



Willows High School

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Dear Willows High School Families,

With the start of school swiftly approaching, there is much information that needs to be shared. We will begin the school year with distance learning and hope to be able to have our students back on campus as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to navigate the many challenges that are new to all of us.

We will have distribution of learning materials on the following dates from 9 AM – 3:00 PM:

Monday, 8/24/20 Seniors (**see daily times below for time based on your last name**)
Tuesday, 8/25/20 Juniors (**see daily times below for time based on your last name**)
Wednesday, 8/26/20 Sophomores (**see daily times below for time based on your last name**)
Thursday, 8/27/20 Freshman (**see daily times below for time based on your last name**)

The daily times for each grade level based on the first letter of your last name is as follows:

9:00-10:00 – Last name begins with A-D
10:00-11:00 – Last name begins with E-H
11:00-12:00 – Last name begins with I-M
1:00-2:00 – Last name begins with N-R
2:00-3:00 – Last name begins with S-Z

To ensure social distancing, it is crucial you come during your allotted time period. If it is not possible, there will be one additional day available:

Friday, 8/28/20
8:00-10:00 – Last name begins with A-L
10:00-12:00 – Last name begins with M-Z

Below you will find some frequently asked questions. Please read carefully as the format and expectations for distance learning this fall will look very different from what happened last spring.

When will school start?

School starts on Tuesday, September 1st, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. Students need to log in to their devices at this time. All synchronous learning will take place in the morning between 8:00 A.M. and 11:50 A.M. Directions for logging in will be given to students in their district-assigned gmail accounts.

Why distance learning?

Governor Newsome announced on Friday, July 17th that counties that are on the COVID-19 monitoring watch list will not be allowed to open the school year with in-person instruction. Glenn County is currently on this list.

What is distance learning?

Distance learning is instruction where the student and the teacher are in different locations. Our students will be at home and our teachers will be at Willows High School. The instruction combines both synchronous (live) instruction and asynchronous (independent) instruction.

Will attendance be taken during distance learning?

YES, daily attendance will be taken and students who do not attend will be marked absent. If your child is ill or unable to attend, please call the school office. Our office will be calling to verify unexcused absences and lack of engagement. This will be monitored by our staff and we will follow school attendance policies as if the students were attending in person.

Will my child receive grades during distance learning?

YES, your child will receive grades during distance learning. It is critical that your child attend instruction daily and actively participate in all synchronous and asynchronous lessons. Your child will receive a report card assessing their progress during distance learning.

What will my child's day look like during distance learning?

All synchronous learning will take place in the morning between 8:00 and 11:50 A.M. All teachers will have live instruction during this time with breaks between lessons. The afternoons are reserved for asynchronous learning time where students will work independently on assignments and projects. Our teachers are available from 12:35 – 2:50 P.M. to answer any questions, take phone calls, and provide feedback and support. You will receive a detailed schedule for your student when you log into your aeries portal.

What do I do if I have problems with technology?

If your child is having technology problems that the teacher is unable to resolve, please call our school office for a replacement.

What do I do if we do not have the internet at home?

Please call the school office as soon as possible and we will work on getting you a district-provided hotspot.

Will my child receive special education services?

Yes, if your child has an IEP, services will continue to be provided by Glenn County Office of Education through distance learning.

Does Willows High School offer an independent study program?

Yes, if you are interested in long-term independent study, please call the school office. Our district uses an online program called Odysseyware, and provides a certificated staff person to help navigate this process. There are weekly check-ins to monitor progress and open up online assessments.

When will my child be able to return to in-person instruction?

When Glenn County is off the watch list for 14 days or a waiver is approved, we will then be able to return to an in-person learning model. We would then be allowed to transition to a hybrid model where only half of the students can be on campus at one time.

Again, thank you for your patience during the time. Please check out our school website and Facebook page for tips on google classroom and important information. Our teachers have been hard at work all summer attending on-line workshops, trainings, and planning for distance learning. They are eager to begin teaching. Our office staff is here to help in any way so please do not hesitate to give us a call. If you are coming into the office, masks are required as is social distancing. We also know that the information and guidelines we receive seem to change daily. This is what we know as of today! Please know that we all want our students back but we also understand the need to do this safely and within the guidelines we have been given.

Sincerely,

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