



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This document is intended to list and respond to frequently asked questions (FAQs). The CCS Reopening Plan: One Strong Start is a comprehensive document with detailed information regarding our plans.

What are the major differences between remote learning in Spring 2020 and School Year 2020-21?

We are extremely proud of CCS Teachers and what they were able to do last spring when schools abruptly closed! We have a lot of “lessons learned” from Spring 2020 and we are very appreciative of all of the feedback provided through surveys, emails, and conversations. We were also able to collect feedback from students, parents, and teachers regarding remote instruction during the spring. We heard overwhelmingly from all stakeholder groups about the need to connect through “live” synchronous platforms. CCS will continue to use Microsoft Teams as our video conferencing tool. This tool will be essential to successful teaching and learning this school year.

Spring 2020 (<i>crisis</i>)	All Remote Learning During SY20-21 (<i>lessons learned and continue to learn and grow together</i>)
Social-emotional learning is not a district-wide focus	Social-emotional learning is a district-wide focus
Heavy emphasis on asynchronous teaching and learning (teacher videos and other instruction that didn't require “live” instruction – assignments, projects, etc.)	Heavy emphasis on synchronous teaching and learning (“live” instruction via MS Teams) and asynchronous instruction (assignments as a result of “live” instruction)
Grades “help don't harm”	Grades are a reflection of mastery of standards using standards-based grading in elementary and 10-point grading scale in secondary



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Attendance is encouraged and tracked	Attendance is required and recorded
Students work in isolation	Student collaboration, project work, and connections are encouraged
Testing is waived	No indication state testing will be waived
Devices provided only to students who requested one	All students K-12 are assigned a CCS device (Chromebook for most and iPad for some)
Varied Learning Management System (LMS) across the district	District-wide LMS for K-12 is Canvas
No clear definition of remote learning instruction	Districts are required to submit a Remote Learning Plan

What is synchronous versus asynchronous learning?

Synchronous learning is an event in which a group of students are engaging in learning at the same time but not in the same physical location through technology such as video-conferencing.

Asynchronous learning is when students are learning similar concepts at different times and locations (location independent learning).

Will synchronous “live” video-conferencing sessions be recorded and posted?

Yes. “Live” synchronous learning sessions will be recorded and posted in Canvas. Parents who do not agree to have “live” synchronous sessions which may display their child’s face or name may choose to opt-out. Children whose families choose to opt out will not participate in “live” synchronous learning and instead will view the recorded sessions posted in Canvas. Click [HERE](#) to review the notice of recorded lessons.



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What will the typical school day look like in Plan C?

District leaders and school-based administrators worked to develop sample schedules for each level. Schools will need to adapt schedules to meet individual needs. Schedules will delineate synchronous “live” instruction and asynchronous instruction. Students must participate during synchronous learning times. Students have the flexibility to complete asynchronous assignments during a time that best meets their needs. School specific schedules will be communicated to parents by Tuesday, August 4th at 5:00pm. Click on the links below to view sample schedules for each level.

[Kindergarten Sample Schedule](#)

[First Grade Sample Schedule](#)

[Second - Fifth Grade Sample Schedule](#)

[Middle School Sample Schedule](#)

[High School Sample Schedule](#)

Once remote, can I stay remote even if we return to Plan A?

Yes. Parents/guardians will have the option of remaining in the 100% remote option for the entire year. Changes in that decision can be made at the end of each quarter.

Does remote learning through my assigned school have anything to do with Virtual Academy?

No. The Cabarrus Virtual Academy is a separate school that is one of the many Program Choice options available to CCS students and their families. Families selecting the 100% Remote option will remain enrolled at their assigned school.

Do I need to rescind or cancel my application/interest to Virtual Academy if all I want is remote from my home school?

Yes. Please visit the Program Choice website and log into your account.

Will my teacher(s) be the same if I choose remote learning vs. Plan B?

Not necessarily. Teaching assignments will be based on the number of students opting for Plan B (face-to-face one day a week) or 100% remote.



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Can I move freely between remote and face-to-face options in Plans A and B?

No. Once families make a decision, they will be asked to remain in that option until the end of the quarter.

