

## General FAQ's:

- 1) **How do I select a learning option for my student?** Go to [www.accelschools.com/Fall2020](http://www.accelschools.com/Fall2020) and fill out the form. If we do not receive your form by Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, your student(s) will be enrolled in the Traditional Cohort.
- 2) **When is the first day of school?** Monday August 10<sup>th</sup>
- 3) **What should I expect the first couple weeks of school?** The first two weeks of school will be a period where each of the three cohorts settle into their schedule. The Online & Blended Cohorts may experience a delay in receiving their laptops. If that is the case, paper packets will be provided for pick-up on campus. Likewise, Transportation provided by local school districts may be limited or delayed for Traditional & Blended Cohorts. Online & Blended parents will be invited to a special orientation to learn more about the role of the At-Home Learning Coach and how to support students during At-Home Learning.
- 4) **Can I change my selection later in the school year?** A scheduling change will be offered at the end of the Fall semester. If a family has need to change prior to that date, they can set up an appointment with the school principal and we will do our best to accommodate the needs of each student.
- 5) **I share custody of my student and our choice depends on which household the student is living at for the week. Is it possible to attend Traditional one week and Online the next?** Our goal is to accommodate as many families as possible—please schedule an appointment to speak with your school principal as soon as possible about the needs of your family.
- 6) **How will unfinished learning from last spring be addressed?** As with previous school years, all students will participate in initial assessments that provide information regarding the learning needs of each student by subject area. Instruction will then be individualized to each student, and students will be re-assessed at regular intervals to adjust instruction to ongoing needs.
- 7) **Where can I learn about COVID-19 updates or changes?** In addition to the /covid-19 landing page on our school website, our site has been newly refreshed with features such as Announcements and Recent News on the Homepage which we will also share out on Facebook. Our school will send recorded calls, emails & text messages to enrolled families on an as-needed basis. Please keep your contact information updated with our school office in order to receive these messages. A new form has been created on our website for this purpose, linked to from the Resources Page or by typing in our URL followed by /change-of-information

## FAQ's About On-Campus Learning (Traditional & Blended):

- 1) **What steps are being taken to reduce the health/safety risk of students & staff?** Our school will adhere to the Health & Safety Guidance set forth by the Ohio Department of Health for School Re-openings:
  - a. **Health Assessment.** Prior to arriving on campus, staff and students are expected to conduct a daily health check. This process includes taking their temperature, assessing symptoms, and keeping record of the findings. Persons with temperatures over 100.4 degrees, or who are experiencing any one or more of the following symptoms, are asked to remain home. A period of 24 hours without fever and symptoms is required in order to return to school. Symptoms include:
    - Fever or chills
    - Cough
    - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
    - Fatigue

- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

- b. **Wash & Sanitize Hands to Prevent Spread.** Hand sanitation will be required upon school entry, upon re-entry to the classroom throughout the day, before and after eating, and after using the restroom. Students will continue to be taught best practices in handwashing including frequent washing for at least 20 seconds.
  - c. **Thoroughly Clean & Sanitize School Environment to Limit Spread on Shared Surfaces.** CDC guidelines for cleaning & disinfecting schools will be followed throughout the school day and at the end of each day.
  - d. **Practice Social Distancing.** Classrooms and shared spaces will be arranged to maximize social distancing.
  - e. **Implement Face Coverings Policy.** All school staff are required to wear face coverings. At this time, all students K-7 will be required to wear face coverings while on campus. If you choose traditional schooling and your child suffers from a medical condition that a mask would impede their breathing such as Asthma the mask will not be required, but for the safety of your child we would recommend choosing online learning. If additional guidelines are provided in our county, we will notify parents of policy changes.
- 2) **What if my student is showing symptoms at school, but the symptoms are just allergies?** Students with symptoms will be assessed by the school nurse/administrator who will determine a course of action.
- 3) **When should a student stay home from school?** A student should stay home from school if he/she is experiencing a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher or any of the above symptoms.
- 4) **How will the school handle someone testing positive for COVID-19?** The school will provide written notification to any persons who came in direct contact with the diagnosed individual. The building will be closed for 72hrs and sanitizing processes occur during that timeframe.
- 5) **What is the class size?** We anticipate decreased class sizes based on a parent survey earlier this summer indicating that one-third of the student body prefers the Online Learning option, one-third Blended, and one-third Traditional.
- 6) **Will students use community supplies in the classroom?** No. Individual supplies will be required of all students.
- 7) **Will my student have recess?** Students will have recess, but recess may not look the same. We will follow Ohio Department of Health guidelines in effect at that time.
- 8) **Will my student eat in the cafeteria?** Based on Ohio Department of Health guidance at that time, students will be able to eat in the cafeteria while adhering to social distancing guidelines. However at this time for our students safety we will require teachers to have the students eat in their classrooms.
- 9) **Will the water fountains be available?** Students will be asked to bring filled water bottles to school, as water fountains will not be available. Hydration stations will be available for students to fill their water bottles if needed.
- 10) **Will the school provide facemasks for students?** The school will supply 3-ply surgical masks for all students.

