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FAQ 6-21-23

SAMHS 9-12 TO WAHS for Three Core Classes – Non-WCCC

1. **Will the morning transportation from SAMHS to WAHS only involve students who want to take higher level courses, or is it for all SAMHS students in grades 9-12?**
6/21/2023
 - a. Transportation to WAHS will involve all SAMHS students in grades 9-12 attending in-person classes for the first three periods.

2. **How much earlier do SAMHS students in grades 9-12 have to get up in order to get to WAHS for their first period class which begins at 7:55AM?** *6/21/2023*
 - a. There will be separate bus runs for SAMHS students in grades 9-12. Pick-up and drop-off times are customized to each student. The District transportation office will be providing specific information to families.

3. **Will morning transportation times be impacted for SAES students and SAMHS students in grades 6-8?** *6/21/2023*
 - a. There will be separate bus runs for K-8 students in the Eastern Attendance Area.
 - b. Pick-up and drop-off times are customized to each student. The District transportation office will be providing specific information to families.

4. **Will the morning transportation runs for SAMHS students in grades 9-12 stop at SAMHS, or will the routes pick up students and go directly to WAHS?** *6/21/2023*
 - a. The transportation runs for SAMHS students in grades 9-12 are designed to go directly to WAHS without stopping at SAMHS.

5. **Will the afternoon transportation routes be separate as well, or will the entire Sheffield K-12 population be able to ride the buses together for the ride home?**
6/21/2023
 - a. The afternoon bus runs will be the “normal” bus runs with K-12 students together on their bus.

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- 6. Where will SAMHS 9-12 students eat their breakfast? 6/21/2023**
- All SAMHS students in grades 9-12 will eat breakfast at WAHS.
- 7. Can a SAMHS student in grades 9-12 stay at WAHS all day? Are they able to stay and ride home with the SAMHS/WCCC students after Period 7? 6/21/2023**
- Yes, A SAMHS student in grades 9-12 can stay at WAHS all day and ride home with the SAMHS/WCCC students after Period 7. However, if the student stays at WAHS more than three periods, that student becomes a WAHS student.
- 8. May a SAMHS student in grades 9-12 drive to WAHS on a daily basis if they obtain a parking pass from WAHS? If so, will they be allowed to transport friends or siblings? 6/21/2023**
- Yes, one parking pass will be issued to cover both SAMHS and WAHS.
 - Students riding the bus to WAHS will ride the bus back to SAMHS.
- 9. How will SAMHS students in grades 9-12 be impacted if they need special transportation? 6/21/2023**
- A student qualifying for special transportation will continue to have transportation that meets their needs.
- 10. How will SAMHS students in grades 9-12 get lunch? 6/21/2023**
- Under the anticipated bell schedule, after returning to SAMHS at approximately 11:10AM, students will go directly to lunch. (11:13AM to 11:43AM)
- 11. What social studies course(s) will be offered to SAMHS students in grades 9-12 in the afternoon at Sheffield? 6/21/2023**
- The social studies courses that will run in the afternoon at SAMHS will be as follows:
 - United States History I
 - United States History I CP
 - United States History II CP
 - Modern World History CP
 - American Government CP/Economics CP
- 12. Will there be any in-person English Language Arts, Mathematics, or Science courses running at SAMHS in the afternoon for 9-12 students? 6/21/2023**
- No.

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13. What will the bell schedule look like for SAMHS students in grades 9-12? 6/21/2023

a. The anticipated bell schedule is as follows:

SAMHS/NON-WCCC ANTICIPATED BELL SCHEDULE 2023-2024			
PERIOD	TIME	NOTES	
1st Period	7:55AM to 8:50AM	Core Class (WAHS)	
2nd Period	8:53AM to 9:43AM	Core Class (WAHS)	
3rd Period	9:46AM to 10:36AM	Core Class (WAHS)	
TRAVEL	10:40AM to 11:10AM	Travel replaces Advisory in order to get 4 periods at SAMHS for 9-12 Middle Level 6-8 will have Advisory during this period	
LUNCH	11:13AM to 11:43AM	Lunch	
4th Period	11:46AM to 12:36PM	Elective Class and/or Social Studies (SAMHS)	
5th Period	12:39PM to 1:29PM	Elective Class and/or Social Studies (SAMHS)	
6th Period	1:32PM to 2:22PM	Elective Class and/or Social Studies (SAMHS)	
7th Period	2:25PM to 3:15PM	Elective Class and/or Social Studies (SAMHS)	
School day is not extended for SAMHS students. An Activity Period Schedule can be run as needed for clubs and events.			

