

HYBRID Q&A

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As we shift to the hybrid model of learning, we wanted to make sure we answered all of the questions we have received from our parents. As a reminder, we will begin hybrid learning during the week of Sept. 14-18. Students choosing the hybrid model will be broken into two groups (Group A and Group B). Below is a breakdown of the hybrid schedule for students.

Student Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A Hybrid (Last name A-K)	In-Class	In-Class	Learning Virtually	Learning Virtually	Learning Virtually
Group B Hybrid (Last name L-Z)	Learning Virtually	Learning Virtually	Learning Virtually	In-Class	In-Class
All Virtual Students	Learning Virtually				

Question 1: Will students stay in the hybrid model for the remainder of the school year?

Answer: There has been no guidance on whether or not the hybrid model will be used for the rest of the school year. The district will monitor the success of the hybrid model to see if returning to 100% in person is possible. All of this is subject to change as we navigate through COVID-19.

Question 2: Will students learning virtually have the opportunity to receive a meal?

Answer: According to our district's current plan, students learning virtually will be able to pickup a 6-day meal box. It will consist of 6 lunches and 6 breakfast meals. Parents will need to opt-in to receive the meal boxes and will pick up a box every other week. These will be available on Wednesdays.

Question 3: What are the mask requirements at school?

Answer: According to guidelines from our district and the CDC:

PreK through 2nd Grade: *Given the developmental stage of students, social and emotional health and safety considerations, masks are not recommended for PreK-2nd grade students at this time. However, all students will be issued two cloth masks at the beginning of the school year. Masks are encouraged during transition times. Teachers will educate students on the importance of wearing a mask.*

3rd through 12th Grade: *Masks are required for students in grades 3-12. Exceptions to face masks coverings will be made for those with medical conditions, disabilities, or other health or safety issues.*

Staff: - Masks are required. Exceptions to face masks/coverings will be made for those with medical conditions, disabilities, or other health or safety issues.

Question 4: What will the cleaning policy be for both the bus and Highland?

Answer: According to our school plan:

Custodians: Frequent cleanings of high-touch areas, doorknobs, desktops, and common spaces. School power cleanings will be conducted on Wednesdays.

Teachers: Wipe down desks and doorknobs with approved sanitary wipes during transition times.

Students: Students can help keep things clean by washing their hands frequently. Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom and can be used throughout the day as needed. Following state guidelines, water fountains at schools will be disabled. We encourage parents to send water bottles with students to school each day.

Question 5: Can parents change their mind on which learning model they want to follow?

Answer: We strongly advise not switching between hybrid and virtual learning until the end of a 9-weeks. However, parents do have the opportunity to switch from hybrid to virtual or from virtual to hybrid at any point. Please call the front office to make that change (225-766-1272).

Question 6: What are the school supplies for this year?

Answer: There will only be a \$10 supply fee for this year. This will cover all technology purchases. This fee will not cover damage to chromebooks.

Question 7: What will children that are learning in the hybrid model be required to bring to school on days they are learning at Highland

Answer: Students will only need to come to school with a fully-charged device (school-issued chromebook or tablet) and a school bag. We have all of their notebooks, paper, pencils, crayons, and other items at the school already. Students should transport their device in their school bag when coming to school. It may also be a good idea to place the charger in their school bag in case the device needs to be charged.

Question 8: Will students be required to wear a uniform when attending school?

Answer: Yes. Students will need to wear a school uniform. The uniform for Kindergarten through 5th is burgundy shirt with navy blue khakis. For Pre-K. It is navy blue shirt with navy blue khakis.

Question 9: What are the Covid-19 procedures for students and faculty?

Answer: We will be checking every child's and faculty members temperature upon arrival at school. According to our guidelines, students with a temperature above 100.4 will be sent home. A sick child will be brought to an isolated room or area and supervised by medical or trained personnel. Parents will be notified and asked to pick up their children. The Office of Health and Intervention Services will be contacted and will then make the appropriate reports to ensure proper documentation and notifications. A confidential letter will be sent home to potentially impacted students and their families. Staff will be notified through contact tracing measures. Affected areas will be cleaned in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Question 10: What will the daily schedule look like for my child?

Answer: There will be slight alterations to everyone's schedule once we shift to the hybrid model. Students will still start the day at 8:30 am and will still finish at 3:00 pm. They will still attend Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies classes. However, the order may slightly change once we enter the hybrid model. We are finalizing the schedule this week and will distribute grade level specific schedules next week.

Question 11: I am anticipating my child riding the bus to and from school, when will I find out what bus my child rides?

Answer: You should have received or should shortly receive a bus card from the district that states what the child's route is. If you do not have that, please call our front office so we can assist (225-766-1272).

Question 12: What will be the social distancing guidelines?

Answer: We will follow all CDC and local guidelines for social distancing. Currently, we will have students spread out in all areas with at least 3 to 6 feet of distance between them. This will occur in the classroom, in the cafeteria, and in line during transitions.

Question 13: Will students be able to participate in recess?

Answer: We will have outside recess daily. We will still advise students to socially distance. Please keep in mind we will not have water fountains turned on due to CDC recommendations so please send a water bottle to school each day with your child.

Question 14: What will lunch look like for students on campus?

Answer: Students will still eat lunch in our cafeteria. Students will be spaced 3 to 6 feet apart. There will be no more than 20-30 students in the cafeteria at a time. Also, students will have their lunch made for them and will not be touching anything other than their plate during lunch.

Question 15: What will happen if a student or faculty member tests positive for Covid-19?

Answer: There is a multi-step approach to positive tests:

Step 1: *Positive COVID-19 diagnosis or potential disease notification is reported to the school administrator, department head or school nurse.*

Step 2: *The notified personnel will contact the Office of Health and Intervention Services and the staff member/student's parent or guardian. Once a positive diagnosis has been confirmed, personnel will employ confidential contact tracing; determine which areas need to be sanitized; notify close contacts in a confidential and timely manner and provide self-quarantine guidance.*

Step 3: *The Office of Health and Intervention Services in conjunction with OLOL Health Centers in Schools will provide the school with a parent/guardian letter; submit a report to the Louisiana Office of Public Health, and provide the return to school guidance for students.*

Step 4: *Facilities team will report status updates to the school administrator or department head that initiated the report.*

Question 16: Can parents come to school on the first day with their child?

Answer: The unfortunate answer is no. We are trying to maintain a safe campus and one of the best ways to do that is to limit the number of people on the campus. If you need to come to the

school, please call ahead and schedule a meeting. We will be able to do a lot more virtual meetings this year than we have in years past. This will help to avoid a lot of foot traffic on campus. Keeping everyone as safe as possible.