated weekly on our website (www.wpsok.org). Copies of the materials will be passed out to parents when they pick up their students supplies on Thursday, April 2nd. Assignments and activities should not be returned to the school; instead, please send back feedback or pictures to your teachers through Class Dojo, Remind, or email. Students will continue to receive grades based on participation. Our goal is to continue the learning process and to keep students engaged during these last few weeks of school. Students should spend no more than 45 minutes- 1 hour each day on lessons/activities. Most lessons will be self explanatory, so your students will be able to navigate it by themselves. Teachers will be touching base with families on a regular basis to check on their progress. Please feel free to reach out to teachers if you are needing help or advice.

❖ **Middle School Learning Plan**

Weatherford Middle School teachers are developing lessons that align with state and ACT Aspire standards for each grade level. Students will have two options for their educational experience during this time. Students may choose to do off-line education which will require them to work through packets of worksheets and assignments that they will pick up from WMS on Monday, April 6th from 8:00-3:00. They can work at their own pace and turn in their packet on May the 8th at the middle school office. Online learners will have access to teacher videos, online learning programs, and video conferencing with teachers starting on Monday, April 6th. Students and parents will have the ability to email their teachers for additional information. Academic expectation and integrity will remain in force with both options. Teachers will be contacting students to check up on them throughout this process.

❖ **High School Learning Plan**

Weatherford High School teachers are developing lessons that align with state and ACT Aspire standards for each grade level. Students will have two options for their educational experience during this time. Students may choose to do off-line education which will require them to work through packets of worksheets and assignments that they will pick up from WHS on Monday, April 6th from 9:00 - 12:00 as well as each following Monday ending May 4th. Online learners will have access to teacher videos, online learning programs, and video conferencing with teachers starting on Monday, April 6th. Students and parents will have the ability to email their teachers for additional information. We will be giving additional information about turning in work on a class by class basis. Academic expectation and integrity will remain in force with both options. Teachers will be contacting students to check up on them throughout this process.

❖ **Special Education Plan**

Weatherford Public Schools is dedicated to providing continued learning and therapy opportunities to our students with special needs at this time. Your child's case manager and/or related service providers will contact you regarding your child's individualized plan.

Schools are at their best when the community works together. You were and continue to be your child's first and most important teacher. While our faculty and staff will be leading the way, we know you will be encouraging, supporting and teaching your child side-by-side with us.

We miss our students terribly, but we are trying to make the best of the situation for everyone. Thank you for helping us rise to this challenge. We could not do it without you.