

LABCS Re-Opening FAQ

Many of the questions and concerns asked in the jotform feedback were addressed in the school's reopening plan. These below address some of the most common questions.

If we choose to do 100% Virtual Learning, can we change to in-person?

Parents who choose 100% Virtual Learning can change at the end of the 2nd Quarter if there is room in the classroom to make sure physical distancing can still be maintained.

How will the students whose parents choose face-to-face be grouped for the hybrid model?

Groups will be created by counties/locations in order to help facilitate carpool situations.

What safety measures will be implemented during the school day?

We have had hand sanitizing stations installed in every classroom and throughout the school in common areas. Students will be required to use it when entering the classroom, as well as any time they exit the classroom. There will also be assigned times for students to be able to hand wash at a sink. Teachers will have disinfectant spray and will sanitize the classroom several times during the day, to include desks, door handles, etc. The school will be deep cleaned twice a week before and after each hybrid group begins and ends their two days in the building. Students will be required to wear facial coverings during transitions in the hallways, etc. or if they cannot physically distance themselves in the classroom or elsewhere in the building or outside. Teachers will be required to wear facial coverings during the school day unless they are able to physically distance themselves with students or others in the building. All students will have their own school supplies that will stay in the classroom in a container with their name on it. They will not be allowed to borrow items from the teacher or other students.

How will students be physically distanced in the building or outside?

All students will be separated from each other at a distance of 6 feet. After the teachers have set up their rooms with chairs and desks being 6 feet apart, decals will be placed on the carpet under each chair to give a visual reference for distance. While outside for PE and recess, students will have the opportunity to play; however, activities that promote physical contact, such as flag football, will, likely, not be allowed. There will be decals in the hallways every 6 feet to indicate appropriate physical distancing.

Will the whole school be quarantined if there is a positive case of COVID-19?

We will follow the current DHEC guidelines for quarantining with positive cases.

How will my child's IEP be implemented in a virtual setting?

Regardless of which type of learning is involved, students with disabilities will receive support to access and process the curricular content to maximize their learning. We understand the needs of our exceptional students within our special population; Gifted and talented, English Language Learners, Students needing Multi-tiered Systems of Support, Students with a 504, and students with an Individualized Education Plan. We intend to provide each of our students with a quality classroom and online environment. We are also committed to the Orton Gillingham Approach. The Universal Design of Learning will guide us in keeping our students engaged in what, how, and why they are learning.

Will my child be able to use his/her own technology with virtual learning?

All students will be required to use a school-issued Chromebook or iPad for their virtual learning. One of the difficulties with the learning this past spring was not having access to personally owned devices and troubleshooting issues. All Chromebooks and iPads are managed through a learning management system, so it is easier for the Technology Director to troubleshoot. Additionally, there are apps and software that will be used in virtual learning and will be pushed out to Chromebooks and iPads through the management system. These cannot be sent to personal devices.

Will attendance and grades count with virtual learning?

Attendance and grades will count. Students will be marked present in their virtual classrooms by signing on and staying on for the teacher instructing the particular class. As a result, attendance will be taken several times a day for each class. Teachers will send their attendance to the front office, where it will go into PowerSchool. Teachers will assign class work and homework in the virtual setting as they will in the in-person setting with assigned due dates. This will be true for both synchronous (live virtually) and asynchronous (independent work virtually). Expectations and consequences for attendance and grades will be the same in a virtual setting as it would be in an in-person setting.

Will the dress code change?

Yes, uniforms will be optional this year; however, a dress code will still be in effect. We know that the students have experienced different levels of stress and anxiety over the last 5 months, and this is one area we can give some allowance. Jeans and cargo shorts or pants will be allowed. All clothing must be free from rips, tears, holes, etc. No clothing, to include sweatshirts, t-shirts, hoodies, jackets, etc., can have messages, graphics, large logos, verbiage, etc. on them. Clothing does not have to be a solid color - it can be plaid, striped, printed, floral, polka dotted, etc. If girls wear leggings, a finger-tip length or longer shirt must be worn; short shirts will not be allowed with leggings. All shorts, skirts, and

dresses cannot be worn more than 2 inches above the knee. Students who do not adhere to the dress code might be asked to go back to uniform only.

Will my child have to wear a mask all day?

In a hybrid model, students will only be required to wear masks during transitions (morning drop-off, hallways, bathroom breaks, afternoon pick-up, etc.) where physical distancing cannot be maintained. Once they are seated at their desk, they can take their mask off. If they are moving about the classroom, depending upon physical distancing, they might have to put them back on.

If we are ever in a 100% face-to-face model with all students in the building while the county is designated medium- or high-risk by DHEC, students will be required to wear facial masks at all times, even when they are seated at their desks since physical distancing could not be maintained.

How will the school ensure my child's mask doesn't end up with another student?

We can't guarantee 100% that a student won't misplace a mask and have it picked up by another student; however, all students will be given a school-issued lanyard so that they can clip their mask to it. This way when they are seated at their desk or head to PE or recess, they will have someplace to put their mask when they take it off.

Is the supply list the same for in-person and virtual instruction?

Yes. Students will need these items for different assignments whether they are in-person models or the all virtual model.

Will students who are home for virtual learning (100% or hybrid) be required to be on the Chromebook or iPad from 8:15-3:30 each day?

No. The schedule for the classes they are required to attend virtually are in the school's opening plan. Please refer to it for the times.

Will PIE and Math-U-See small groups still be grouped by skills?

Yes. We will still do beginning-of-year assessments that will aid us in grouping students appropriately for these two classes. We will begin assessing students during the week of August 10 (this will be our LEAP plan as directed by the SCDE) to help move this along so that we can group students sooner than we have in the past.

Will virtual learning look the same this fall as it did in the spring?

No. This past spring was created with a short amount of notice and was a reaction to a crisis. We have had several months to prepare for this fall and have been able to purchase software, apps, learning management systems, and technology to better equip our students and teachers for virtual learning.

What can I do to better prepare my child(ren) for this school year?

If your child(ren) is/are attending in-person and not 100% Virtual, have them start wearing masks around the house, and add the amount of time they wear them each day in order to be ready for the first day. Also, with lunches from home, please make sure that your child(ren) can independently open items without the aid of an adult. Practice having them ready to exit a car when it comes to a stop as this will help keep the carpool line running smoothly and efficiently, especially because there will be 3 different drop-off points in the morning and cars will not be allowed to get out of the line to pass other cars even if their child has already been dropped off earlier in the carline - this is for safety reasons for all students, teachers on duty, and families in cars. Finally, have them practice appropriate handwashing (20 sec with soap and water, dry with paper towels).