



RELAUNCH 2020

Frequently Asked Questions
August 16, 2020 UPDATE

All information provided is **subject to change** and is **accurate as of the date of this document**. It will be updated on a frequent and more specific basis as plans are able to become more defined. Planning will continue throughout the summer.

The focus for the first several weeks of school will be on developing relationships with students, practicing safety measures, and reteaching processes for all school procedures.

Questions not addressed here can be submitted through our Q&A form at bit.ly/GCSRelaunch2020QA. You can also contact your school for information regarding your child's enrollment or other school-specific questions.

Be sure to visit graysoncountyschools.com frequently for all updates, and follow us on social media.

- [Relaunch 2020](#) website and [Traditional/Virtual Learning Options](#)
- [NTI vs. Virtual Comparison](#)
- [All KDE/DPH Guidance Issued to date](#)
- [Healthy at School Guidance \(Updated July 28, 2020\)](#)

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- At this time, we plan to offer both the in-person or the remote/online option to students indefinitely for the 2020-21 school year.
 - *August 24 is the start date for all students, regardless of the option they choose. At this time, we anticipate a Sept. 28 return to the classroom date for those students who selected the in-person option. (NEW)*
 - Family members will be scheduled to attend on the same days, even if they have different last names and attend different schools. This will be coordinated through Infinite Campus household reports. If for some reason your children's schedules are not on the same day, please contact your school(s) and they will be happy to work with you.
 - If your schedule requires that your child or children attend certain days, please reach out to your school(s) to make that change.
 - **Please see your school's reopening plan which is up or will soon be up on the [Relaunch 2020](#) web page.**
 - If you have additional questions pertaining specifically to your child's school(s), please contact your school directly:

Caneyville Elementary 270-879-4211
Clarkson Elementary 270-242-0361
Lawler Elementary 270-259-9322
Wilkey Elementary 270-259-4058

GCMS 270-259-4175
GCHS 270-259-4078

General Health and Safety

Will all students be **REQUIRED** to wear masks?

Yes. *The Healthy at School requirements provided by the Department of Public Health, state that students enrolled in **grades 1 - 12**, as well as all staff will be required to wear a cloth face mask that meets CDC guidelines. **Face shields are not recommended.** There is a degree of flexibility for students with special needs or medical reasons that prevent wearing a mask. A doctor's notice will be required and these situations will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.*

Please Note: *Masks can be lowered in areas where students and staff can social distance and remain 6 feet apart, **except** when moving throughout the building. Parents are encouraged to provide a mask for their child/children. Those who do not have their own mask will be provided with one upon entering the bus or school building.*

How will schools screen for symptoms?

*Parents will need to take their child's temperature **prior to leaving home**, whether traveling by bus, personal vehicle or other means. If a student has a temperature of more than 100.4, they should remain at home. All parents/guardians will also be required to sign a letter of commitment at the start of the school year stating that they will not send their child to school if he or she has a fever.*

Temperatures of all students and staff will be checked by touchless thermometer upon entry to the building. Students who are dropped off by parents will have their temperatures checked before being dismissed from personal vehicles for drop off. Students with a temperature upon entry to the building will be taken to the nurse's office and isolated until a parent or guardian can pick them up.

What steps will be taken to limit exposure on school buses?

*Students in **grades 1- 12** will be required to wear masks while on the bus if social distancing is not possible, unless medical reasons exist to prevent wearing a mask. Drivers and monitors will be required to wear approved face coverings. Seating charts will be implemented for contact tracing. When possible, students will be spaced out on the bus and asked to sit with members of their own household. Buses will be disinfected between runs.*

What safety measures will be in place in classrooms and in common areas of the schools (offices, hallways, restrooms, library, cafeteria, etc.)?

Stickers or tape on the floors in non-instructional areas such as hallways (near bathrooms, water fountains, lunchroom, library checkout, etc.) will mark 6-foot spacing for social distancing.

Hygiene and other precautions will be a constant reminder through poster displays throughout the buildings. Teachers and staff will ensure frequent handwashing throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be readily available at convenient and easily-accessed locations throughout each building.

Signage in restrooms will provide instruction on proper hand-washing techniques. Restroom breaks will be staggered throughout the day limiting the number of students in the restrooms at any given time.

Requirements for safety from the Healthy at Schools guidance document will be followed. Frequent and enhanced cleaning, sanitation and disinfection protocols following CDC guidelines will be maintained throughout buildings.

How will class changes be handled? (UPDATED)

At the elementary school level, students will remain in one classroom as much as possible, and their teachers will move from classroom to classroom. A similar practice will be followed at the middle school to the extent possible and details are available in the [GCMS Reopening Plan](#). This will not be possible at the high school level. Alternative routes and revised timing designations have been put in place to minimize contact. These may be viewed in the [GCHS ReEntry Plan](#).

If one classroom has a positive case of COVID-19, will only that classroom be moved to NTI or virtual learning? What procedures would be in place for reporting cases to families/staff?

Our local health department in conjunction with the KY Department of Public Health has emphasized the importance of keeping students in a “unit” - in classes, on the bus, in the cafeteria - in order to assist with contact tracing should a positive case of COVID-19 occur.

