



Boone County Schools Re-entry Parents Frequently Asked Questions

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Specific Instructional Model Options Questions

Questions	Answers
When and how will my child(ren) receive their Chromebooks?	Individual schools are making plans for logistics such as Chromebook pick-up at various back-to-school events. Schools will be sending out all of this information very soon.
How is the district handling Kindergarten within the A/B model?	We will continue to have AM/PM classes. The A students will attend their assigned AM or PM sessions during the A days and the B students will attend during the B days. There will be daily surface cleaning completed between AM and PM classes. Three of our elementary schools have all day kindergarten due to having space to accommodate all day kindergarten. Those schools are Burlington Elementary, Florence Elementary, and Ockerman Elementary. The other schools are all ½ day programs.
When will we know whether we are in group A or group B?	You will know whether your student is assigned to group A or group B the week of August 10th.
Will families/households be assigned to the same A or B days?	Yes
Can we request either A or B days?	At this time, the district cannot accept personal requests for A or B days.
Will my child receive a chromebook? What is the process for picking up a chromebook?	We are a 1:1 district in grades 3-12. If your child is grades 3-12, your child should receive a chromebook. If your child is K-2, please check with your child's school. The process for picking up chromebooks will be handled by each school individually.
Kindergarten- is it ½ day or full day? Do kindergarteners follow the A/B schedule?	We are working on the answer to this question with our principals, and plan to have details released the week of August 3.
Will schools have Curriculum Nights?	Any school activity must follow all safety guidelines

	including wearing face masks and social distancing. Individual schools may hold smaller versions of these events.
On virtual or remote days, will students be required to log on at specific times?	We are not expecting students to be online and following their in-person daily schedule. However, teachers will require time for specific contacts or conferences.
Who will “teach” my child virtually?	Our plan is that your student is taught by a teacher from your home school. However we cannot make any guarantees, except that your child will be taught by a certified teacher.
How will AP or Honors classes be handled in virtual school?	We plan for all AP and Honors courses being available for students.



Option 1: In-Person Instruction

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Will my child be able to transition back and forth between instructional formats?	We are asking for at least a semester (½ school year) commitment with your choice. We will re-survey before winter break.
Will my elementary child get recess in the in-person model?	Yes, for elementary students, each school will work out a recess schedule that allows students to social distance and take off masks.
Will my child get opportunities to take-off masks?	Yes, each school will develop a plan for students to have breathing breaks throughout the day.
In the hybrid model, will the district provide my student with a Chromebook for the remote online learning portion?	Yes.
I have two children who attend two different schools, one elementary and middle school. In the yellow hybrid model, will they attend school on the same days?	The district will make every effort to ensure that students in the same family attend in person instruction on the same days.
How will students in Early College attend school in a hybrid model?	Students in Early College at Gateway will attend their class online, and only attend in-person for identified labs.
Daycare is difficult to find, so I will need to let my employer know which days I need to be home for my children. When will the district tell us whether my children are assigned A days or B days?	The district will make every effort to release this information the week of August 10.

How will special education students' Individualized Education Plans be serviced through an in person or hybrid option?	A student's IEP will continue to be followed in an in person hybrid option. An ARC will be called when needed based on student needs to ensure a Free and Appropriate Public Education.
Will schools be hosting an open house prior to the new school year?	Schools may schedule opportunities for students and families to visit the school in a safe and controlled way, following all state and district safety guidelines, at the school's discretion. These visitations will not look like traditional open houses.
What will specials and lunch look like?	Each individual school will develop plans for what special areas classes and lunch look like, following all state and district safety guidelines.



Option 2: Virtual Instruction

Questions	Answers
Will my child be able to transition back and forth between formats?	We are asking for at least a semester (½ school year) commitment with your choice. We will re-survey before winter break.
How does the enrollment process work for virtual? Will my child be enrolled at their home school or a district virtual program?	Your child will be enrolled in their home school. This allows students and families to receive all communications from your home school(s), as well as attend extra and co-curricular activities at your home school(s).
Can my child still participate in school extracurricular activities, sports, and events as a virtual student?	Yes. Students will be able to fully participate in school co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities for the 2020-21 school year as a virtual student.
If we choose virtual learning, will we be assigned a specific teacher from my child's school, or will there be a "district" virtual teacher assigned?	The assigned teacher will depend on the number of students enrolling in virtual instruction. We will make every attempt to assign teachers from the "home" school, but cannot guarantee this.
How accessible will teachers be if we choose to educate our children at home?	Teachers will be available during the typical school day. We will be asking parents of P-5th grade to assist students with online tools and necessary supports for the virtual instruction program.
Will students in the virtual school be required to submit work/assignments each day?	Students should expect to work online for up to 4 hours daily. Teachers will determine what needs to be completed daily/weekly. Assessments and feedback will be critically important to ensure learning is taking place for each student.

