

Window Rock Unified School District

Instructional Time Model

2021-2022

Window Rock Unified School District intends to provide in-person learning during the 2021-2022 school year as its primary model of instruction for most students. In recognition that flexibility may be needed, including the ability to provide remote instruction when deemed necessary, and to provide options for distance learning for students and families, the following Instructional Model Plan for the 2021-2022 school year has been developed.

Background

During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Arizona State Legislature passed HB 2862 (schools; instructional time models) which was signed by the Governor on April 28, 2021. With authority to provide distance learning, under Executive Orders issued last summer, expiring on June 30, 2021, HB 2862 gives school districts new flexibility to meet the instructional time requirements in statute including the ability to provide remote instruction in School Year 2022 after holding at least two public hearings on the proposed approach before utilizing the new flexibility. The first public hearing for Window Rock Unified School District was held on August 25, 2021, and the second public hearing was held on August 26, 2021. The Window Rock Unified School District Governing Board approved the Instructional Time Model Plan at a Special Governing Board Meeting held on August 26, 2021. Document submitted to the Arizona Department of Education on August 27, 2021.

Instructional Calendar, Time Requirements, and Funding

The Governing Board of the Window Rock Unified School District approved the 2021-2022 school year calendar on July 13, 2021, which reflects 180 instructional days and at least the minimum instructional hours required for the year for each of its schools. Instructional time in excess of the requirements may help ensure that in the event of unexpected closure, including weather, each grade will still meet the minimum number of required instructional hours based on a different number of days. In the event that instruction for the entire District needs to be cancelled due to weather or other conditions such as COVID-19 exposure, instructional time will be made up using the Instructional Time Model or designated days on the approved calendar. The Superintendent may determine it is necessary to transition to temporary remote learning depending on the condition (weather/health) or available instructional hours.

The Window Rock Unified School District defines instructional time and hours to include any combination of in-person and remote instruction. HB 2862 limits the amount of instructional time a school/District may provide in a remote setting without impact to state funding. During the 2021-2022 school year, up to 50% of total instructional time may be provided in a remote setting without impact to state funding.

COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

All school districts receiving ESSER III funds through the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act must develop and make publicly available on their website, a plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. Please visit the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan found on the Window Rock Unified School District web site: [WRUSD #8 / Homepage \(wrschool.net\)](https://wrschool.net). The plan must be updated at least every six (6) months or more often depending on updates in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance. The plan will also address student and staff needs including academic, social emotional and mental health, and other needs.

Instructional Models for the 2021-2022 School Year

The Window Rock Unified School District hosts five (5) instructional sites:

Tsehootsooi Primary Learning Center – PreK to 3rd Grade,
Tsehootsooi Intermediate Learning Center – 4th Grade to 6th Grade,
Tsehootsooi Middle School – 7th Grade to 8th Grade,
Tsehootsooi Dine Bi’Olta – Kindergarten to 6th Grade,
Window Rock High School – 9th Grade to 12th Grade.

The Window Rock Unified School District intends to offer three instructional models for the 2021-2022 school year:

- In-Person Brick and Mortar Instruction (grades PreK-12)
- Temporary Remote Online Instruction when deemed necessary by the District due to inclement weather or COVID-19 Exposure (grades PreK-12)
- Temporary Remote Project Based/Packet Instruction when deemed necessary by the District due to inclement weather or COVID-19 Exposure (grades PreK-12)

In-Person Brick and Mortar Instruction

Traditional academic instruction that meets Arizona State Standards provided by certified staff members during the regular academic calendar day for the Window Rock Unified School District.

Temporary Remote Online Instruction

When deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Schools; an online instructional experience that meets Arizona State Standards provided by certified staff members for the Window Rock Unified School District. Remote online instruction may be offered to the entire school district, school site, or grade levels. Platform offerings is at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools. Platform to include but not limited to: Teams (direct instruction), APEX, READ 180, MATH 180, SYSTEMS 44.

Temporary Remote Project Based/Packet Instruction

When deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Schools; an at home or remote instructional experience that meets Arizona State Standards provided by certified staff members for the Window Rock Unified School District. Project based, packet or independent instruction is assigned by each individual student's teacher, and is designed to promote academic excellence by covering or extending instruction based on Arizona State Standards. Temporary remote project based/packet instruction may be offered to the entire school district, school site, or grade levels. Platform offerings is at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.

Attendance Tracking Procedures

To assist the Window Rock Unified School District in preparations for the 2021-2022 school year, all parents/families are required to update records online and verify student enrollment through the online registration and verification process. Parents/families needing assistance in enrolment should contact their child's school site. Window Rock Unified School District employs attendance clerks at each school site to assist with this process.

In-Person Brick and Mortar Instruction Attendance Tracking Procedures

Window Rock Unified School District will utilize traditional attendance record keeping procedure that are approved by the District/Site. Attendance information will be recorded in PowerSchool for Arizona Department of Education Reporting.

Temporary Remote Online Instruction Attendance Tracking Procedures

Window Rock Unified School District will utilize traditional attendance record keeping procedure that are approved by the District/Site. In addition, the District will utilize technology logins and parent attestation forms for the purpose of recording attendance. Attendance information will be recorded in PowerSchool for Arizona Department of Education Reporting.

Temporary Remote Project Based/Packet Instruction Attendance Tracking Procedures

Window Rock Unified School District will utilize traditional attendance record keeping procedure that are approved by the District/Site. In addition, the District will utilize technology logins, and parent attestation forms for the purpose of recording attendance. Attendance information will be recorded in PowerSchool for Arizona Department of Education Reporting.