If parents select the 100% remote option, can students come back to one day a week in Plan B? If so when?

Yes, students can return to face-to-face instruction at the end of the quarter.

If I choose the 100% remote option at my assigned school, will I participate in a live streaming of my scheduled classes under Plan B?

No.

Will recorded sessions of the face-to-face days in Plan B be available?

No.

How will my child's EC needs be addressed if I choose 100% remote or Plan B?

Case managers will work with parents to develop a contingency plan for service delivery in a virtual setting.

If I choose to apply to the CCS Virtual Academy, is there a time commitment?

Yes. Families will be asked to sign a 1-year commitment upon acceptance.

In Plan B, do I get to select the day of the week my child attends?

No. Schools are working to assign tracks. We plan to communicate with parents on the week of August 10th. If the assigned track presents a problem, schools will work on a case-by-case basis to determine if changes are needed. We anticipate we will be able to accommodate most requests, but cannot guarantee all requests will be honored.

When will I find out which day of the week my child will attend in Plan B?



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The week of August 17, 2020.

In Plan B, how will my students receive instruction on the 4 days of the week they are not attending school?

All teachers will provide and students will participate in synchronous “live” instruction via Microsoft Teams on Mondays. Students in grades K-8 will receive a combination of synchronous “live” instruction through Microsoft Teams and teacher recorded videos and activities on the days the teacher is providing face-to-face instruction. Students in grades 9-12 will receive asynchronous instruction on their “off track days” (Tuesday - Thursday). Students will complete assignments, work on projects and complete independent/group assignments on Fridays.

Will attendance be taken on remote learning days?

Yes. We have outlined how attendance will be taken in the [CCS Remote Learning Plan](#).

Will my child receive lunch if my child has chosen virtual learning in Plan A or Plan B?

We are awaiting guidance. As soon as we have more information, it will be posted here.

What is the capacity on a school bus under Plan B?

22 (1 student per seat).

Will members of the same household be allowed to sit together?

Yes.

Are students required to wear a mask on the bus?

Yes.

Will student health attestation forms be required prior to students riding the bus?

Yes. Parents/guardians will be required to complete a health attestation form once a quarter. By signing the attestation, parents are agreeing to the requirement to complete the health screening questionnaire daily for their child(ren).



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How will my ESL child's needs be addressed?

Please click [here](#) to review the ESL remote learning plan.

How will my AIG child's needs be addressed?

Please click [here](#) to review the AIG plan for remote learning.

If my child does not attend school in Plan A, Plan B or Plan C, do I still need to send a note to the teacher?

Yes. Parents need to follow the process at their child's school for reporting absences.

Will every student receive a device?

Yes. Every student will be issued a device by the district. Please click [HERE](#) to read more about our CCS Technology Plan.

How will students receive a device?

Each school will schedule and communicate a device distribution time between August 6 - 14, 2020. Please click [HERE](#) to read more about our CCS Technology Plan.

How do I get support with my child's device or technology questions?

Students/parents will need to complete a [Technology Request Support](#) form. If you are unable to complete the form, please contact your child's teacher or school.

How do I enroll my student since I cannot go to the school building?

Beginning this school year all Cabarrus County Schools enrollment will be conducted electronically through the Scribbles platform. You can complete enrollment from your desktop or mobile device by following the directions on setting up an account and completing an enrollment application listed on the [School Enrollment](#) webpage.

How can I complete a free and reduced lunch application?



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Please visit the CCS School Nutrition website to complete an application.

If I choose the 100% virtual option at my assigned school, can I participate in extracurricular activities, band, athletics, etc.?

We are awaiting guidance from the Athletic Association. When the information is received, it will be communicated in this document.

If I enroll in the CCS Virtual Academy, can my child participate in extracurricular activities, band, athletics, etc.?

No. During the 2021-22 school year, the CCS Virtual Academy will offer extracurricular clubs but will not offer athletics, band, chorus, etc.

Will schools hold open-house?

All schools will host a Virtual Open House.

August 12, 2020

High School - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

August 13, 2020

Elementary School - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Middle School - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Will Kids Plus offer child care?

Kids Plus will be serving kids from ages 5-9 with limited capacity to adhere to distancing guidelines.