

Student Learning Options during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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	In-Person Learning	Distance Learning	West Virginia Virtual School
Who is eligible?	All students PK – 12	All students K – 12	Students in grades 6 – 12
Are students still considered Roane County students?	Yes. Under each of these options, students are still considered full-time Roane County students.		
Can a student still participate in extracurricular activities?	Yes. So long as a student is enrolled for a minimum of 4 courses each semester, he/she remains eligible for extracurricular activities, including athletics.		
What does learning look like with each of these options?	<p>Students receive instruction in schools under the Roane County Schools Return to School Protocols.</p> <p>Should public health officials, the Governor, or the Superintendent issue an order closing schools in Roane County or across the state, students engaged in in-person instruction may be required to transition to distance learning.</p>	<p>Students receive instruction through Roane County’s Distance Learning Plan. Roane County teachers provide lessons through the district’s learning management platform, Schoology, and engage students with the same work and feedback provided to in-person students, but with students remaining at home.</p> <p>It is recommended that students in distance learning have access to a reliable, high-speed Internet connection away from school. Efforts will be made to reach students who do not have access with offline experiences through a district-owned laptop, but these students may be required to visit a school parking lot periodically for wireless Internet access and/or to drop-off / pick-up materials via flash drive.</p>	<p>Students receive instruction through full-time enrollment in the West Virginia Virtual School, a collection of online courses provided by the West Virginia Department of Education.</p> <p>It is required that students in the West Virginia Virtual School have access to a reliable, high-speed Internet connection away from school.</p> <p>Though WVVS courses are taught by other teachers, each Roane County student engaged in online courses through the WVVS will be assigned a Roane County teacher as a mentor and advisor. This teacher will help monitor the student’s progress and encourage on-time completion of the courses.</p>

<p>How are grades assigned?</p>	<p>Grades will be based on student work and assigned by a Roane County teacher.</p>	<p>Grades will be based on student work and assigned by a Roane County teacher.</p>	<p>Grades will be assigned by the teacher employed by the West Virginia Virtual School. By local policy, this grade shall be the same grade assigned to the student and shall not be modified.</p>
<p>How is attendance kept?</p>	<p>Attendance will be measured by a student's daily physical attendance at school. It is expected that various COVID-19 related absences, such as isolation due to possible exposure, will be considered excused rather than unexcused but will still be counted as absences.</p>	<p>Attendance will be measured based on student engagement. To remain in good standing, a student must remain engaged and complete assignment each and every week that schools are in session.</p>	<p>Attendance is not measured for students enrolled full-time in the West Virginia Virtual School.</p>
<p>When and how do I let you know my choice of learning option?</p>	<p>Students must make their choice of learning option known at least 15 calendar days prior to the start of instruction in any given semester, so for the fall of 2020, no later than August 24, 2020. After August 24, students may not choose to transition between in-person learning, distance learning, or the West Virginia Virtual School for the remainder of the fall 2020 semester. However, school- or district-wide transitions to distance learning may be required per orders of public health officials, the Governor, or the Superintendent.</p> <p>A form will be provided by the Superintendent to record such a decision.</p> <p>Any student who does not make their choice of learning option known by the deadline will be assumed to be engaging in in-person learning.</p>		