



Louisville Schools Reset – Restart FAQ

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Q. When is the first day of school?

- Thursday, August 20 - K-5 M-Z, All 6th and 9th Graders
- Friday, August 21- K-12 Last names A-L
- Monday, August 24 - K-5 All, 6-12 last names M-Z
- Tuesday, August 25 - All Students
- R.G. Drage students will follow the career technical school schedule

This staggered start will give our students time to adjust to their “new normal” and become acquainted with their teachers, building, and classroom procedures in smaller groups.

Q. Is the start date the same for the Leopard Virtual Academy option?

A. Yes. Orientation for the Leopard Virtual Academy will begin on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Q. Can I change my mind about choosing the virtual learning option for my child?

A. Class sizes, classroom management, and making sure that the number of students a teacher has who are in-person and virtual are balanced are all important factors. Therefore, selecting the virtual option for your child to start the year is a 9 weeks-long commitment. You may opt-out of virtual learning at the beginning of the nine weeks. Final Forms - [Student School Learning Choice](#) - Please complete by July 31.

In-School Learning

Q. Are children required to wear face coverings?

A. Public health guidelines are clear that face coverings are an essential component of any strategy to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 and open schools. Face coverings are a mandatory requirement for returning to school in person.

- All employees and students in grades PreK-12 will be required to wear face coverings.
- All students will be required to wear face coverings on buses, in hallways, and will have specific breaks in the classroom per school direction (considering age, type of class, etc.). We strongly recommend that you have your child(ren) practice wearing face coverings correctly prior to the start of school.
- No individual will be permitted in school buildings or on school buses without a face covering.

Q. Can my child wear a face shield instead of a mask?

A. Masks are required for students.

Q. What are “mask breaks?”

A. Mask breaks will be utilized at the discretion of our professional staff. When social distancing can be maximized, facial coverings may be relaxed. For younger students, we will continue to explore ways to provide more breaks during the day.

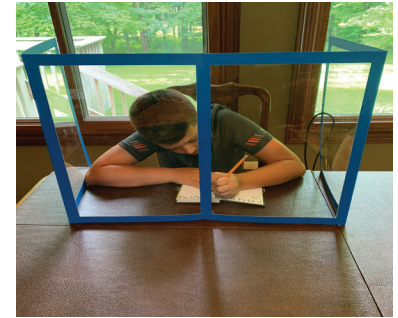


Q. What exactly are desk shields?

A. The desk shields are coroplast trifolds with clear inserts that allow for maximum visibility while creating an additional layer of protection while students interact in the classroom.

Q. How will the dividers (desk shields) be sanitized between students using them?

A. Students will be assigned their own divider.



In-School Learning

Q. Will my child have recess each day?

A. Yes. Students in grades K-5 will have recess every day. However, recess will be restructured to minimize interactions among large groups of students and reinforce physical distancing.

Q. Will there be gym? Will my child have to wear the mask during physical activity?

A. Yes, there will be gym. Mask breaks will be utilized at the discretion of our professional staff.

Q. Will my child have breakfast and lunch at school each day?

A. Yes. Each student will have the opportunity to eat free breakfast and a packed or purchased lunch in a restructured environment. Every effort is being made to maximize social distancing and minimize interactions among large groups of students. Meals will look differently depending on your child's grade level. Specific information will be sent closer to the start of school.

Q. Will the children have lunch in the classroom or how will that work?

A. Lunch will be in the cafeteria, gyms and areas near the cafeteria.

Q. Can students bring a packed lunch from home?

A. Yes. Students can bring a packed lunch from home.

Q. When students can go outside and mingle closely playing will they be wearing face coverings?

A. We will follow the recommendations of the Health Department.

Q. What type of sanitizer/cleaner is being used in the classrooms?

A. At the recommendation of the CDC and Stark County Board of Health, we will be using PEROXY HDOX. PEROXY HDOX has demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar to COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus on hard, nonporous surfaces.

Q. How are you going to have enough seating in the cafeteria with social distancing?

A. The buildings will be maximizing additional spaces to accommodate seating in the lunchroom.

Q. Will drinking fountains be open?

A. Drinking fountains will be closed, but the use of water refilling stations is permitted. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle each day.



