

Fall Reopening Overview

- *First Day of School: First Day of School is moved to Wednesday, August 19th
- *Time: 8:30am-2:30pm daily
- *If class size allows PK-6th students will have in-person learning daily.
- *7-12th students will have blended learning, in-person part of the week, remote part of the week (see survey for options we are considering)
- *Families can choose to engage in full Remote learning if they have concerns over student safety.
- *7th-12th students will have a blended learning model of in-person and remote learning.
- *Students will be assigned into cohorts for blended learning. Cohorts will be small, fixed groups of students. Students will have limited interaction with other Cohorts in the building to minimize the potential of exposure to the virus.
- *All students will be trained how to engage in remote learning to be prepared to transition to full remote learning should public health require it.
- *All individuals must wear masks.
- *Please complete the survey to provide us important information about your choice for in-person, blended, or remote learning. <https://forms.gle/X4h1ir6GiyeKGRQFA>
- *There will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday July 29th.

11am meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72443090673?pwd=R3NwK0s3ZlU4UzF6a2NFMG5XNkJFQT09>

6pm meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71844119442?pwd=dEJrciZLRGJySDJ4ZkFXTVFWTEgvdz09>

Safety Guidelines

Until there is a treatment or vaccine for COVID-19, all decisions we make on how to move forward have various risks. In order to ensure students are safe and learning is accessible we are doing all we can to abide by recommendations from the CDC and ISBE. In order to support these measures, we have purchased additional hand sanitizer dispensers, face shields and face masks, infrared thermometers, and disinfectant. Students and families are encouraged to minimize risk by limiting interactions outside of the home. It is mandatory for students to wear masks in school, but we ask that you continue to wear face masks whenever you are out in public. All students and staff will be required to sanitize their hands upon entering the building, after restroom breaks, and when traveling between areas of the school. Hand sanitizer will be provided to every classroom and stations are set up in hallways and high traffic areas.

Please take your child's temperature daily before leaving the house. If your child is running a fever or feeling sick, please do not send them to school. Temperatures will also be taken when students arrive to school and again after 11am. If any staff member or student exhibits symptoms they will be sent home. Students will be sent to the Care Room on the Octavia side immediately to wait until they are picked up by a parent or emergency contact within an hour. The Care Room will undergo daily cleaning and disinfecting.

Protocols for sick students and staff

In accordance with state and federal guidance, school community members who are sick should not return to school until they meet the following requirements, whether or not they were tested for COVID-19

- Inform the office if you suspect your child or immediate family member has COVID.
- At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared; and,
- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since fever has resolved without fever-reducing medicine, and other symptoms are improving.
- Students or staff returning to school after an illness must check-in with administration following quarantine.

In-Person Instruction

Different age groups have varying needs based on their learning development. Pre-K through 6th grade students require more teacher direction and are not as able work independently via technology as well as older students are. This age group may attend school in-person everyday if their parents choose to and class numbers are low enough to maintain good safety protocols. However, Remote and Blended Learning is also available if parents are concerned for student safety.

- Cohorts of students in school will remain together for all in-person instruction and activities during a school day.
- Social distancing measures will be in place, masks will be required

Blended Learning Plan

Based on ISBE guidance, students learning from home will have a minimum of five hours of instruction or assigned work per day and attendance will be tracked. In order to ensure proper social distancing, only half the class will attend in-person on a given day and the other half will engage in remote learning. Cohorts will attend classes in-person on Monday and Tuesdays or Thursdays and Fridays. This way cohorts will not cross contaminate as Wednesdays will be Remote learning for all students and the building will be deep cleaned. Lessons will be LIVE streamed via Zoom, and recordings will be uploaded to Google classroom by the end of the day. Teachers will check-in with Remote Learners several times during the period and before 4pm. This model allows students, staff, and families to maintain a stable weekly schedule while affording educators necessary time to plan for instructional needs and to disinfect our school.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A On-site	Cohort A On-site	All Remote Learning	Cohort B On-Site	Cohort B On-Site
Cohort B Remote	Cohort B Remote	Deep Clean School	Cohort A Remote	Cohort A Remote

Remote Learning Plan

Should public health needs require the entire school to suspend in-person instruction, our plan allows for a smooth transition to remote learning. **Parents can choose to have their students engage in remote learning even if we are engaged in blended or in-person instruction.** During full time remote learning, students will continue their day as usual via Zoom and Google classroom. Teachers will carry out instruction from the classroom and supplement with digital curriculum resources and independent work. We are very proud of what our teachers and students accomplished during the spring's remote learning time. However, results from the remote learning survey showed there were challenges for students, parents, and faculty. We took the feedback into consideration when formulating the blended learning and remote learning plans. The schedule will run as a typical school day with students interacting with faculty during their scheduled teaching periods. Work will be submitted to teachers at the end of each day to maintain accurate grades.

Technology, Infrastructure, and Tuition

Our faculty will be working from school daily. In order to facilitate blended and remote learning we have invested in improving our infrastructure as well as purchased more devices, personal microphones, and cameras for the classrooms. We are not able to discount our tuition due to the increased costs, however we will freeze tuition, meaning there will not be an increase going into next school year. If you are experiencing financial difficulties we do have a financial aid application on our website.

<https://www.ismfast.com/FastPage.php?id=6bb21e8b4811ff9648c06c48b0986482>

Feedback for Final Reopening Plan

Our community's voice and needs are a high priority for us. Our previous surveys from the Spring (Remote Learning) and early summer (Reopening Plan) informed the framework we are putting in place for Blended Learning and Remote Learning. We are thankful to all our families that provided feedback. Many families were concerned with the number of students in a class at a given time and how we will maintain social distancing. In the coming weeks, our school will be finalizing our plans for implementing our blended learning plan. Alhamdulillah we received some good feedback from our first survey that helped guide our plans based on family needs.

- Please review our reopening plan and complete the reopening survey by July 26 2020.
<https://forms.gle/X4h1ir6GiyeKGRQFA>
- Participate in a Virtual School Meeting to discuss the reopening plan. We will go over the plan, and address questions and concerns collected from the survey. All participants will be muted and will send additional comments and questions via the chat feature on Zoom. Moderators will ask the questions being shared. You can also use the "raise hand" option during a portion of the meeting and participants will be unmuted to ask questions at that time.

Topic: 11am Parent meeting for Universal School Reopening
Time: Jul 29, 2020 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72443090673?pwd=R3NwK0s3ZlU4UzF6a2NFMG5XNkJFQT09>

Meeting ID: 724 4309 0673
Passcode: 5jdXHD

OR

Topic: 6pm Parent Meeting for Universal School Reopening
Time: Jul 29, 2020 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71844119442?pwd=dEJrciZLRGJySDJ4ZkFXTVFWTEgvdz09>

Meeting ID: 718 4411 9442
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