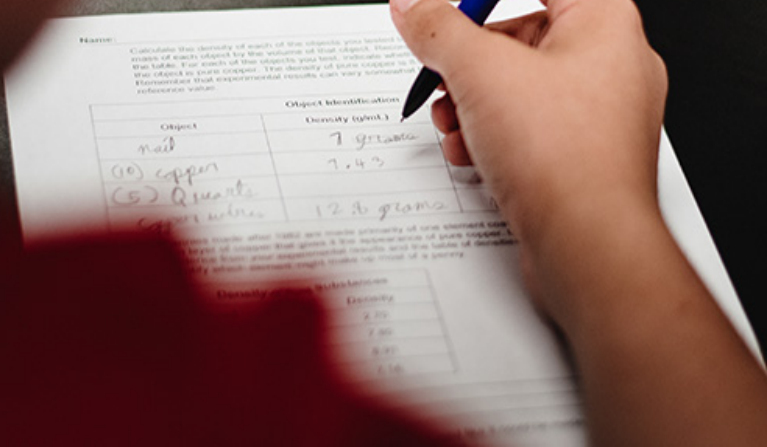


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Selecting My Child's Learning Option

Does my child have the option of either going back to school in person or continuing to learn online?

Yes. All students will have the option to choose online school or return to the traditional school environment at the end of each quarter. In addition, students will have a weeklong grace period after the first official day of school to alter their selection.

Is there a hybrid option where my child can return to the classroom a few days a week and do online learning the rest of the week?

Not this year. The options for the 2020-21 school year are either in-person learning or online learning, not a combination of both.

Is there a possibility that students would not be able to return to school and will have to learn purely online?

If a situation arises where it is unsafe for the campus to operate, the school will transition to online learning, using the Schoology online learning management system.

How do I select my child's learning option for next year?

You should have received an email with instructions for selecting your child's learning mode through SchoolMint. If you did not receive an email please contact your school or fill out the **contact us** form. Please remember to respond with your selection no later than **July 19, 2020**.

I am new to Legacy. How do I select my child's learning option for next year?

You will be prompted to select your child's learning option as part of the enrollment process.

If we opt to return to the classroom and it is not working out, can we switch to online schooling for the remainder of the year?

Yes. Students will have the option to switch their learning selection at the end of a quarter/grading period.

When is the deadline for selecting in-person or online learning?

Students must select their learning option by **July 19, 2020**

If a child transitions back to school from online learning, will they have the same teacher they were assigned at the beginning of the year?

Not necessarily. The child will be assigned to the classroom with the lowest number of students for health and safety reasons.

In-Person Learning

Will students or teachers be required to wear face coverings?

Students and staff will be expected to wear face coverings while on campus when 6 feet distancing is not possible as required by state/local authorities. If the authorities lift this restriction, face coverings will then become recommended but optional.

If a student with a disability needs consideration of accommodations, parents should contact the school's principal.

Face coverings and gloves are required for food services employees.

Will students need to wear masks during music or PE classes?

Staff and students may remove their face coverings for PE classes when outdoors and when observing physical distancing of 6 feet.

Students will need to wear a face covering during band class and will not be able to play instruments at this time. Band class will consist of general music instruction until further notice. When face coverings are no longer required by state and local authorities, band class may resume as normal.

Choir classes will be held as scheduled. Face coverings will be required while singing unless there are changes to municipal, county or state mandates.

Will Legacy be providing cloth masks for students?

No, please provide your child with their own face covering.

Will face coverings have to follow similar guidelines as the dress code?

No. But please consider the school setting and ensure that symbols, brands and statements are not controversial, advocacy or promotionally oriented.

How will students physical distance on campus?

Capacity limits will be set for all rooms on campus and the limits will be enforced at all times.

Classrooms: Only students enrolled in each class will be allowed in their respective classrooms. Students may not visit classrooms they are not assigned to throughout the day.

Gymnasium: No more than three classes of students at a time will be allowed in the gymnasium.

Cafeteria: No more than three classes of students at a time will be allowed in the cafeteria. Tables will be set up single-sided and students will sit with a maximum of four students per bench.

Playground: Only one grade level will be at recess at a time.

Campus administration will create a staggered schedule for their school.

Can we expect class sizes to be smaller this year?

Class sizes may be smaller, depending on the number of students who choose online learning. Since all students have the option to choose online learning, there will likely be fewer students in every traditional classroom.

Will parents and guests be allowed on campus?

Schools remain closed to all parents, visitors and guests, with the exception of parents picking up a child from school early or dropping off a child late.

Before entering the office, parents must read all signage and be prepared to comply with active municipal, county or state mandates related to face coverings. If a mandate is in place and a parent does not have a face covering, entry will be denied.

If my child returns to in person learning, will it be Monday - Friday during regular school hours?

Yes.

