

Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools
Virtual Learning Q&A

1. What is virtual learning?
 - a. Students who choose online learning must understand and prepare themselves for a more self directed approach to their learning. Working through a partner company, students can choose courses from a course catalog. The work will be graded and recorded as a Whittemore-Prescott student. A WP teacher will monitor progress and have, at minimum, weekly two way communication with the student.

2. What types of classes are offered?
 - a. A rigorous list of courses are available through the course catalog of the online portal. Courses include the four core subjects and a list of electives.

3. Is there a cost for my child to take online classes?
 - a. There is no cost to Whittemore-Prescott students to register for online courses. All students K-12 will be assigned an account with classes. In the event we move back to Phase 3, the teacher can continue instruction of the subject matter with little disruption to instruction.
 - b. Each unit of instruction has a materials list. Most materials can be found around the house or can be purchased at minimal cost. However, K-3 students have a workbook that should be purchased through the company.

4. Is virtual learning the right choice for me?
 - a. Choosing to take classes online is a very important decision which should not be taken lightly. There are many things to consider prior to making a decision.
 - i. Work Area - Will a student have an adequate work location in which to concentrate and complete assignments?
 - ii. School Day Schedule: A school day should be organized similar to their day at school with certain subjects taught at specific times of the day.
 - iii. Parents as Learning Partners: Parents must participate, monitor and guide students through lessons and units of study. This is not an easy task and takes time and planning prior to the lesson being taught.
 - iv. Supports: Are there enough resources and supports for your child to get the most out of an online platform?

5. If I choose virtual learning classes, can we switch to face to face instruction?
 - a. Students that choose online instruction must commit to that choice for the first card marking at minimum.. Students can not switch back and forth throughout the school year between face to face and online.

6. Will the teachers be WP teachers for online classes?

- a. Whittemore-Prescott teachers will be the teacher of record. Direct instruction will be delivered by the online provider. Most assignments are graded via the online program. Some assignments will be graded by a Whittemore-Prescott teacher. WP teachers will monitor your son/daughter's progress on a regular basis with, at minimum, weekly two way communication.
7. Can I use my phone for online classes?
- a. It may be difficult to navigate the online platform with a cell phone. Most online platforms require students to download and upload assignments. However, a laptop will allow students to navigate, complete and turn in assignments more efficiently.
8. If my child chooses virtual learning, can he/she participate in athletics at WP?
- a. Students who enroll in online classes through Whittemore-Prescott are considered WP students and can take advantage of athletic competition.
9. Is there a set daily schedule for online classes?
- a. Taking virtual classes requires a student to be more self directed. Managing one's time is important to completing online classes since they are self paced.
10. I do not have internet access. Can my child still take online classes?
- a. We understand that reliable internet access is a challenge in our region of the state. This is why each school bus is being equipped as a mobile hotspot. Buses will be parked at strategic locations around the district for maximum connectivity. Please note that locations are subject to change. Parents/students will have to get within appropriate distance to connect to the internet using a school bus as a mobile hotspot.
 - b. Your local library or other public buildings may have a public hotspot for use.
11. How do I sign up for online classes through Whittemore-Prescott?
- a. Each student K-12 will be assigned classes through an online provider in the event that the state moves back into Phase 3.
12. Does the school offer other online classes?
- a. Yes. For years the district has offered high school students who qualify to take college classes. This is called "Dual Enrollment". Those students that successfully complete dual enrollment classes earn college credits.
 - b. Another option is enrolling in "Early College" classes. Students earn college credit for classes taken. The only difference is that the courses are part of a planned program where students who successfully complete the requirements graduate from WP with a high school diploma and an Associate Degree at little or

no cost to the parents. For information on dual enrollment or Early College options please contact the high school for more information.

13. Will students with an IEP or 504 Plan be provided with the supports they need to be successful?
 - a. WP special education staff will be available to support students with an IEP or 504.

14. Will Title I services be available to students that are virtual?
 - a. WP Title I services will be available. Details on how services will be provided are being finalized.

15. Are students that are enrolled in virtual courses allowed to receive free breakfast and lunch?
 - a. Students enrolled in virtual courses are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. Details on distribution are still being finalized.

16. Do online students still have to take state assessments?
 - a. Yes. Online students will have to come to the building to take MSTEP, SAT and PSAT assessments.