



School Reopening FAQ

Do all students have the option to continue eLearning from home? Yes. All students will continue to have the option to continue eLearning from home. The method of instruction will continue to be implemented through Canvas via Teams.

How does administration intend to ensure that all students have the same, equitable experience in this new e-learning model? The instructional platform will remain CANVAS and TEAMS so everything that is done in the classroom will be visible by both students in the classroom and students at home. All assignments will be assigned and submitted via CANVAS.

Will there be live teaching going on in the classrooms, or are the students just going into the room and doing the same as they have been? There has always been live teaching using the TEAMS platform. This will continue. Students in the classroom will see the teacher live and in person and students at home will see the teacher via TEAMS. All students will receive the same lesson from their teachers.

It is my understanding that teachers will continue using Teams for instruction. Does this mean that the teacher will remain seated in front of his/her computer during class time and that the students in the classroom will follow the class through their computers? Yes for synchronous instruction- the teacher must be able to provide the same instruction to students at home and TEAMS is being used to accomplish this. During asynchronous learning, however, teachers may assist students in the classroom.

Will students be transitioning to their 6 classes? Yes. Students will be transitioning to all of their classes utilizing a staggered model to assist with physical distancing.

Can the teacher change classes instead of students? This is not possible at the middle school level since every student follows a different schedule. The students who have first period together all have different second period and third period classes, etc...

What, if anything will be done to alleviate the crowding in the hallways during passing? Keep in mind that we will have significantly less students in our school. Hallways and walkways are designated with a specific direction. Furthermore, class transitions will utilize a staggered approach.

What are you doing to protect students in a fire drill or emergency? All students and staff will wear face masks while on campus and this applies to drills as well. In the event of an evacuation, distance will be maintained between individuals, as there will be fewer individuals on campus during this time.

Are students going to be doing the sanitation between classes? Students will wipe their desks down after each class as part of their class routine and wipes will be available for students to wipe them down upon entry to class.

How will the students eat in the cafeteria? In light of having a significantly reduced number of students on campus, students will be seated 6 feet apart in our cafeteria. In the event that we need increased capacity, we will open ancillary cafeteria rooms to accommodate physical distancing.

How long are we continuing the option we pick? A request to change from at home eLearning to “in-school eLearning” can be submitted to our school’s administrative staff by contacting our school. Each request will be examined on an individual basis and will be contingent upon available space. A request to change from “in-school eLearning” to at home eLearning simply requires for you to inform our administrative staff.

Will students be placed in an overflow room if we exceed capacity? Our current plan includes the use of overflow rooms as a contingency in the event that physical distancing cannot be maintained in a students’ traditional classroom or if the classroom teacher is absent. Overflow rooms are currently being examined to be utilized by grade level i.e. 6th grade overflow room, 7th grade overflow room, etc..

What will happen to the classrooms whose teacher either took a leave or are continuing to work remotely from home? Will they have a substitute who is not qualified to teach that subject? Will the teacher teach virtually from home while the kids are in the classroom with a monitor? Students who are on campus in this situation would most likely be placed in an overflow room to complete their e-learning for that period. The teacher of record will continue to provide instruction virtually. Once that particular class period concludes, students would then transition to their next class. Hence, a student would only sit in an overflow room for that period and not the entire day.

How are you going to make sure all students wear masks at all times? Students will be monitored by school staff. Students who fail to adhere to this mandate will receive consequences up to and including losing their ability to attend e-learning in school.

How are students going to stay 6 feet apart? Classroom desks and lunch seating are set 6 feet apart. Hallways and walkways are designated with a specific direction. Parents should also speak to students at home to remind them of the need to follow the rules.

How are they going to track that all students riding the bus have their masks on at all times? We do not regulate transportation procedures or processes. That question should be directed to South Area Transportation – 754 321 4000.

What are the policies for confirmed cases of COVID on campus? This information is available on the district’s website. There is an extensive protocol that you can review.

Do schools have enough power outlets for all students that need to charge devices?

Not at this time. The district is aware that this is an issue for schools and is working on obtaining power strips and/or power stations.

If I choose to send my student back to school and they get a cold or some other illness and stay home, can they still attend their online classes or will they be locked out?

Yes- students can still attend online.

When students are in class, do they need to be watching e-learning wearing ear pods? Students should bring ear pods/headphones every day.

If my child chooses to go back to school but changes their mind, can he/she easily switch back to learning at home? Yes. Simply inform administration of your decision.

If my child goes back to school and needs to be absent (for whatever reason), how does calling in absent work? The usual absence process will be followed where the absence is reported and excused by the parent.

If the teachers get out of their chair to use the whiteboard for instruction, which equipment will they have at their disposal to assure that the e-learning students can still see and hear them? TEAMS and document cameras will be used.

What are the plans from controlling end of day student exit from the building, etc? There will be staggered dismissal process to assist with physical distancing. This will be outlined in correspondence from the school.

Will temperatures be taken when each student enters the school or classroom? If not, how can the school ensure that students aren't being sent to school "sick." We will not be taking temperatures when students enter campus. Parents need to ensure they monitor their students for symptoms of illness before sending them to school.

What COVID symptom screening processes will be put into place by the schools? Schools are not doing routine screening. Students who are suspected to be ill will be escorted to the isolation room for evaluation by a nurse/medical personnel.

Will the desks for those returning be 6 feet apart or have plexiglass as a protective measure? Desks will be 6 feet apart but no plexiglass will be installed in classrooms or student desks.