If my child has high asthma or allergy symptoms (sneezing, red eyes, etc.) but is not actually sick, will they be sent home from school?

Your child will only be sent home if it is clear that they are experiencing severe symptoms which could be connected with COVID-19.

What happens if I need to drop off medication for my child before the start of school?

Student Health Services personnel will be available in front of the school to receive student medication during your campus' back to school event. Parents will need to drop off medication in original prescription bottles and adhere to the medication policies in the Student Handbook.

How many children will be allowed in the cafeteria at one time?

Students in K-6 grades will alternate between eating in the cafeteria and eating in the classroom to decrease the size of group gatherings.

Students in 7-8 grades will eat in the cafeteria daily but will

alternate meal and recess times to decrease group gathering size.

There will be no more than three classes of students in the cafeteria at a time. Cafeteria tables will be set up single-sided and students will sit with a maximum of four students per bench.

For students eating in the cafeteria, only cold lunch will be served from the counter. A salad bar will not be offered.

Markings will be placed on the floor to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet while in line.

Students will not touch a device to type in their number to pay for lunch, only staff members will.

What is being done to clean and sanitize schools?

The campus facilities team will oversee cleaning and sanitizing efforts throughout the campus for daily routine cleaning, sanitizing of high touch surfaces, and deep cleaning after large group gatherings. They will wear gloves while cleaning and wash their hands afterwards, using handwashing and hand sanitizing procedures.

If there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 within the building, a deep cleaning protocol will be initiated.

If a classroom is implicated, efforts will be made to move students to another room. If another room is unavailable, students may be asked to stay home for the day and participate in online learning while the room is sanitized.

What hand washing protocols will be put in place on campus?

Staff and students are required to wash their hands every two hours with warm water for at least 20 seconds.

Grades K-5 students should wash their hands when entering class each morning, at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., before and after all special area classes, when leaving the room, before and after lunch, before and after recess, and before and after leaving class to use the restroom.

Grades 6-8 students should wash their hands when entering class each morning, when entering each new class of the day, before and after lunch, and before and after leaving class to use the restroom.

Students leaving class for any outside services should wash hands before and after leaving the classroom.

Hand sanitizer will be available in the office and classrooms to be used throughout the day. Staff and students are encouraged to bring their own sanitizer as well.

Will children be required to wash their hands before lunch?

Yes. All students will be required to wash their hands before and after lunch.

Will playgrounds be cleaned?

Yes. Shared playsets, swings and balls will be cleaned using sanitizing/disinfectant spray between each lunch or recess

period. Playground aides will assist with this process.

What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

Students and staff safety is a priority. If someone tests positive for COVID-19, then the principal will consult with the District COVID Task Force to determine if it is safe to continue operating the school, or portions of it. The Task Force will determine whether or not an interim closure should be implemented.

Additionally, if there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, the school will issue a notification to the parents of students who have affiliation to the individual who tested positive in alignment with county and state health regulations.

If a student begins displaying COVID symptoms, can they begin learning online until it is safe for them to return to school?

Yes. In the event that a student is displaying COVID-19 symptoms, the student can transition to interim online learning. During this time, students will receive access to core academic instruction, as well special education and related services, as appropriate. To the extent possible, access to learning opportunities will also be provided for special area classes.

The same policies apply in the event that school operations are determined to be unsafe. Notice will be provided to parents and all students will convert to an online learning environment until it is safe to return to the school building.

Online Learning

Will the online curriculum be the same as the in-person curriculum?

Yes. Students who learn online will be taught core course content (math, reading, science and social studies) through Schoology (which is replacing Google Classroom) using Legacy's curriculum. The only difference is that electives (specials) classes will be limited.

Will online learning include daily interactive student and teacher sessions? If so, on average, how many interactive sessions will there be daily?

Online learning will include two live tutoring sessions a week where students can interact with teachers and ask questions. No live teaching will take place but students and teachers will be able to interact daily through Schoology discussion boards using text, audio or video messages. Lessons, discussion posts, assignments, quizzes and tests will be mapped out in advance for families at the beginning of every week.

For online learning, how will their assignments be graded?

The method for grading students who are learning online will be the same as the method for grading students who are learning in-person. When participating in online learning, students will receive grades and feedback through Schoology. Feedback can be provided in text, audio and video formats. Some activities may provide automatic, immediate feedback. Other assignments will require the teacher to review and provide feedback. In both scenarios, students will access their grades in the grades area of

Schoology.

How will assignments be submitted for online learning?

Legacy campuses will be using Schoology instead of Google Classroom as an online learning system for the 2020-21 school year. Students will submit assignments through Schoology. Specific details about submitting assignments will be communicated to you by your child's teacher.

Are students required to be online daily?

Yes. Students will need to login to Schoology daily. If a student does not login, they will be counted as absent for the day.

