

Responses to Parent Reopening Questions July 28, 2020

- Will there be bus services for Scarlet Oaks students since they reopen on August 18th?

Yes. We will continue to run buses to and from Scarlet Oaks, as usual, for district residents only.

- Are you accepting donations for hand sanitizer, masks, etc. and if so where can we drop them off?

Yes, they can be dropped off at the main office in any of the three buildings or at the district office. Please wear a proper facemask at the time of drop off.

- My student is currently on an IEP plan. I'm very concerned about this upcoming opening in August. I would like to know more information in regards to IEP students. Would online courses accommodate students who have an IEP?

IEP students will continue to receive services. As in past years, they will have an assigned case manager to monitor their IEP goals, accommodations and progress, regardless of which instructional plan you choose.

- I'm very concerned about students being mandated to wear masks all day. How will this be enforced?

We will be working with students on proper safety protocols in the building. If a student is unable or refuses to follow designated safety protocols, we will work with the student and the family toward a resolution.

- Will students attend all day sessions 5 days a week?

Students will attend classes all day, five days per week, as long as we are able to adequately maintain a safe environment for learning, according to Hamilton County Health Department (HCHD) guidelines.

- I wanted to know if you'll be providing laptops for children who are doing online learning? I don't have a laptop or desktop at home for my child who attends your school, but I don't feel comfortable sending him

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back either.

Yes. We will have a process in place to distribute Chromebooks to students as appropriate to support remote learning.

- My question is for my daughter. She has an IEP, and I'm concerned that the changes will affect this class. Will there still be the one-on-one help for those students with an IEP?

Yes. Services will continue in person as long as we are able to meet safety guidelines as provided by the HCHD.

- When will we receive information about dress code and school supplies needed? We want to make sure my child has everything he needs, especially with his leaving the elementary building and going to 7th grade.

Information about dress code and supplies will be provided during the first week of August and will be posted on the website.

- How far apart will the desks be spaced?

At this time, the District plans to follow the six-foot guidelines that have been established by the HCHD.

- How will lunches go through a line or all pack lunches, and where will they eat lunch? Will hand sanitizer be available for use especially before and after eating?

Additional lunch times have been added to the school day, to reduce numbers of students in the cafeteria at a time, and seating will be assigned to promote safe social distancing. Spacing will take place in the lunch line and will be supervised. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building and in the cafeteria.

- My student is in band. Will there be band this year?

Neither band nor vocal music will take place during the first semester. We will be working to offer additional sections of bucket drumming,

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steel drum, and video production to fill in the gaps. This is at the recommendation of the HCHD.

- Is there any way to get the answers to these questions before the July 30th deadline to choose in school learning versus the online program?

Yes. This document has been sent to all parents on July 28th and is posted on the district website.

- I am not very comfortable sending my kids for in class, however if I choose virtual learning for my kids, which has to be done by the end of July, and the Governor in turn cancels all in person classes, would kids be forced to complete the online classes through the online academy and the remaining students who choose in-person class be able to do virtual learning with SBEP staff?

Once you choose the virtual option, you are making a commitment for the duration of the semester. You may transition back at the semester break.

- If I choose in-person, and one of my kids gets COVID, would all of my kids need to miss 2 weeks to quarantine?

Once an active case of COVID-19 is identified, we immediately report it to the HCHD, and they will give us direction on how to proceed, including who gets quarantined and for how long.

- What if my child's teacher gets COVID? Would my child need to miss school to quarantine?

Once an active case of COVID-19 is identified, we immediately report it to the HCHD, and they will give us direction on how to proceed, including who gets quarantined and for how long.

- They will be switching classes. If a teacher gets COVID, will all students who have been in contact with the teacher and siblings need to quarantine?

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- Will children be monitored or screened for symptoms?

We are working with the guidelines set forth from the CDC, HCHD, and local medical professionals to outline protocols for monitoring students and staff. We are asking parents to check their students for symptoms each morning before arriving at school. If a child is suspected of having coronavirus, he/she will be immediately quarantined in an isolation room, and the parents contacted. Symptoms include temperatures above 100.4 degrees, sore throat, new uncontrolled cough, diarrhea, vomiting, severe headache, etc.

- How often will the classrooms be cleaned and wiped down with disinfectants? Will the teachers have to be tested for COVID-19 daily/weekly?

Student desks at the high school will be cleaned after each bell, and the building and classrooms will be sanitized at the end of each day.

- If a teacher or child was to test positive or a child's family member were to test positive, would the whole school have to quarantine for 2 weeks?

Once an active case of COVID-19 is identified, we immediately report it to the HCHD, and they will give us direction on how to proceed, including who gets quarantined and for how long. Testing of staff members will take place if required by a particular circumstance.

- Will social distancing be monitored and pushed for their safety and others?

Yes. We will be working on a daily basis with students to teach and enforce safety protocols. These expectations also will be posted throughout the building.

- Also will it be days on/days off, and how are they figuring which days they to come and days they may be off?

Students will be attending schools five days a week, as usual. At this time we are not offering a modified, partial schedule.

- If a child becomes ill what will be the procedure thereafter?

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The student will be removed from the general classroom, and a parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up the child from school.

- Is it the same time at 8:10 am to start classes, also time to leave at 2:58 pm is that going to be the same?

At this time, start and end times will remain the same at the high school; however, there will be staggered start times for the elementary schools.

- If we choose the online schooling will my child still be able to do his College Credit Plus class?

Yes. Students will be able to take CCP courses in full remote learning with Sinclair while enrolled in the virtual academy.

- Would the children doing remote learning still be included in picture day?
I ask this because the fall photos are generally what are used in the yearbook and their overall scholastic memory/records including student IDs which are used on a multitude of levels even outside of the general school uses.

Yes. Students participating in the Virtual Learning Academy are still St. Bernard-Elmwood Place students and will be able to participate in school activities within the established safety protocols.

- What other changes will be in place for our students this year?

As a District we will not be recognizing students for perfect attendance this year. While we continue to believe in the importance of regular attendance at school and/or participation in online learning, we do not want to encourage students to push themselves to attend school while they are not feeling well during this health crisis. Safety for our students, staff, and families is most important. We will be working on other, more appropriate ways to recognize the outstanding work our students accomplish this year, and we know there will be lots of great opportunities to do that.