

# WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127

WORTH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 11151 S. NEW ENGLAND AVE., WORTH, IL 60482 | 708-448-2803



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Dear Worth Junior High School Parents/Guardians,

To start, I would like to thank you for your support during the 2020-2021 school year. Please know that all of our planning and work during this unique time period has been carried out with the goal of keeping our students, families, and staff safe while providing each and every student with the best academic and social-emotional experiences possible as we continue to move through what continues to be a unique school year. As you already know, Worth Junior High School along with Worth School District 127 plans to offer an in-person learning model of instruction along with a full remote learning option starting on Monday, February 8, 2021.

## **In-Person Learning Model**

Students participating in the in-person Learning model of instruction will attend school 5 days per week from 8:20 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. with an additional 1 hour of remote instructional time in the afternoon.

## **Remote Learning Model**

Students who have opted to continue the school year in remote learning will be provided with the same learning opportunities as the students who will be present for in-person learning. Students who have opted to continue in the remote learning model will receive daily instruction synchronously and on-line by following the same daily schedule that students who they have been grouped with all year and are coming for in-person learning will follow while in school. Remote students along with in-person students will have an additional 1 hour of remote instructional time in the afternoon.

## **In-Person & Remote Group Assignments**

In-Person and remote students will remain together in the same class cohorts that they have been in throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Remote students will follow the same daily class schedule from 8:20 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. that the in-person students in their assigned class cohorts will follow while they are in school.

Students who have opted for the in-person learning model will report to their first period classrooms at the beginning of the school day while the students participating in remote learning from home will be expected to log on to their first period classes at 8:20 a.m. daily for attendance and then follow the corresponding daily class schedule remotely.

## **Encore, P.E./Health Classes**

Students will engage in their assigned Encore and PE/Health classes during the 1 hour of instructional time in the afternoon. They will do so through a combination of attending Encore and PE/Health sessions during assigned times throughout the week along with engaging with daily learning activities that will be posted on-line by Worth Junior High School's Encore and PE/Health teachers. Students will continue to remain in the same A & B groups they have been in throughout the school year when they participate in Encore and PE/Health sessions during their designated times throughout the week. Please refer to the schedule included in this letter to know which times in the afternoons throughout the week your son/daughter will be expected to participate in Encore and PE/Health sessions. More information regarding the revised Encore and PE/Health schedules and expectations will be provided by your child's classroom, Encore and PE/Health teachers in their Google classroom pages.

## In-Person & Remote Learners Daily Synchronous Schedule

| Times       | Monday    | Tuesday<br>Advisory Day      | Wednesday | Thursday<br>Advisory Day     | Friday    |
|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 8:20-9:04   | Period 1  | Advisory<br>8:20-8:45 a.m.   | Period 1  | Advisory<br>8:20-8:45 a.m.   | Period 1  |
| 9:09-9:53   | Period 2  | Period 1<br>8:45-9:24 a.m.   | Period 2  | Period 1<br>8:45-9:24 a.m.   | Period 2  |
| 9:58-10:42  | Period 3  | Period 2<br>9:29-10:08 a.m.  | Period 3  | Period 2<br>9:29-10:08 a.m.  | Period 3  |
| 10:47-11:31 | Period 4  | Period 3<br>10:13-10:52 a.m. | Period 4  | Period 3<br>10:13-10:52 a.m. | Period 4  |
| 11:36-12:20 | Period 5  | Period 4<br>10:57-11:36      | Period 5  | Period 4<br>10:57-11:36      | Period 5  |
|             |           | Period 5<br>11:41-12:20      |           | Period 5<br>11:41-12:20      |           |
| 12:20-12:30 | Dismissal | Dismissal                    | Dismissal | Dismissal                    | Dismissal |

## Encore & PE/Health P.M. Remote Schedule for All Students

| Times     | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  |
|-----------|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1:20-1:40 | 8th Encore<br>Group A<br><br>8th PE/Health<br>Group B | 8th Encore<br>Group B<br><br>8th PE/Health<br>Group A | *Encore/Health/PE<br>activities will be posted<br>on students' Google<br>classroom page in the<br>afternoon. | 8th Encore<br>Group A<br><br>8th PE/Health<br>Group B | 8th Encore<br>Group B<br><br>8th PE/Health<br>Group A |
| 1:45-2:05 | 6th Encore<br>Group A<br><br>6th PE/Health<br>Group B | 6th Encore<br>Group B<br><br>6th PE/Health<br>Group A |  | 6th Encore<br>Group A<br><br>6th PE/Health<br>Group B | 6th Encore<br>Group B<br><br>6th PE/Health<br>Group A |
| 2:10-2:30 | 7th Encore<br>Group A<br><br>7th PE/Health<br>Group B | 7th Encore<br>Group B<br><br>7th PE/Health<br>Group A |  | 7th Encore<br>Group A<br><br>7th PE/Health<br>Group B | 7th Encore<br>Group B<br>7th PE/Health<br>Group A     |

### Attendance

All students will be required to use their chromebooks to check in for attendance daily with their assigned 1st period teachers at 8:20 a.m.. If a student is not able to participate in either in-person or remote learning on a scheduled school day, parents will be expected to contact the main office by 9:00 a.m. If a student does not check in for attendance and the school has not been contacted by a parent, parents will be contacted by the main office.