Through contact tracing and local Health Department guidance the decision will be made as to whether only a class of students will be moved to a virtual learning model, or by grade level, team or a school. Currently, reporting to families/ staff is handled by our local Health Department. These same guidelines would also apply to extracurricular groups (sports teams, band, clubs, etc.) or any other activity.

Is it possible school may be delayed beyond August 24 or that the A/B schedule would be extended beyond three weeks? (UPDATED)

As we've already seen, changes may be recommended at any time due to public health considerations. We are in a very fluid situation and anticipate being subject to changes at any time during the 2020-21 school year. School will still begin on August 24 for all students.

At this time, we plan to begin in-person classes on the A/B schedule on Sept. 28. The duration of that schedule will be determined by public health considerations. A revised schedule will be provided nearer that date.

Will I need to prepare for possible intermittent school closures?

As we've already experienced, guidance from the Kentucky Department of Education may require quick turnaround on any plans currently in place. Families should remain prepared for intermittent school closures, schedule modifications and/or periods of NTI throughout the school year. Please plan in advance to have childcare arrangements for your child should these closures occur.

Will students be permitted to have outside recess?

Yes! Schools will develop schedules to provide time for students to be on the playground or outdoors, with time to sanitize equipment between each group of students. Handwashing will occur immediately before and after using the playground.

Instruction and Learning

Who do I let know if I wish to choose online instruction instead of traditional in-person instruction for my child(ren)?

While we believe that students have the greatest success when instruction is delivered in person, we realize that families have individual concerns surrounding the current public health climate. Enrollment forms for virtual learning are currently available for all schools on the [Relaunch 2020](#) web page.

What is the deadline to enroll for virtual?

A “soft” deadline of July 27 is preferred, and sooner is better. Confirmation of families’ decisions will really help our schools with planning - for both options. If you need more information about either of those, you may want to contact your school directly for specific guidance.

What programs will be used for the virtual option?

Students will use an online Learning Management System at all levels – Edgenuity at the middle and high school, Odysseyware at the elementary schools, with teacher interaction, assistance and feedback. There will be variations on specifics from school to school and teacher to teacher, as in any class.

Will there be paper packets also? (UPDATED)

The virtual option for 2020-21 will be unlike last spring’s NTI. It will be provided through an online platform and new content on pace with the in-person option. More information is available on the [Relaunch 2020](#) web page. A paper packet may be an option in specific unique situations, and on a case-by-case basis depending on individual needs. If technology is an issue, families should reach out to their school(s) for assistance.

If my family chooses online learning, will we need to have our own reliable device and Internet?

Yes. Families choosing online learning should have a high-quality internet connection that will allow for video streaming and virtual meetings. Cell phones will not meet the requirement of this option. They should also have access to a reliable device such as a Chromebook, laptop or desktop computer for each child participating in the virtual learning model.

Families that need technology assistance should contact their school. We are exploring potential mobile hotspot locations. There are also some lower-cost internet options available. These are listed on the [Relaunch 2020](#) web page for review and to determine if they provide value to your family’s unique situation.

If virtual, will my child be able to access and do their work anytime during the day or will it need to be during school hours only?

Your student will be able to access the platform and do their work at any time. Access to teachers and/or direct assistance may be during school hours only or during certain times depending on the teacher(s) or subject. This may vary depending on whether your child is at the elementary, middle or high school level. Talk with your teacher(s) if your situation is unique or you have special issues with timing.

Can my child switch between in-person and virtual learning?

A continuous and consistent learning environment is best for student success. For that reason, transfers from one learning option to another will be considered after the completion of a grading period (9 weeks for elementary/middle or trimester for high school). Unique circumstances may be handled on a case-by-case basis at the school level.

Will students receive resource services (GT/SPED)? (UPDATED)

Yes. Students who receive special education services will have contingency plans to be followed as agreed upon by the school and parents. This will line out how services will be provided, but does not replace the IEP. Students who receive Gifted and EL services will have contingency plans to be followed.

Will schools continue to hold Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) meetings and other parent conferences through online meeting platforms?

Yes, ARC and parent meetings can continue to be held through Google Meet, Skype, Zoom or other electronic meeting forum. If technology is an issue, in-person meetings may be held with masks worn or conducted by phone.

When will preschool start? (UPDATED)

At this time, preschool is scheduled to start on Sept 16. We will be contacting families soon for screenings.

Will students participating in virtual learning be eligible for extracurricular activities?

Yes, provided they meet any eligibility criteria to participate. Students must be able to provide their own transportation to extracurricular activities.

Will back-to-school events still be held this year?

Due to the current limitations on large group gatherings and requirements for social distancing, schools will be unable to host the traditional back to school nights this year.

Updated: *Schools are currently planning virtual or other introductory “events” for transitioning students (kindergarten, 6th grade, freshmen) and will share that information when plans are finalized.*

How will we know what school supplies are needed for this school year?

The district is providing basic school supplies this year based on lists provided by each school. They will be available at school when your child returns to school. At this time, the only items families will need to provide are personal in nature: a backpack capable of carrying a Chromebook, and earbuds or headphones with a built-in mic.

What are the plans for FRC before and after school care?

We are currently awaiting additional guidance and will update here as soon as it is available. Please check back.

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