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Did you know?

Students can reset tests and guizzes 1 time on their own!

After completing your test/quiz, you will see a "passing meter." Red indicates a score of less than 60%. Green indicates a passing score.

You have the option to reset your test/quiz one more time by clicking on the RESET icon. **WARNING**: Once you click on the reset icon, a new version of the quiz will start immediately.

IMPORTANT: Before resetting . . . REVIEW and STUDY! Do the interactive activities.

You will not get the same questions as previous tests/ quizzes. It will be the same content but different questions.

If you fail again, please contact your teacher to discuss.

For a video tutorial of this process, please click here.

Did you know?

Apex has learning tools at the top of most study pages!

Did You Receive Confirmation?



All students should have received confirmation of their school of choice (WVA or Hybrid) for second semester by their home building. If you have not received confirmation from your building, please contact your school counselor.

Buildings are preparing a virtual orientation session to be sure all students get off to a positive start second semester and answer any questions you may have.

As a reminder, be sure to complete your work assignments according to your pacing guide for success in starting second semester. You should be working at least one hour a day on each of your courses.



WVA Grading—FYI

Students enrolled in a semester course will receive a final grade based on their "Grade-to-Date." This grade is derived by dividing the total points earned during the semester by the total points possible for the semester.



Students remaining in the WVA, and enrolled in a year-long course, will receive a semester grade based on their "Grade to Date."

Students enrolled in a year-long course who exit the WVA and return to the Hybrid Learning Model (building) will have their quarter 1 and quarter 2 grades transferred with them. Student grades for quarter 1 and quarter 2 are in PowerSchool.

Possible Change of WVA Teachers

At the start of the second semester, it is possible that WVA students will be assigned a new teacher for their continuing coursework. Due to the number of students exiting the WVA, and returning to the buildings, some buildings will need to move teachers from the WVA back to the building to cover the increase in enrollment. It is also possible that students may be assigned a teacher from a different building. Students will be notified if there is a change in their assigned teacher.

Virtual Career Center Exploration

Attention Westerville Class of 2023. Over the next two weeks, be sure to explore the amazing career center options available to you as a junior and senior in high school by clicking through this Career Center Exploration Interactive PDF!

(Please allow a moment for this link to load to your computer.)

Before you begin your virtual journey, check out this <u>brief</u> <u>video overview</u> to learn more about the opportunity to add hands-on electives to your course schedule next year. And don't forget to complete the <u>Exit Ticket</u> after you explore what Columbus Downtown High School, Fort Hayes Career Center, and Delaware Area Career Center have to offer

If you have any questions about career center options, reach out to your School Counselor!









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December 18 - End Quarter 2, End Semester 1

December 21-January 4 - No school for Elem/MS/HS (Winter Break)

January 5 - Start Quarter 3, Start Semester 2

January 15 - No School/Instruction

January 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

Semester 2 Schedule Changes

Any student who wishes to change a course previously scheduled for the second semester should contact their school counselor immediately.



Students Wishing to Receive Breakfast/Lunch from Westerville City Schools

The United States Department of Agriculture has extended free meal benefits to ALL students through the end of the 2020-21 school year. That means school meals students eat at school will be free for the entire year.

For students to receive meals during virtual instruction, families **NEED** to complete the Westerville City Schools Opt-In Form for Weekly Meal Bags. This form only needs to be filled out once and can be canceled at any time by emailing Food Services at thomasrl@wcsoh.org.



Please read all of the important details about meal pickups and complete the required form by **clicking here**. After reading all the information, at the bottom of that page click the orange NEXT button. Fill out form and be sure to hit submit.

School Pictures

Pick Up and Retake Information

WVA students that had their school pictures taken at their home school, please contact your school for instructions for picking up photos and the schedule of their retake dates.

Westerville Central - Please contact main office for picture retake dates at 614-797-6800. When pictures arrive, Central staff will contact WVA families with pick up date/ times.

Westerville North - Pictures already taken are ready for pick up at the front office. Picture retake dates are December 9 and 12 for the different cohorts. Please call North for details at 614-797-6200.

Westerville South - Picture retakes are December 10. An email will be sent to students from their school when pictures have arrived and available for pick up.

Blendon - Picture retakes are December 10 from 10am to 10:45am. Call 614-797-6400 for details. Blendon staff will email WVA families when photos are available for pick up in the main office between 7am and 3:30pm.

Genoa - Picture retakes are December 17. WVA parents contact Terry VanHuffel at 614-797-6500 for picture pick up time and/or scheduling for retake day.

Heritage - Picture retake date is December 16 from 3pm to 5pm for WVA students. Heritage will send out a MyConference Time link for families to schedule a picture appointment time. Original photos taken should arrive early December and Heritage staff will contact you for pick up times.

Walnut Springs - Picture retakes are January 8 and 14. WVA students need to call for details and web site information to sign up for a time at 614-797-6700. When photos are available, an email will be sent to WVA students from their school for pick up time.

REMINDER - PSAT Administration January 26, 2021

Westerville City Schools is scheduled to administer the PSAT **Tuesday, January 26, 2021**, to all students in Graduation Cohorts 2022. Current sophomores (Grad Cohort 2023) may also choose to opt-in and participate. Any interested WVA junior or sophomore has the ability to test in-person at their home high school. If a WVA student has yet to indicate their desire to take the PSAT on Jan. 26, they should immediately reach out to their child's school designated building administrator listed below to take advantage of this opportunity.

- * WCHS Mr. Nick McIlwain (mcilwainn@wcsoh.org)
- * WNHS Mr. William Ragland (raglandw@wcsoh.org)
- * WSHS Dr. Garrett Carter (carterg@wcsoh.org)

PSST Preparation/Practice

Students are encouraged to become familiar with these tests. Test preparation and practice resources can be accessed via the following links:

PSAT - https://tinyurl.com/PSATPracticefor2021

SAT - https://tinyurl.com/SATKhanPractice2021