



Strong Start Return to School Plan
Frequently Asked Questions
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1. Why did we decide for some grade levels to attend school daily while others attend school on a hybrid basis in Phase 2?

The guidance released by the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Department of Education recommends social distances for students. The guidance also provides leeway of that 6-foot requirement if classes can remain static during this day. This simply means that the students in a class remain with that class throughout the entire day. In our K-6 classrooms, we are going to maintain static groups to the greatest extent possible. While we will be unable to maintain a 6-foot distance with a full classroom, the static nature of the classes provides some flexibility.

With high school, we cannot maintain static groups due to the nature of class makeup. For example, a first period class of 20 algebra students may move to 15 different classes for second period. Maintaining any static grouping at that level is not possible. That is why we opted for the hybrid version in middle school and high school.

2. If my child begins in virtual, can they switch to campus option if virtual is not working out for them and vice-versa or do we have to wait until the next semester?

At this time, families will commit to a semester of face-to-face or virtual learning before switching. This will allow time at the semester to readjust schedules and class numbers.

3. Will the masks be required all day? Will CCSS give students a mask?

We know that this will be a challenge for many. We plan to schedule breaks throughout the day where students can remove their masks. Our goal will not be to punish students for removing their mask, but we must follow the requirements by BESE for students wearing face coverings while in our school buildings. CCSS will provide each student (Grades 3 -12) with one cloth, reusable mask at the beginning of of the school year.

4. Are there guidelines for masks? Can students wear gaiters?

Masks can be any color or multiple colors, as long as they are school appropriate. Face coverings should not be derogatory, offensive, political in nature, or distracting to the school environment as determined by school administration. Gaiters are acceptable.

5. If a child is exposed to COVID-19 or is positive and has to be quarantined for 10 to 14 days, will the child then receive school instruction virtually until cleared to return to school?

We are still working on plans to provide students who are forced to quarantine access to learning. There will likely be virtual options for those students during their time away from

campus. This is a work in progress and we will update this as those plans become more concrete.

6. What kind of lunches will be served?

Breakfasts and lunches will be very similar to the past. Common meals include hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken nuggets, pizza, jambalaya, and spaghetti.

7. Can you provide more clarification on PE?

We are planning to have PE at our schools, but students will not dress out for PE at the beginning of the year (as we normally do at CMS and CHS).

8. Will students be on the bus longer since buses are operating at reduced capacity?

We do not anticipate students having longer routes due to reduced capacity.

9. How do I make bus changes?

You can click [here](#) to find the bus change form.

10. I am choosing to carpool my children to school this year, but I have a student at two of the three elementary schools. Will there be staggered start times to allow for this challenge?

We know this will be a challenge and are working through this issue now. Carpool begins at the elementary schools at the following times: 1) BHES - 7:40; 2) TES - 7:55; 3) CIS - 7:50

11. Will virtual school students need school uniforms?

All CCSS students are required to wear school uniforms when he or she is on a school site for educational purposes. Students enrolled in the virtual program will also be required to wear face coverings (grades 3 -12) when visiting a school campus.

12. Will elementary schools offer Before / After Care this year?

We will not offer Before / After Care if Louisiana is in Phase 2. When we move to Phase 3, we will do our best to open Before / After Care.