

September 11, 2020

Dear Meyers Campus Wolfpack Students, Parents, and Guardians,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We want to take this time to provide important information that will help both students and families navigate this unprecedented school year. It is our hope that by working together we will be able to ensure the safety of our Meyers families and guarantee our students are provided with the very best education possible.

We hope that each and every student and family remains safe throughout the school year, so it is imperative that families remain aware of the continuing modifications to the school happenings. With that being said, please read the following information thoroughly and adhere to all mandatory rules, regulations, and mandates.

All COVID-19 related items are provided on the Wilkes-Barre Area School District website:

<https://www.wbasd.k12.pa.us/CoronavirusUpdatesCOVID-19.aspx>

Parents/Guardians are expected to self-assess their students before sending them to school. Students arriving to school exhibiting possible Covid-19 symptoms will be quarantined to a safe room and emergency contacts will be required to pick-up the student immediately. Keeping everyone safe is a group priority and necessity; therefore, "sick" students cannot remain in the building for extended time.

FACE MASKS / FACE SHIELDS

- The district has provided each student with a face mask and face shield.
- Students are required to wear face masks or face shield throughout the school day with the exception of when the student is seated to eat lunch. This is NON-NEGOTIABLE.
- Masks/shields MUST cover the nose and mouth.
- Masks may not distract from the learning environment. Single color masks are preferred. Team/college logo masks are permitted. Political, religious, offensive logos/designs/messages are not permitted in the school building.
- Daily washing of cloth face masks or daily cleaning of face shields is encouraged to eliminate the spread of disease.
- Mask "breaks" will be discussed with students by administration as soon as information is available from central administration.

SOCIAL DISTANCING - 6 FEET APART - HALLWAY TRAVELING

- These mandates will be strictly enforced.
- Social distancing helps to decrease the potential spread of disease.
- Students are not permitted to commiserate in groups in the hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria, or classrooms.
- Hallways, stairwells, and cafeteria are labeled to ensure safe traffic flow throughout the school day.

-Teachers will be strictly enforcing distancing measures in their respective classrooms and hallways.

CONSEQUENCES

Parental conferences and potential reassignment to either Option 2 - Virtual Learning or Option 3 - WBA Cyber School for students found violating school policies or Acceptable Use policy.

DRESS CODE / BACKPACKS / WATER BOTTLES

- The relaxed Dress Code addendum is provided on the Covid-19 hyperlink. This dress code is applicable to this school year only. Please read through the information on the district website.
- Students are permitted to carry backpacks for the 2020-21 school year.
- Backpacks are subject to daily security checks.
- Disciplinary rules apply for any confiscated backpack contents that violate District Rules & Regulations
- Glass bottles are strictly prohibited in the building. Glass bottles pose safety risks so plastic or travel containers are encouraged.

BUILDING ACCESS

-Building access is restricted to **appointment only**. Parents/guardians must call to schedule appointments with administrators, teachers, or guidance counselors/guidance personnel.

These guidelines are for your protection and the protection of the entire Wolfpack community, and they follow the Center for Disease Control and Pennsylvania State Health Department regulations. We want everyone - students, families, faculty, and staff - to remain healthy and safe this year; therefore, the newly adopted district and building policies will be enforced without exception. Our hope, as always, is that students, faculty, staff, and administrators have a productive and successful academic year. This is only possible when everyone involved shoulders the responsibility of the challenges we currently face in our world. Please understand that we value each member of our Wolfpack community and we will take all necessary steps to protect our school community.