



RESTART/REOPEN 2020-2021

MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Questions and Answers

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Q: What assurances can you give us that school will be back in full session after October 15th?

A: While our goal is to have our students back full time five days a week, unfortunately we cannot give any assurance at this time that school will be back in full session after October 15, 2020. Due to the day-to-day changes with COVID19 and daily guidance changes from our Governor, Ohio Department of Health and Butler County Health Department, we cannot commit to a full-return date.

Q: What time does school start and end for remote learning?

A: The start and stop time for remote learning is flexible and will depend on each family's situation, but it is recommended that students have a set schedule for remote learning. Classroom teachers will post agendas and class work on their Google Classroom page so students and families can create a schedule that meets their needs. Students are asked to report their daily attendance by 9:00pm each day.

Q: My son has 7 classes virtually, in person he has 5 (not including hive time). Why is this?

A: Individual student VLA schedules should mirror their in-person schedule as much as possible. Questions about student schedules should be sent to the VLA coordinator and/or the student's school counselor.

Q: Are virtual Learning Academy students having elective classes like art or music, etc.?

A: Yes, electives classes will be offered for students attending VLS.

Q: How is attendance going to be taken for virtual learning students?

A: Attendance will be taken by the progress of the work completed. If your child is going to be absent any day of the week, please follow the same protocol as you would if they were in school by calling the appropriate school to report an absence. For example: If you are in the first grade, you would call the primary school to report an absence.

Safety Operations

Q: On the bus have you determined how many kids will be in the seats?

A: Routes will be finalized during the week of August 17th. Each route will have a total number of students based on route timing and housing density. Siblings will sit together and there may be some cases in the hybrid model where some students sit two to a seat.

Q: At what percentage of students would have to test positive to go full remote?

A: This would depend on guidance or requirements from the Butler County General Health District. At this time, they have not established a set percentage that would require a switch to full remote. We review data provided by the health district and are regularly in contact with the health department.

Special Services/Health

Q: How will my special need student be serviced during this time? Will the assignments already be modified when working M-W remotely? If there are no computers available because there is not enough, how will my kids do Hybrid learning?

A: Please contact your intervention specialist to discuss your specific student's services as individual education plans are unique to the students including modifications. You may share with the intervention specialist any issues you may have with technology also.

Q: Will IEP students be allowed to opt in for 4 days in school if they feel their child needs it?

A: All decisions about a student's individual education plan are determined by the IEP team. Please contact your intervention specialist if you have any questions.

Q: Is it possible to obtain a rapid Covid test for the schools? It could save a lot of absences for students and teachers if cold/flu/covid symptoms could be resulted same day rather than missing up to 2 weeks of school.

A: It is cost prohibitive for the district to provide that testing. In addition, schools do not have access to those types of tests.