



August 5, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardian:

The Marion County Board of Education has approved the following learning options for the 2020-2021 school year: Blended Learning (yellow), Distance Learning (blue) and WV Virtual School (teal). Please review the explanations listed below to evaluate each option.

Learning Options for the 2020-2021 School Year Marion County Schools					
Blended Learning					
Students are in a schedule that blends time spent at school and home while participating in their learning. A Blended Learning scenario is used to reduce time spent in larger groups, to reduce cross contamination, to provide more time for sanitizing and to assist in mitigating risks. Reduced time – 1 hour 15 minutes at end of day.					
Sample Blended Schedule					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A (A-L)	In-School	In-School	Distance Learning (Sanitization)	Distance Learning	Distance Learning
Cohort B (M-Z)	Distance Learning	Distance Learning	Distance Learning (Sanitization)	In-School	In-School
Distance Learning			WV Virtual School		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are engaged and participating in learning from home with instruction provided by a Marion County teacher utilizing a digital platform with Marion County curriculum and instructional materials. Any distance learning that is full-time with no in-person attendance must remain there for a semester. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School utilizing the WV Learns platform and curriculum. The teacher is a WV Virtual School Contracted teacher. This option is rigorous and self-paced. Success with this option is dependent upon being an independent and highly motivated learner. Marion County offers this in a full-time option for Home Schooled students to return to the public school system. Marion County also offers a limited part-time option for students with scheduling conflicts or course availability in a brick and mortar school. It is offered to private and home school students. It is limited to two courses each semester Any virtual option is for one semester at a time and determined by Marion County Schools. 		

Once you have made a decision on which option best suits your family, log into the Marion County Board of Education website (marionboe.com) to complete the Instructional Learning Application. Each family must complete one application per child enrolled in Marion County Schools. In order for the county to plan for the different modes of education, we must know numbers for assigning staff.

If you are unable to access the link for any reason such as lack of a device or no internet, please feel free to contact your school and assistance will be provided. All applications for registration must be completed by August 17, 2020.

Thank you,

Randall Farley,
Marion County Superintendent