My child attends Early College. How will his/her classes be instructed if we choose the virtual option?	Students in Early College at Gateway will attend their classes online, and only attend in-person for identified labs.
How will special education students' Individualized Education Plans be serviced through a virtual option?	Any student who chooses a virtual education will have an ARC where the team will determine student needs in a virtual setting to ensure a Free and Appropriate Public Education.
How will a child's 504 plan be addressed in a virtual setting?	School teams will work to ensure that students' 504 accommodations are available through a virtual setting.
Can my child still have access to Open House/Orientation and Curriculum Night at their home school?	If a parent visitation is offered at your child's home school, you will be included in that invitation.
Can my child complete the required hours of virtual anytime of the day or is there a set schedule?	Students will be expected to be online synchronously (at a specified time) at some points of the learning day, but there will also be times for student flexibility.
What online tools will be used to support learning?	At the elementary level, online tools such as Dreambox, Lexia, Reading Plus, and Google Classroom will be utilized. At the middle and high school levels Edgenuity, NewsELA, and Canvas will be utilized. Teachers may choose to utilize additional online learning tools they have at their disposal.
What can we expect as far as teacher communications in a virtual model?	Teachers will provide students with the communication tools they will utilize, as well as their available times.
What efforts will the schools put into mental wellness for students?	Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) will be a large part of our virtual curriculum. Individual mental health supports will be provided through virtual teachers and available counselors.
Will there be a virtual option for Pre-School? If so, what does that look like?	Yes, the district will be providing virtual pre-school services, although the district is recommending in-person services for preschoolers as much as possible due to developmental needs.



Safety Procedures & Guidelines

Questions	Answers
Will students' temperatures be taken before getting on the bus or upon arrival at school?	Student's temperatures will be taken upon arrival at school.

<p>What are the quarantine procedures for students who arrive at school with a fever, or for students who have been in contact with others in the class who test positive for COVID19?</p>	<p>Students presenting with a fever of 100.4 or higher will be brought to the First Aid room (FAR) and rechecked to ensure that the weather is not a factor causing the high temperature. If the temperature persists, parents will be contacted and requested to take their child home. Students will stay in the FAR to await parent arrival. Students may return to school after the fever is in the normal range for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Each school is identifying a room for isolation of students with fevers in addition to our FAR. As with other communicable diseases parents whose child has been tested positive are asked to contact the school. Our school nurses will contact the Health Department. The Health Department will issue a letter outlining the steps parents need to take, that will be sent to all parents whose students have been in contact with the student who has tested positive.</p>
<p>How will contact tracing work if a student or teacher in my child's class becomes infected with COVID19?</p>	<p>If a child or staff members tests positive for COVID19, we are required to report that result to the Health Department. From there, the Health Department will provide us with direction regarding the contact tracing. The Health Department will interview the parent regarding who their child has been in contact with and may also interview our nurses to determine who within the school the student has been in direct contact with for more than 10 minutes.</p>
<p>Who is required to wear a mask in the school?</p>	<p>All teachers, staff, and students in grades 1 -12 are required to wear masks when not social-distancing at 6 feet distance, when moving around, or when someone is moving around them. Students in preschool and kindergarten will not be required to wear masks.</p>
<p>How will students social distance on school buses?</p>	<p>Students in grades 1 - 12 will be required to wear masks on school buses, and therefore will not be required to social-distance while riding the bus. Students in preschool and kindergarten will not be required to wear masks.</p>
<p>When the new school year begins, will there be a different bus schedule to follow compared to last year?</p>	<p>The bus schedules will be the same, with enhanced sanitation protocols. There could be changes in routes/times as with any new year.</p>
<p>Will the school district provide students with masks?</p>	<p>Parents are asked to provide a mask for their children. Any parent in need may contact the school nurse or FRYSC for assistance.</p>

<p>If my student has asthma documented by a doctor is he/she exempt from wearing a mask?</p>	<p>All students must wear masks when not social-distancing at 6 feet and when moving, or when someone is moving around them. The only exception is for those students who present a medical verification, completed and signed by a physician indicating how the student's condition affects, impedes or limits the wearing of a mask. As well as suggested accommodations. We are currently drafting a form for completion and signature of the student's physician.</p>
<p>Will students' temperatures be taken before they get on the school bus?</p>	<p>No. Students' temperatures will be taken upon arrival at school.</p>
<p>Will parents be notified when other students test positive for Covid-19 in their schools or extracurricular activities, when school begins?</p>	<p>If a child or staff member tests positive for COVID19, we are required to report that result to the Health Department. From there, the Health Department will provide us with direction regarding the contact tracing. The Health Department will interview the parent regarding who their child has been in contact with and may also interview our nurses to determine who within the school the student has been in direct contact with.</p>
<p>Will students be permitted to NOT wear masks if parents sign a waiver from liability form.</p>	<p>All students must wear masks when not social-distancing at 6 feet and when moving, or when someone is moving around them. The only exception is for those students who present a medical verification, completed and signed by a physician indicating how the student's condition affects, impedes or limits the wearing of a mask. As well as suggested accommodations. We are currently drafting a form for completion and signature of the student's physician.</p>
<p>How will breakfast and lunch safely be served?</p>	<p>There will be some variance from school to school because of differences in space. Lunch and breakfast will be provided with social distancing and all other safety guidelines being followed.</p>
<p>Will sports and extra-curricular activities still occur?</p>	<p>Sports and other extra-curricular activities may take place only if they can operate under the safety guidelines issued by the state and health departments.</p>