14. Will SAMHS students in grades 9-12 get Advisory? 6/21/2023

a. In order to get students back to SAMHS and receive four periods of instruction, Advisory time is being used as travel time for the students. An Activity Period Schedule can be run at any time at SAMHS.

15. When will SAMHS students in grades 9-12 be able to complete their College and Career Readiness (CCR) activities without an Advisory? 6/21/2023

a. SAMHS has the ability to run an Activity Period Schedule, as needed, in the afternoon in order to fit in activities and events, such as CCR, clubs, and assemblies.

16. If a SAMHS student in grades 9-12 wants to stay at WAHS as long as possible while still making it back to SAMHS for their bus ride home, when would they need to leave WAHS? 6/21/2023

- a. If a SAMHS student wants to use district transportation for the ride home at the end of the day, the student would need to leave WAHS after 7th period.
- b. WAHS offers advisory at the end of the day, following 7th period.

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17. Are SAMHS students In grades 9-12 allowed to stay back at SAMHS in the morning if they elect to take their core courses via the WCSD Virtual Academy? If so, where would they go and who would monitor them? 6/21/2023

- a. No, there are no high school classes or study halls at SAMHS periods one through three.
- b. Students are permitted to work on Virtual Academy courses during study halls, which will be available in the afternoon.

18. Are SAMHS students in grades 9-12 allowed to stay back at SAMHS in the morning if they elect to take online Dual Enrollment courses via an approved WCSD Dual Enrollment Institution? If so, where would they go and who would monitor them? 6/21/2023

- a. No, there are no high school classes or study halls at SAMHS periods one through three.
- b. Students are permitted to work on Dual Enrollment courses during study halls, which will be available in the afternoon.

19. Can a SAMHS student in grades 9-12 student stay at WAHS for four or five periods and then go back to SAMHS by providing their own transportation? 6/21/2023

- a. Yes, the student will be able to stay and take additional courses. If the student chooses to stay for more than half of their day, they will become a WAHS student.

20. Will the administration try to keep SAMHS 9-12 students with some or all of their SAMHS teachers? 6/21/2023

- a. Due to the wide variety of courses offered, some Sheffield students will be able to be scheduled with their former Sheffield teachers, and some will not.

21. What happens if there are a limited number of elective course offerings at SAMHS upon the student's return in the PM and a student cannot get a course they want? 6/21/2023

- a. WCSD will offer as many elective course offerings as possible. At times, course enrollments hit a maximum capacity and students need to choose a different elective. Students also have the opportunity to take virtual electives.

22. If social studies is considered a core class, why isn't it also offered at WAHS and students take all four of their core classes at WAHS? 6/21/2023

- a. Social Studies is a core course. However, if SAMHS students took all four cores at WAHS, they would be spending more than half of their day at WAHS and would be considered WAHS students. The three tested cores are being taught at WAHS.

23. If social studies at SAMHS is only running the College Prep (CP) level course, what happens if a student does not want that level of a course? 6/21/2023

- a. Accommodations may be made to meet individual student needs. The major difference between a social studies CP course and a regular social studies course is the various assessments, including additional writing assignments. Students can also choose other levels of courses in the Virtual Academy.

24. If a SAMHS student in grades 9-12 wants to double up on a core class such as a 9th grade student electing to take Environmental Science and Biology CP, how does the student also get their English and Math credits while only being at WAHS 3 periods? 6/21/2023

- a. SAMHS students in grades 9-12 have the ability to take courses virtually, or they can double up on their science and have the opportunity to stay at WAHS longer to pick up additional core classes.

25. If a student does not want to attend WAHS and would like to explore virtual options, what's the difference between the WCSD Virtual Academy and other Cyber Charter Virtual Programs? 6/21/2023

- a. The WCSD Virtual Academy has a curriculum that is encouraged to be aligned with the scope and sequence of the courses offered within the school buildings. Additionally, the WCSD Virtual Academy has their own teachers, school counselor, and principal. The WCSD Virtual Academy provides a set of live lessons, as determined by the virtual teacher. Attendance and progress monitoring takes place with all students and is communicated to each virtual student. Students and parents electing to explore other cyber charter programs would need to contact those organizations to get information on the structure of their program.

26. If a SAMHS student in grades 9-12 receives a disciplinary infraction, which principal will communicate with the parent? 6/21/2023

- a. If there is a disciplinary infraction, the principal where the infraction occurred will be the one contacting the parent.

