

Parent FAQ



General

When will school start? **August 20** for both face to face and eLearning students.

Will there be any days of eLearning for face to face students? **Yes. August 26 and Sept. 2** have been designated as eLearning days for all LSC students. The purpose is to be prepared for eLearning if schools would need to close during the year and to assess what changes may be needed to our plan.

E-Learning

If I opt for eLearning what will be different compared to last spring? **E-Learning teachers are being provided Professional Development on working with students through a virtual instructional environment. There will be additional opportunities for students to interact with their teacher through virtual communications as Zoom or other means.**

If I opt for eLearning and at some point decide to return my child to live instruction, can I? If so, when? **Yes, E-Learning students will be able to opt in to the In Person Option within the first 10 instructional days of the school year, again at the end of the 1st Quarter and again at the end of the semester. E-Learning Options for the 2nd Semester will be announced in November.**

If I opt for live instruction and at some point want my child to switch to eLearning, can I? if so, when? **In Person students may opt into the E-Learning Option during the first 10 instructional days. Students who may have to quarantine, will be provided their instruction just as if they were ill or injured and had to be absent from school.**

If I opt for eLearning will my child's teacher be accessible? In what way? When? **Yes, your child's teacher will be accessible if the E-Learning Option is selected. Keep in mind, the students in the E-Learning Option will meet five (5) days a week and must meet 180 for the school year, just as the In Person Option. For E-Learning students in grades 7-12, there will be a certified teacher from a vendor named PLATO and a LSC teacher will also be assigned to each student to facilitate the student's learning. Teachers will be accessible for student assistance.**

The state of Indiana also mandates elementary E-Learning students have 5 hours per day of instruction and a secondary (grades 7-12) E-Learning student must have 6 hours of instruction.

If I opt for eLearning will my child have interactive instruction with a live teacher or will it be strictly computer guided instruction? **There will be both interactive instruction with a live teacher and there will be some computer guided instruction.**

If I opt for eLearning, what kind of services can I expect for my special needs child? How will IEP's be followed? How will case conferences be conducted? **Students with IEPs that opt for the E-Learning option, the case conference will meet (virtual or in person) to discuss what services, accommodations and how progress monitoring will be conducted during E-Learning.**

The case conference committee will also discuss direct or consultative related services and how they will be delivered. We are going to follow the continuum of service.

If I opt for eLearning will my child have counselor services? How will that be accessed? Counseling services will be available, but most of the services will be done virtually after contacting your child's home school.

If I opt for eLearning will my child have lunch services? How will that be accessed? Yes, we are working on the details of the plan and will communicate with all E-Learning families as soon as the plan is completed.

If I opt for eLearning can my child play sports? Be in the music programs? Be in after school clubs and activities? Yes, with some limitations. Students who select the E-Learning Option may participate in sports, music programs, clubs and activities of their home school. One limitation will be that the E-Learning students may participate in these activities before or after school, but not during the normal instructional hours. Transportation to and from the activities will be the parent's responsibility. E-Learning students may ride LSC transportation to and from a competition event with the team or club.

If I opt for eLearning will my child have PE? Art? Music? Family and Consumer Sciences? Gateway classes? The current plan is to offer these areas virtually. They will not be the same as the In Person instruction. For secondary students (grades 7-12) some non-essential courses may not be available. All courses required to graduate from an Indiana High School will be offered.

If I opt for eLearning what classes will and will not be offered? Tecumseh Jr. High, Oakland High School and Jefferson High School are working on those offerings. Again, all courses required to graduate from an Indiana High School will be offered.

Is eLearning available for all students including life skills, pre-school, career academy? Yes, however, each E-Learning for students with special needs, Pre-K and the Career Academy will be a little different so we may accommodate the uniqueness of each program. The case conference committee will meet to determine what E-Learning will look like for essential skills and developmental pre-school students. It is important to note that eLearning will look different based on need and ability.

Live Face to Face In School Instruction

How will social distancing be addressed in schools? Each school has developed their own Building Plans for things like social distancing, drop-off, pick-up, breakfast, lunch special classes, etc.. Each Building Plan will be posted on their home web site and available to review. All Building Plan will remain flexible and may change as circumstances warrant.