How will attendance be taken for online students?

Students will need to login to Schoology daily. If a student does not login, they will be counted as absent for the day.

If we choose online learning, how much support will be needed from parents for children in younger grades?

Students who are in kindergarten – grade 2 will need significant support from their parents when completing online classes. While the content developed is age appropriate, navigating through an online class requires parental support. While, of course, we want to encourage independent learning, parents should be actively reviewing participation and completion of online course material for all students.

If my child does online learning, will they be required to wear uniforms?

No.

Will students have one teacher or multiple teachers for online learning?

This may vary based on the student's grade level and the number of students enrolled in each online classroom. All students will have multiple online courses to complete including math, language arts, science and social studies. Due to this, it is likely that grade 6-8 students may have different teachers for each subject.

If my child does online learning, will there be any interaction with other students, such as events or activities where they get some in person socialization?

Students will be able to interact with their classmates through Schoology discussion boards using text, audio or video messages.

Additionally, campuses may choose to offer virtual clubs and teachers may choose to offer virtual field trips to enhance socialization and learning.

If my child does online learning, will they be able to participate in on-campus sports?

Yes.

If a student chooses to learn online for the full year, will families be able to pick up printed homework packets on campus?

No. Students will receive their homework assignments online via Schoology.

Will Legacy be providing laptops for students?

Only on an as needed basis. We will be sending out more information about this soon.

Will I need to purchase a tablet for my child for the upcoming school year?

If your child selects online learning, they will need a device to complete their schoolwork. Due to this, you will need to provide a tablet or laptop for your child to use. If your family is unable to provide this, you will have the option of borrowing a device from your campus for the duration of the school year. We will be sending out more information about this soon.

What happens in the event of an internet outage in my home?

If your child is participating in online learning, we encourage you to consider what your backup plan could be in the event of a temporary internet outage. Could you visit a friend or family member's house to use their WiFi, could you use an internet hotspot from a cell phone, could you visit a nearby location that provides wifi to the community or customers? Keep in mind, there will be flexibility on the time of day that students can participate in online learning, so in most cases, a temporary outage will not derail a full day's work. However, if your WiFi and backup plan fall through, reach out to your child's teacher to discuss the possibility of an accommodation.

How many hours of school do you think my child will have to complete daily for online learning?

The time will likely vary for each child. However, we estimate that it will take an average of four hours to complete online learning daily.

Will students need to purchase books for online learning?

No. All content will be available online through the Schoology platform.

Legacy Kids Care (LKC) & Extra Curricular Activities

Is LKC going to be open next year? If so, will there be a student cap?

Yes, Legacy Kids Care will be open.

Legacy Kids Care administrators will assign classrooms to be utilized for homework times according to grade level. Gym, cafeteria, and outside time will be on a rotation with assigned homework classroom times, to ensure that groups are never in one area at the same time.

Legacy Kids Care drop-off procedures will be sent to those enrolled in a separate communication.

Will sports, arts and other extracurricular activities take place this year?

Sports will be taking place this year.

Only athletes and coach will be allowed at practices. Sports

equipment will be cleaned after each practice and game. Athletes will use hand sanitizer before and after games and practice. Water and personal athletic equipment will not be shared. Only immediate family (parents and siblings) may attend games as spectators. Spectators are asked to adhere to physical distancing. Spectators must comply with face covering mandates in the municipality, county, or state in which the game is held upon entry and for the duration of the game. Face coverings will be required for athletes and coaches in alignment with active municipal, county, and state proclamations and executive orders.

After school clubs, field trips and musical performances are postponed until further notice.

General

Will school days be shortened?

No.

When is the first day of school?

The first day of school varies by campus. For up-to-date academic, athletics and event calendars, please visit your campus website.

Will I be able to contact my child's teacher with questions around instruction or schoolwork? How would I do this if my child returns to the classroom? How would I do this if my child is learning online?

Yes.

If your child selects in-person learning, you can contact your teacher like you normally would via email and phone.

If your child selects online learning, they will have a teacher facilitator for their class. The teacher will be available online to answer questions for you and your child. You will also have an opportunity to speak with your child's online teacher during live tutoring sessions twice a week.

Will special education students who choose to learn online have the same learning options and support as others?

Yes. All students will have the same learning options and support.

Will campuses be hosting Back To School Night?

Back to School Night will be held as a minimal contact/online event. Teachers will be available live via videoconferencing to "meet" their students. The date and time for meeting your child's teacher will be arranged and communicated by the school.

Teachers will pre-record a video message for any students who are unable to attend the live, remote event.

Will there be options for parents of incoming kindergartners to tour the school or meet the teacher?

A few Legacy campuses are offering tours at this time. Please **click here** to discover if tours are available at your campus.

Incoming students will have an opportunity to meet their teacher during their campus' virtual Back to School event.