- 11) **Will parents, visitors, or PTO members be allowed in the school building?** At this time, non-staff & students will not be allowed past the School Office in accordance with Ohio Department of Health Guidelines for Schools.
- 12) **What happens when students do not comply with safety procedures?** Safety procedures are important tactics of the CDC and Ohio Department of Health to minimize the spread of COVID, and are treated as an extension of our School Handbook. Our school's progressive discipline policy will be upheld for students who do not comply with procedures.

#### **FAQ's about Transportation (Traditional & Blended):**

- 1) **How does transportation work for Blended students coming to school only two days per week?** At this time, we are awaiting more information from the School District Transportation Departments.
- 2) **Do students have access to masks and hand sanitizer upon entry & exit?** At this time, we are awaiting more information from the School District Transportation Departments. As mentioned, these items are available at the school for the PM ride. If masks are not provided by the District Transportation, students can take an additional mask home for their next AM ride to school.
- 3) **How will bussing be adjusted for less ridership and social distancing?** At this time, we are awaiting more information from the School District Transportation Departments.
- 4) **Will busses be cleaned & sanitized after each AM & PM route?** Yes.

#### **FAQ's About At-Home Learning (Online & Blended):**

- 1) **If I choose Blended, which days will my students go to school?** Blended students will go to school two days a week, and log-on for At-Home Learning the remaining three days of the week. We will communicate our school specific schedule to those families that chose blended once we have a better idea of how many students will be choosing traditional and blended. We want to insure we create a schedule for our students that allows us to socially distance and provide the safest environment for our students.
- 2) **How will instruction be delivered?** A classroom teacher will deliver online instruction through a combination of live and individual work sessions organized in the Canvas Learning Management System. Parents, especially of younger students, will be asked to fulfill the position of Learning Coach to facilitate learning with their child and be available to provide support such as using the technology and answering questions about the learning activities.
- 3) **How much time will be required of me as the parent "Learning Coach"?** Students will have online learning approximately 5 hours per day. Parent involvement varies by student and by grade level but typically requires about 2 hours per day of active teaching/supervision for younger grades and 30 minutes per day for middle & high school. Parents should plan to be available during the entire learning block. Within the first two weeks of school, noticeable patterns will emerge and parents will be able to determine which pieces of learning their child needs assistance with on a regular or semi-regular basis.
- 4) **How will my student learn how to use the computer?** An orientation for students is built into the coursework at the beginning of the school year.
- 5) **How will attendance be taken?** Attendance will be recorded by the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher knows that a student has attended school because the student's online activity is tracked in the Canvas Learning Management System.
- 6) **Who will be my student's teacher?** Classroom teachers will guide student learning supported by parents as Learning Coaches.

- 7) **Is Home Internet required?** Home Internet is required for families who choose the Online or Blended learning option. Internet reimbursement will be available based on eligibility and active, ongoing attendance/participation. Please contact the school at 614-986-0116 or email our office administrator Tammy Rowe at [Trowe@socolumbusprep.org](mailto:Trowe@socolumbusprep.org)
- 8) **Will the school provide a computer?** School-loaned computers will be available as needed. Please contact the school at 614-986-0116 or email our office administrator Tammy Rowe at [Trowe@socolumbusprep.org](mailto:Trowe@socolumbusprep.org)
- 9) **Will students be able to participate in extracurricular activities?** Students will be invited to participate in school activities that will be planned according to health and safety guidelines at the county level throughout the school year.
- 10) **Will students be on their computer all day long?** No. Online students will complete a mix of assignments on and offline throughout the school day.
- 11) **Will students be required to be online at specific times of day?** Yes. Students will follow a set schedule of live sessions they will need to attend each week supplemented by recorded sessions and coursework that can be completed at anytime before the due date.
- 12) **How will Special Education, English Learning & 504 students receive services?** All services and accommodations specified within a student's IEP will be delivered regardless of a student's modality.
- 13) **What days are "Grab & Go" Meals available for pick-up?** We are currently working with our food provider to solidify a schedule for "Grab & Go" meals. We will share this information with our families as soon as it becomes available.