Will there be passing periods in secondary schools? Yes, each individual Building Plans have instructions for passing periods. These may include shorting passing period times, no locker usage and other changes to passing periods to discourage students to social gather.

How will lunch be served in schools? Each individual Building Plan is addressing how lunch and breakfast will be served. The main focus for lunch and breakfast will be allowing students to eat, be supervised and social distance. Most buildings, if not all, will move to a new more efficient system that will allow students to not have to congregate once they are served their meal.

Does my child have to wear a mask? Students in grades 3rd – 12th will be required to wear a mask during the instructional day as mandated by the State of Indiana. There will be times when the mask may be removed. Students in Pre-K through 2nd grade will be required to have a mask with them at all times. There will be times when the Pre-K through 2nd graders will be required to wear their masks.

What kind of mask must my child wear? The masks should be either paper or cloth and made to inhibit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Masks should cover the nose and mouth.

Will my child's teachers be wearing masks? Yes. All LSC employees will be required to wear an appropriate mask during the instructional day. There will be times when the masks maybe removed when social distancing is possible. There will be the possibility that some students or employees cannot wear a mask due to a medical reason.

Does my child have to wear a mask in PE? Music? This will all depend upon the activity for that particular day. So, yes sometimes and possibly no other times.

Is there any way my child can be excused from wearing a mask? We know we will have some students that wearing a mask may cause other health problems. The parent should work with the building principal to secure appropriate medical documentation or to see if other accommodations, including the E-Learning Option, are available for the student.

Can I refuse for my child to be forced to wear a mask? This could become a disciplinary issue if a student refuses to wear their mask during the required times. We want to keep in mind, the mask requirements are for the health and safety of all students and staff.

What if my child forgets or loses his/her mask? The LSC expects this to happen. LSC will have some additional masks on every bus and buildings will have extra mask for students. Once a mask is provided to a student, the mask becomes that student's mask. We will not ask for the loaner mask to be returned and we will not reuse any masks.

Transportation

Will transportation be available this year? Yes. Transportation will be available just as it has been in the past.

What will be different about transportation to school? There will be some changes to transportation this year due to the health concerns. All students will be required to wear a mask when on a bus. LSC buses will have some extra mask available for students when they forget their mask. Driver will also wear either a mask or a face shield. Students will be assigned seats on busses to assist with social distancing and "tracing" if a student would test positive.

Cleaning of Buildings

What does deep cleaning look like compared to regular cleaning? The term “deep cleaning” is used when our custodial staff can get to some places in the building that they cannot normally clean during a normal day. Since this is not a normal year, a lot of the “deep cleaning” will happen daily, not just when we can get to it.

What kind of cleaning will be done during the school day? LSC will be following the guidelines we have established for cleaning restrooms, desk surfaces, door knobs, breakfast and lunch spaces, academic areas, equipment and other spaces throughout each school day. Different and more frequent cleaning procedures are in place.

What kind of cleaning will be done at night? Along with the normal night cleaning that is done when students and staff are out of the building, there will be enhance cleaning procedure as mention in the previous question.

How can I be sure that fresh air is being pumped through the school? All LSC buildings air handling units pump fresh air into classrooms and other locations throughout the building. We have the ability in most buildings to increase the fresh air amount and we are stepping up our inspections to our air handling filter systems.

Health and Safety

What should I do if my child is sick? If your child is ill or exhibiting symptoms of the COVID-19 virus or any other illness, we expect the student to stay at home. This is a unique year in which we must all take extra precautions. No building in the LSC will have any attendance incentives for students during the 2020-2021 school year.

What happens if my child tests positive for COVID? The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is very clear on what a person should do if someone tests positive for COVID. The LSC will require the student to follow those health guidelines before returning to a school or returning to participate in any LSC activity.

If my child tests positive for COVID, do they become an eLearning student? Not necessarily. If the student is an In Person student, they will be provided their academic work through their regular teacher just as they would if the student was absent from school for a two week period for another illness or an injury.

What happens if my child is exposed to a family member, staff member or student that is positive for COVID? If this is a known situation by LSC, the students will be required to follow the CDC guidelines that address a situation like this. LSC will communicate with the Tippecanoe County Health Department (TCHD) and assist the family with what the TCHD is recommending.