Students who come to school for in-person instruction will report to their 1st period classrooms where they will remain for all of their classes. ***On the first day of school, students who have opted for in-person learning are to come to school with their chromebooks (charged), pencils, pens, paper, and folders only. Teachers will provide students with more information regarding when to bring in additional school supplies.***

### Meal Pick-Up Procedures

We will be continuing with our one day a week meal pick-up on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at Worth Elementary School and Worthwoods School for all District 127 families. Families will receive a meal kit that contains 7 breakfasts and 7 lunches, and a gallon of milk for **each** child that is 18 years old or under.

### Student Arrival and Dismissal for In-Person Learners

Worth Junior High School's in-person instruction day will take place from 8:20 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. Monday through Friday. ***Students should arrive at school no sooner than 8:05 AM and no later than 8:15 AM.*** Students will be able to enter the building at 8:05 AM and head directly to their assigned 1st period classes.

On the days students attend school, students will be required to show a supervisor their self-certification forms **signed and dated** by a parent/guardian verifying that they do not have any Covid-19 symptoms in order to enter the school building and then they will be asked to turn the forms into their 1st period teachers upon arrival to class. ***If you do not have access to self-certification forms, you can print a copy off of the district website under the family resources section. Students who need self-certification forms will receive a pad of self-certification forms to bring home. If you already have a pad of self-certification forms from when we held in-person instruction earlier in the year, they are still able to be used. You are welcome to come to the office if you would like to pick up a self-certification pad prior to Monday.*** Students will not be allowed to enter school if they do not have a signed and dated copy of the daily self-certification form and will be directed to the main lobby doors on New England avenue where further instructions will be provided.

What follows are the different doors students from each grade levels will use to enter and leave the building during arrival and dismissal times:

- Grade 6: Door 12 (located on the East end of Worth Junior High in the back of the school)
- Grade 7: Door 4 (located near the Northeast end of Worth Junior High near 112th street)
- Grade 8: Door 2 (located near the Northeast end of Worth Junior High at 112th and New England Ave.)

In order to ensure students are safe under Covid-19 protocols, the following safety protocols will be enforced during arrival and dismissal times:

- Students will not be allowed to congregate into groups before and after school and they will be expected to immediately leave school grounds when dismissed.
- Students will not be allowed to play basketball on the basketball courts located on Worth Junior High School's campus before or after school.
- Students will be expected to wear masks and practice social distancing at all times while on school grounds.
- All parents/guardians will be expected to wear masks at all times while on school grounds during arrival and dismissal times

A couple of additional notes. Students will be allowed to bring water bottles to school in order to remain properly hydrated because they will not have access to water fountains. In addition, students attending school for in-person instruction will be expected to bring their chromebooks to school fully charged daily. Please be sure to work with your child to ensure that he or she is charging his or her chromebook nightly.

**Current Remote/In-Person**

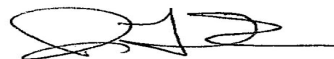
| Grade 6 Cohorts             | Remote    | In-Person | Grade 7 Cohorts              | Remote     | In-Person  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Rm. 120                     | 6         | 15        | Rm. 206                      | 11         | 11         |
| Rm. 121                     | 8         | 10        | Rm. 207                      | 7          | 17         |
| Rm. 122                     | 9         | 13        | Rm. 208                      | 13         | 17         |
| Rm. 123                     | 11        | 16        | Rm. 209                      | 12         | 9          |
| Rm. 124                     | 10        | 13        | Rm. 312                      | 12         | 16         |
| <b>Totals</b>               | <b>44</b> | <b>67</b> | <b>Totals</b>                | <b>53</b>  | <b>70</b>  |
|                             |           |           |                              |            |            |
| Grade 8 Cohorts             | Remote    | In-Person |                              | Remote     | In-Person  |
| Rm. 306                     | 9         | 11        | <b>WJH Cohort Totals</b>     | 147        | 197        |
| Rm. 307                     | 13        | 6         | <b>Inst. Resource Totals</b> | 3          | 7          |
| Rm. 308                     | 15        | 18        | <b>Totals</b>                | <b>150</b> | <b>204</b> |
| Rm. 309                     | 6         | 15        |                              |            |            |
| Rm. 315                     | 8         | 11        |                              |            |            |
| <b>Totals</b>               | <b>50</b> | <b>60</b> |                              |            |            |
|                             |           |           |                              |            |            |
| Instructional Resource Room | Remote    | In-Person |                              |            |            |
| Grade 6                     | 2         | 2         |                              |            |            |
| Grade 7                     | 1         | 2         |                              |            |            |
| Grade 8                     |           | 3         |                              |            |            |
| <b>Totals</b>               | <b>3</b>  | <b>7</b>  |                              |            |            |

Finally, Mr. Tooth, Worth Junior High School’s Assistant Principal, and I along with the faculty and staff of Worth Junior High School are excited to welcome back and reconnect with students in the coming days while we remain committed to continuing to be meaningfully engaged and connected with our students who have opted to continue in remote learning. All of us are dedicated to doing our best to ensure that this school year continues to be one that provides your child with the best academic and social-emotional experiences possible. Always feel free to contact your child’s teachers, myself, or Mr. Tooth with any questions you have or with anything you or your child may need from the Worth Junior High School community. Please refer to Worth School District 127’s web page at [www.worthschools.org](http://www.worthschools.org) for all other relevant information regarding Worth School District 127’s Return to School Plan and Covid-19 planning. Your continued support is much appreciated as we move forward into this next phase of the 2020-2021 school year.

Respectfully,



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