

# WHITNALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 18, 2020

Whitnall Families:

Last night, the school board took action and voted to begin the 2020-21 school year with Model A. Model A is our in-person model with a distance learning option. If you have not had a chance to review our communications on Model A, which include precautionary measures for in-person instruction and clarification on distance learning delivery, we encourage you to do so. All of that information can be found on [our Reopening Fall 2020 page](#). Now that we are moving forward with Model A, our next step is developing a data dashboard, which will incorporate both local health data and internal data. Our medical advisory committee will continue to meet, and we will continue to plan and adjust so that we are able to provide safe and effective instruction to both our in-person and distance learners. We want to clarify that the development of a data dashboard will not change how we begin the school year. The data dashboard will be used to monitor the health and safety of our students and staff once we open our buildings on September 1.

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## **First Week of School**

We would like to provide some more details on how September 1-4 will work. Regardless of which instructional model was chosen (in-person or distance), students will attend school one day that week, resulting in 25% capacity in our buildings each day. This slow start will allow students to meet their teachers, access the new learning management system (Canvas) with teacher support, and pick up their technology/supplies. These four days will also allow us to teach and test the new precautionary procedures in smaller numbers. Below is a table that shows how attendance will be divided for the first week of school.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Students Attending</b>
Tuesday, September 1	Students with last names starting with <b>A through E</b>
Wednesday, September 2	Students with last names starting with <b>F through K</b>
Thursday, September 3	Students with last names starting with <b>L through R</b>
Friday, September 4	Students with last names starting with <b>S through Z</b>

If there are multiple last names in your household, please plan to have all the students in your household attend on the day that corresponds with the last name earliest in the alphabet. For example, if a household contains students with the last names Smith, Johnson, and Mason, all of

those students will attend on Wednesday, September 2, which corresponds with Johnson, the last name earliest in the alphabet. Transportation will be provided during the week of September 1-4. If you are a distance learning household that is not comfortable with having your student(s) attend in-person for even one day, arrangements will be made for curbside pickup. **All students will attend school daily beginning September 8.**

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### **Request to Change Instructional Delivery Choice**

If you would like to request a change to your choice between in-person or distance learning, you can fill out [this form](#). Your request will be placed on a wait list, which will be established at each grade. Ability to change will depend on the numbers at your child's grade level. As we have communicated, if your family did not complete the commitment that was due on August 6, your family is now considered in-person. **This form will close at 12 PM on Friday, August 21.**

To view the instructional delivery selected for your child, follow the steps below:

1. Log into [Infinite Campus](#)
  2. Click "More" on the left
  3. Select the "Instructional Delivery Options" link to view each child's instructional delivery option (Model A IP: In-Person Learning or Model A DL: Distance Learning)
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We have said it countless times, we have heard many of you say it, and we are hearing it echo globally, but it's important to remember--this situation is ever-changing. We are all making difficult, consequential decisions based on endlessly equivocal and shifting conditions. Thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate the unknown together.

Please continue to use the reopen2020@whitnall.com email for any questions or concerns.

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