Q. What about special education students? How will my child's services differ this year?

A. We understand the unique challenges our students with special needs are experiencing due to the pandemic. There is a specialized set of needs for each of these students, including intervention, special education, and gifted services. Parents will receive information specific to their child(ren) as the school year begins.

Q. What will happen if my child's teacher or classmate tests positive for COVID-19?

A. We are working closely with the Stark County Board of Health to develop specific protocols related to the closing of classrooms or buildings in response to positive COVID-19 tests among students, teachers and family members.

Q. Will school personnel take children's temperatures?

A. We are requiring parents to assess their child's health each day before school, including taking temperatures at home. Students should not come to school with an elevated temperature of 100.4 or above.

Q. I feel like asking and trusting parents to take the temps of their kids before school is a huge risk. Isn't there a way to do this as kids enter school?

A. It is essential that students (and their caregivers), staff, and volunteers conduct daily health checks prior to going to school which should include taking their temperature and assessing their symptoms. *Source: COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools*

Q. Will school personnel take staff member's temperatures?

A. Staff must perform a symptom self-check prior to arriving at school. If a staff member is exhibiting a temperature of 100.4° or higher, they will not report to work.

Q. Will there be a meet the teacher day prior to school?

A. There will not be in-person meet the teacher events. Principals are looking at alternative events (virtual) for students.

Q. Will students use their cubbies or lockers during the day, or will they be able to carry a backpack or book bag all day?

A. Families will be receiving communication on procedures from individual buildings.

Q. How will you continue to keep the kids safe from active shooter situations if you are talking about leaving doors open to let in the fresh air and talking about utilizing outdoor space?

A. Outside doors will not be open. Inside doors will be open to increase ventilation as much as possible.

Q. If my children would have to miss school for a designated time due to a family COVID diagnosis etc. would they just get missed assignments as if on vacation or ill?

A. Yes, they will receive assignments from their in-school teachers.

Q. Where can I find the information for RG Drage?

A. RG Drage will be sending information directly to parents.



Q. Where can I find the information for Preschool?

A. Parents will be receiving information in the mail.

Q. Will supply lists remain the same? Will the wipes, sanitizer & Kleenex remain with my child, or will these still be put into a community pile for all children to use?

A. School supply lists will remain the same. Our professional staff will determine the safest way to use classroom supplies.

Q. Has the state released any information about testing?

A. No information on state testing has been released.

Q. How many students will be in each classroom?

A. Class sizes will be determined after the July 31 deadline for parents to choose virtual academy or in-school learning.

Q. Will the children be moving from room to room to do specials?

A. Yes. Masks will be required during class change. Building leaders will work to limit the number of times in hallways, etc.

Q. My daughter will be going into 6th grade this year and has never been to middle school. How will she know where to go and what to do?

A. Thursday, August 20 will be a transition day for sixth and ninth-graders. They will be the only students in the building.

Transportation Questions

Q. Is my child eligible for busing?

A. Due to the failure of the levy:

- There is no busing for high school students.
- There is no elementary or middle school busing for students living within 2 miles of their school building.
- Home address determines eligibility
- The distance is measured as the most direct route the bus drives.
 - Parent Transportation Zone List (*click school for link*)
 - [North Nim](#)
 - [LES](#)
 - [LMS](#)

Q. Why is my elementary student eligible for busing and not my middle school student?

A. Children in the same household may have different eligibility for busing due to the proximity of their home to an individual building. As students board the bus, drivers will check a list of eligible riders.

Q. What are the safety measures in place for busing?

A. Students will have assigned seats and siblings at the same school will sit together on the bus. Face coverings are required on the bus.



Q Can my child ride a different bus to and from school?

A. No. Each student will have one pick-up location in the morning to school and one drop-off location in the afternoon from school. These locations must be the student's assigned bus stop.

Q. Can my child ride home with another student?

A. No. There will be no bus passes to ride home to a friend's house after school.

Leopard Virtual Academy

Q. Is the online school through Louisville City Schools? Is this a cost to parents?

A. The virtual academy option is overseen by Louisville City School employees with no additional charge to families.

Q. How is online schooling going to work? Will our children be provided with a laptop?

A. LCS Virtual Academy will have similar curriculum options as students attending the buildings. Chromebooks will be provided to each student who is enrolled in our virtual academy.

