

Parent FAQs / Preguntas frecuentes para padres

Safety

Will all teachers and school staff be vaccinated by the time children return to campus on April 5th?

All school staff will have had the opportunity to receive the second dose of the Moderna vaccine prior to returning to campus for in person instruction.

Will all the students get vaccinated before the hybrid schedule starts on April 5th?

So far, none of the vaccines have been approved for use with children.

What precautions is the school taking to eliminate exposure? How will you keep students safe?

Precautions include: symptom screening at drop off (including touchless temperature taking), masks required for everyone (medical exemptions apply), no mixing of small groups, enhanced cleaning and disinfection, students trained to wash hands frequently, desks spaced at least 6 feet apart, drinking fountains have been turned off (students will fill bottles at classroom sinks), and air purification machines have been installed in all classrooms.

How many kids would be in each class?

Each group would be limited to 14 students at a time, sometimes less, depending on the size of the classroom.

How would classrooms be set up?

Classrooms will be set up to keep children 6 feet apart, each classroom is equipped with an air purifier, each teacher's desk will be equipped with a plexiglass barrier, water fountains are taped or turned off, windows will be opened when possible, and hand sanitation stations have been set up in each classroom.

How will students maintain social distance?

Inside the classroom, desks are placed 6 feet apart. While on the playground, groups will be assigned an area and supervised by their teacher.

How will meals be eaten and served?

Students should eat before arriving at school. Meal distribution will continue on the same schedule as it has been all year (Mondays and Wednesdays 11:00 am - 1:00 pm).

What if a child becomes ill?

If a child becomes ill (COVID or other) while on campus, he/she will be moved to an isolation room to wait for a parent or guardian to pick up. The parent will be asked to show a negative COVID 19 test result for the child and, depending on the symptoms, a quarantine period of up to 10 days may follow.

What if a teacher is sick?

If a teacher becomes ill (COVID or other) the class may have to return to Distance Learning until the teacher is able to return. There is a severe shortage of substitute teachers in the County. We must all be aware that finding a substitute may not be possible.

What if there is a positive case in my child's class?

A positive case in a classroom will require the entire class to return to Distance Learning for 10 days.

What if someone (other than a student) in the household becomes ill?

If a student comes into contact with someone who is ill, he/she will need to quarantine for 10 days prior to returning to in-person instruction.

How will health screening be done?

You will be met by a school employee in the bus circle in front of the school. Staying in your car, you will be asked to confirm that no one in the car has any of the COVID 19 symptoms. Your child's temperature will be taken with a "touchless" thermometer to confirm there is no fever before being allowed to exit the car and walk to class.

What if students walk to school?

Students walk to their designated drop off area using the appropriate entrance gate. The student's temperature is taken and the student is asked questions according to Covid safety protocol. If temperature is in the normal range and all answers are "No", the student may wait in a group with their classmates.

How will the stable groups be maintained?

Group "A" will be on campus on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Group "B" will be on campus Thursday and Friday. The "A" and "B" groups are not to be on campus at the same time.

Additionally:

- Siblings will be assigned to the same Group whenever possible
- Classes will not be allowed to mingle during recess
- Special services such as reading intervention or speech therapy will be provided virtually

Will students be required to wear a mask? All students will be required to wear a mask at all times while on campus. Students who forget their mask will be provided with one. A form will be available for children who have a medical condition that prevents them from being able to wear a mask.

Schedules & Calendar

When does the hybrid schedule start?

Hybrid with an afternoon in-person option, begins on Monday, April 5 for students in grades TK-2 and on Monday, April 12 for students in grades 3-8. Students will be in person from 12:45-2:45pm.

What is the timeline for Commitment Surveys to be returned?

The surveys must be returned by Friday, March 12.

When can a student change from Distance Learning to In-person if they didn't initially start that way?

For grades TK-2, new students can be added on Monday, 4/19 and grades 3-8 can be added on Monday, 4/26.

What happens if everyone wants Group A (Monday/Tuesday)?

Groups will be filled in the order of response to the commitment survey. Once a cohort reaches 14 it is full.

What about Kinder students?

TK and Kinder students can attend in-person with their teacher from 12:45 - 2:45 pm.

Will siblings be kept on the same schedule?

The district will make every effort to keep siblings on the same schedule.

If my children are attending daycare outside of school, are they allowed to attend in person instruction as well?

The District does not have control over what parents do outside of school. It is our hope that parents will support our efforts to maintain the separation of the small groups.

What options do I have if I do not want my child to participate in the hybrid schedule?

For those who choose not to participate in-person, the afternoon will include many of the activities we have now. These include IXL (Math), Lexia, ELD (English Language Development) intervention, Reading Support, and other activities assigned by the classroom teacher.

Will the WCS bus be running for the afternoon program?

We are working with our Bus Company to put safety measures and social distancing in place. If we are able make it safe, we will run the bus.

Instruction & Curriculum

I am concerned about my child not having any afternoon zoom assistance as has been provided all year.

Afternoon assistance from a teacher or instructional assistant will be available for students who choose not to return to in-person instruction.

If my child attends ECC/Boys and Girls Club/Cool School will they still receive zoom classes in the morning?

Yes, if your child attends ECC/Boys and Girls Club/Cool School, they will continue with distance learning for the entire day as they are now. Due to county regulations, groups of children are not permitted to mix, therefore, students attending programs such as ECC/Boys and Girls Club/Cool School will not be able to also participate in the in person hybrid schedule; parents will have to choose one or the other.

How will students benefit from 2 days/2 hours a day per week?

For many children the isolation of the last year has had a detrimental effect. Also, for those in the younger grades, many have either never been to school, or, have only half of a year of experience. Students who return to campus for the afternoon sessions will begin to make contact with peers again (and their teachers), have lessons that extend upon the morning Zoom classes, and be able to get additional academic support that may have been difficult to provide online.

My child has an IEP - how will he/she receive services?

In order to prevent mixing of groups, which is prohibited, Special Education students cannot go back and forth between a general education and special education class. Students will have to be placed in one or the other for in person learning depending on individual need, and will receive other services virtually.