

FAQs from the Parent Zoom on 7-22-20

Please also see the District FAQ's on in person and virtual learning at the following link:

<https://www.fhsdschools.org/covid-19>

1. Q-If we are working full time, will students be able to access virtual instruction outside of the 5 hour window?
A-The time expected for a student to participate in virtual learning will be similar to a typical, in-person school day. Students should expect instructional engagement for approximately 5 to 6 hours per day through a combination of live and pre-recorded lessons, virtual activities, and independent practice (i.e. traditional homework, reading, and assignments). Live screen time for students will only be a portion of the day with the remainder of the time as independent work time to complete assigned activities and work.
2. Q- When will we have an idea of what the parent logon times are each day for virtual classwork?
A-Schedules are in the process of being developed for virtual learning and will be shared with parents as soon as they are available.
3. Q-How will gifted students complete advanced coursework if they are virtual?
A- Spectra teachers will be available to provide services for virtual students.
4. Q-What are the thresholds/triggers for moving to hybrid or full virtual?
A-The district will be monitoring various data points and working with the St. Charles Health Department for guidance on closure recommendations. We do not have specific thresholds or trigger points at this time.
5. Q- Will students receive reading recovery or small group reading instruction from the reading teachers, IEP services, ELL, Spectra, etc. if they are virtual?
A-Yes, services will still be provided.
6. Q- Do virtual students have access to the library?
A- Virtual students will have access to ebook check out. If there becomes a plan for check out of books from the library for virtual students we will let you know!
7. Q-Will the supply list for virtual be the same as in-person?
A-There will be a separate supply list sent out to the parents once it is finalized.
8. Q- If we do the virtual option, how will after semester 1 they be assigned to a teacher for in person learning for semester 2? will it be the teacher they currently are assigned?
A-Once the updated in-person or virtual options are gathered, we will be able to look at class sizes and work from there. At this point we can't guarantee that it will be the same teacher your child is assigned to currently.
9. Q-How will specials be conducted for virtual?
A-They will be instructed by a virtual teacher.
10. Is there a plan for students who have to visit the nurse daily for medicine to keep them separate from the "sick area" where the sick kiddos have been?
A-Yes, our nurses are awesome and are problem solving. There will be separate spaces for different levels of reasons students are in the nurse's office.
11. Q-Will masks be required for teachers in 2nd grade and below?
A-Yes, all staff are expected to wear masks.

12. Q-Do you still plan to hold the inperson kindergarten success program?
A-Yes
13. Q-If FHSD switches to Hybrid can we elect to go virtual at that time?
A-No, we are asking that parents commit to their choice for the entire semester
14. Q-How will mask policies be enforced?
A-The students will be instructed on best practices and expectations. At the beginning of the school year lessons will be used to help the students understand the purpose. If situations occur we will assess whether it is an issue of health/sensory or compliance, and address the situation accordingly. Staff will also model best practice and expectations.
15. Q-Can you speak to the list of symptoms and when to keep students home? As colds are common in the Fall, a runny nose may just be a cold. Do parents need to get pediatrician clearance in order for the student to return to school?
A- Unfortunately, yes. Students are to stay home when sick and should be fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
16. Q-My understanding is that children will be bringing their own supplies to specials but will there still be shared teacher materials in the classroom?
A-Yes, there will be some special area class supplies that will need to be shared (paint brushes, oil pastels, etc.)
17. Q-Is there a class size limit for virtual classes?
A-The size limit will be the same as the recommendations from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Department (DESE).
18. Q-Will kindergarten students have to wear masks on the bus?
A-PreK-2nd grade are not required to wear masks but it is encouraged
19. Q-How do we get her student ID number?
A-You can locate the student ID number in Infinite Campus or please call the school at 636-851-4700 and we will be able to help you with the number.
20. Q-If we go hybrid, will you keep siblings on the same schedule?
A-Yes, they will be working to align siblings to the same schedule.
21. Q-If in person is selected, and the child has to be quarantined at some point (for more than a couple days), what is the plan for learning? Will Google classroom be able to be utilized in those circumstances?
A-If the student is healthy, they will be able to receive instruction through the Google Classroom platform.
22. Q-When students get sick (non Covid) but have fever-what is the fever free requirement period before returning to school? If students go to the doc for illness and doc decides to do a covid test if initial testing is negative, will virtual learning be available until they are released to be returned to school (until results come back)
A- The return to school requirement is 72 hours fever free without fever reducing medication. Part 2- If the student is healthy during this time they will be able to receive instruction through the Google Classroom platform.
27. Q-How will they do the reading assessments if the kids are virtual?
A-Our assessments are online so they will transfer over easily.

32. Q-If Kindergarteners do virtual, can they still do K-success in Aug?

A-Yes they are welcome to join us, but please understand that the goal of the transition program is to help them become familiar with the school building and a few of the procedures we will be using throughout the school year.

35. Q-How are virtual teachers being selected? Do they have special training for this?

A-There is an application process and additional professional development will be provided before the school year begins.

40. Q-When/how will I be able to drop off medication for the nurse? Would this just be sent to school on the first day with their other school supplies?

A-Once our nurses have returned for the new school year, you will be able to make arrangements with them for the appropriate forms needed and to drop off medication.

42. Q-Will temperature checks be conducted before entering the building?

A-No

43. Q-Would the students be able to speak to the teacher virtually or will they have to email?

A-Yes they will be able to do both

44. Q-Will there be a focus at the beginning of the school year with materials that maybe weren't taught in 4th quarter from last year?

A-The district is working on the Superhero standards that will align the standard needs from the 4th quarter that may have been missed during the 4th quarter and will embed them in the material to be covered.

46. Q- virtual option: are there IT people we can ask for tech assistance if we have tech questions?

A- Yes technical assistance will be available

50. Q- Although the School district is not requiring Health assessments for students at school daily is there some guidance that can be given to parents as far as self assessment for their kiddos before going to school daily?

A- Monitor students for any COVID like symptoms that are new, such as persistent cough, chills, body aches, fevers, vomiting, diarrhea. We also have a self monitoring check list that we will send in our next Enews.