

Below are questions received from parents as follow-up to the May 14th meeting. Below each question is the response provided by Dr. Chisum and his staff to the PTSO.

1. What are the opportunities for transitioning students to TECCA to alleviate the student population for the Fall semester or all of next year?

TECCA does not allow students to be enrolled as full-time students at another school. Families would have to make the choice to go to TECCA and enroll there. One must unenroll from their current school to attend TECCA.

2. How will busing be handled -both in town and from Boston to Wellesley?

We will be considering both bussing schedules and related distancing requirements as part of whatever plan we decide to go with in the fall. Transportation will be a key factor in our thinking about what is best for students and families.

3. Will the School Committee/Dr. Lussier/Dr. Chisum reconsider allowing Wellesley High School students to take dual enrollment courses at Mass Bay – just a Natick High School allows?

We currently do allow kids to dual enroll at Mass Bay and we have for years. We have also allowed and will continue to allow students to take classes at Wellesley College so long as they do not interfere with their WHS schedule, and Wellesley College has room. Interested students should contact their guidance counselor.

4. Will there be a photographer taking pictures of the kids receiving their diplomas?

We do not provide an official photographer, but the parent volunteer group has assured us they have photographers planning to be at the event and following social distancing guidelines. Wellesley Media is going to be filming on the day of the parade as well.

5. Will students be included in the Administration's discussions about how learning will be structured next year?

We are including a student representative on our Reopening Advisory Committee and the results of our recent student survey will also help inform our plans. Likely there will be more student participation as well, but the organizing for fall planning is still happening.

6. Can WHS provide guidance for students who might be interested in blending learning with online courses from academic institutions and gain credit towards WHS graduation requirements.

Students interested in taking online classes for WHS credit should contact their guidance counselor to begin the process to see what is possible, based on what they are interested in taking and what is available. Not all online classes will be approved for WHS credit. Currently students can take on-line classes for enrichment but the courses do not count into their WHS GPA nor do they go on the transcript, with the exception of VHS (Virtual High School). (We do send the VHS transcript out attached to ours when we send the school packet to colleges). Further, they cannot take a class to "skip" over a core class we offer (i.e., take Alg 2 during the summer in order to take PreCal in the fall, or take it instead of taking it at WHS (i.e., take US History on-line instead of at WHS) We regularly have students talk to the Department Heads to see if there are exceptions.