27. How many SAMHS positions will be transferring to WAHS along with the 9-12 SAMHS students? 6/21/2023

- a. There will be one English Language Arts position, one Mathematics position, and one Science position transferring from SAMHS to WAHS. The labor contract dictates how the movement of teachers occurs.

28. What do SAMHS students in grades 9-12 do if they play a sport and have to leave WAHS early to get back to SAMHS to get on the athletic bus transporting the athletes to an away event? 6/21/2023

- a. Most athletic events take place after school and would typically only impact SAMHS/WCCC students who would be taking their core courses in the afternoon. The athletic bus could start at WAHS and pick up SAMHS/WCCC prior to traveling to SAMHS to pick up the remaining athletes for the away event. If there are morning events, the WCSD will work on those events on a case-by-case basis.

29. How will SAMHS students in grades 9-12 be able to participate in various clubs with no Advisory? 6/21/2023

- a. SAMHS has the ability to run an Activity Period Schedule, as needed, in the afternoon in order to fit in activities and events, such as CCR, clubs, and assemblies.

30. Would SAMHS still have co-curricular clubs such as E-Sports Teams? 6/21/2023

- a. SAMHS has the ability to run an Activity Period Schedule, as needed, in the afternoon in order to fit in activities and events, such as CCR, clubs, and assemblies.

31. Since SAMHS students in grades 9-12 will be attending WAHS for three periods a day, are students allowed to attend events such as Homecoming and/or Prom, and may they bring a guest? 6/21/2023

- a. Yes. SAMHS 9-12 students who attend WAHS in the morning will be able to attend WAHS events such as Homecoming and Prom and would be able to bring a guest.

32. Will SAMHS students in grades 9-12 participate in events that take place at WAHS within the first three periods, such as an Honor/Merit Breakfast or an assembly? 6/21/2023

- a. Yes. SAMHS 9-12 students will participate in events at WAHS if they take place within the first three periods of the school day.

- 33. Will SAMHS still have their own National Honor Society Induction? 6/21/2023**
- a. Yes. There will be a separate National Honor Society Induction for SAMHS students.
- 34. Will SAMHS still have their own awards ceremony and graduation? 6/21/2023**
- a. Yes. There will be a separate awards ceremony and graduation for SAMHS students.
- 35. What types of scheduling issues does administration expect? 6/21/2023**
- a. As with any master schedule in any school, there are always scheduling conflicts. Building administration works throughout the summer to eliminate as many scheduling conflicts as possible.
- 36. Where will students get their laptops at the beginning of the year? 6/21/2023**
- a. SAMHS students in grades 9-12 will be issued their laptops at WAHS.
- 37. Are students expected to bring their laptops to school daily? 6/21/2023**
- a. Yes. All students in the WCSD should bring their laptops to school daily, fully charged.
- 38. Will a parent see the same thing they do now when checking their child's grades on Home Access or will it look different because students are in two different schools? 6/21/2023**
- a. Yes. Parents will see the same information on Home Access as they have seen in the past. Parents will see the academic progress, and other information from any school the student attends.
- 39. With the new technological communication system called "Rooms," will parents get communication from both SAMHS and WAHS? 6/21/2023**
- a. Yes. Parents will get information from the school(s) in which the student attends. If the student attends more than one school, parents should receive information from each of those schools, through "Rooms."
- 40. What will be offered to SAMHS students in grades 9-12 in the summer months, such as a WAHS Building Level Orientation? 6/21/2023**
- a. WAHS building administration will have a summer orientation for all SAMHS 9-12 students.

41. Will there be any other planned events to help SAMHS students in grades 9-12 get acclimated to WAHS and meet new friends?

- a. Yes, there are plans to bring students representing both schools together to plan and implement student driven ideas.

42. Who will ensure that medication, such as an Epi-Pen, is in the correct building or in both buildings for SAMHS 9-12 students?

- a. Student health needs will be addressed individually.

43. What if a parent cannot make it to both schools on Parent-Teacher Conference Day?

- a. Parents can work with building administration on making a parent-teacher conference at a convenient time for both the parent and teacher.

44. If a SAMHS student in grades 9-12 is at a morning appointment and needs to be dropped off at school following the appointment, will they be dropped of at WAHS or SAMHS?

- a. SAMHS students in grades 9-12 can be dropped off at WAHS prior to 10:40 and at SAMHS after 10:40.

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