Q. If online just isn't working out, or if the COVID situation improves, can my child return to normal/traditional school and be given credit for the time they did the online?

A. LCS Virtual Academy staff will work hand-and-hand with classroom teachers for a smooth transition between traditional school and virtual academy if needed.

Q. If my child does online will they still be allowed to join sports with the other kids?

A. Yes, they can participate in band, choir, sports, and extracurricular clubs.

Q. If online learning is selected how will my child take the Ohio State Test?

A. Students in the virtual academy will be required to come to school to take some district and state assessments.

Q. After submitting the enrollment for online learning; will we receive information on signing up, etc?

A. All virtual academy students and families will be required to participate in an orientation for online learning.

Q. Typically, how long are the online lessons?

A. Time allocations may vary per grade and day depending on lessons and assignments. The times noted below are the approximate instructional/work times per day.

- K-4 2.5-3.5 hours per day
- Grades 5-6 3-4 hours per day
- Grades 7-12 3.5-4.5 hours per day

Q. In the virtual classes will your child be required to join google meet classes?

A. Yes. Virtual academy staff would like the ability to conduct Google Meets with students periodically.



Q. If choosing online learning for my children, will the teaching be equivalent to what is being taught in the classroom especially at the elementary level?

A. The curriculum follows the state-standards, but will not be the same as in school learning.

Q. How will the school day be structured for the virtual option?

A. The Leopard Virtual Academy will be more of an independent option with support from teachers. There may be times when Google Meets are scheduled, and students would be required to attend (virtually).

Q. Will the curriculum be entirely online, or will there be worksheets and workbooks provided?

A. Most of the curriculum is online. We have the ability to add other activities and will make that determination based on the student and class.

Q. How will PE, Art, STEM, or Work & Family be handled, and by whom if an LMS student goes virtual?

A. There will be electives for those enrolled in the virtual academy, but they may not be the same as in school.

Q. Will students work with teachers who they would have had if they went in person?

A. No, it will not be the same teacher.

Q. Will a child choosing online be able to still participate in their co-acs (co-activities)?

A. Virtual Academy students will not be able to participate in co-acs or electives with the exception of band and choir.

Q. With the virtual academy, are there any opportunities for stem activities, hands-on learning or experiment?

A. The district is not able to recreate hands-on experiments for students at home.

Q. Do you need to buy the school supplies if you attend the virtual academy?

A. Students should have school supplies at home.

Q. If I choose the online academy, how will the school provide speech therapy?

A. It will be provided remotely via Google Meets.

Q. If I choose the virtual academy, how will my student take band and choir?

A. Band and choir will be offered at the middle and high school. Parents will need to provide transportation to and from the building.

Q. I received an email that fees were due back in early July. If we are choosing the virtual academy for the 1st nine weeks, do we still pay these?

A. There will be fees associated with the virtual academy. More information will be sent following the enrollment period.



Q. If choosing the online academy for my child, will they still be assigned to a teacher and have access to classroom resources?

A. Students in the Virtual Academy will not be assigned to a homeroom teacher. Our virtual academy classes will be supported by Louisville teachers and staff utilizing a variety of resources.

Q. If a student was enrolled in resource math and reading, does the online academy offer those classes?

A. Accommodations and modifications can be provided regardless of the educational setting. The IEP team will continue to work collaboratively and make any necessary IEP amendments in this area that may arise due to the educational setting.

Q. If my child is an 8th-grade student choosing the virtual academy, will he/she have the ability to take advanced classes virtually?

A. Students enrolled in advanced classes in middle school and high school will have the opportunity to be enrolled in advanced courses in our virtual academy. Eighth-grade students can receive HS credit (if they are already scheduled for HS classes) for PE, Algebra and Spanish/French.

Q. Where can people find out what classes Edgenuity offers, so they know it will match their students' needs and interests and make a decision?

A. Most of our Edgenuity classes can be found on our website for our blended digital academy under [Course of Study for 2020-21](#). We will not be able to offer every class as we do in the traditional setting.

Q. What if my question is not answered here?

A. Please submit your question here: <https://tinyurl.com/LCSD20-21Questions>. We will be updating this FAQ regularly in response to your questions.