

# **Return to School FAQ**

## In-Person (Face-to-Face) Instruction

What will arrival, dismissal, lunchtime, lockers and classroom spacing look like in my child's school? Teams of administrators and teachers at each building have been working to develop plans for how each of these items, as well as many others, will look at your child's school. They will all comply with the district plan but be different based on the layout and actual count of students in the buildings. These detailed plans will be available to families beginning August 11<sup>th</sup>. We will hold enrollment of the virtual program so you can see your students building plan before a decision needs to be made on your selection of the in-person or virtual option.

How will students be spaced apart throughout the day? Each building will space student desks as far apart and facing the same way as is possible within each room and area of the building. When we have an initial count of students interested in the virtual program, we will space rooms based on remaining students. More specific information will be available as building plans are completed.

What will be the protocol for suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a classroom or school? L'Anse Creuse will follow the current guidance from the Macomb County Health Department (<a href="https://www.lc-ps.org/downloads/supts">https://www.lc-ps.org/downloads/supts</a> page/mc health dept. reference.pdf) regarding screening, testing and responding to symptoms and cases of COVID-19. These procedures are specific and will be the same throughout Macomb County.

**Will Personal Protective Equipment be provided?** LCPS will have facial coverings (masks), available for all staff and students. Homemade masks are permissible. In addition, we have an adequate supply of hand sanitizer and cleaner to comply with all requirements of cleaning in the Reopening plan.

*Is transportation going to be available for Pankow classes?* Yes. Buses will be provided to transport students from our high schools to the Pankow Center.

**Will SACC be available?** SACC will be available on days with face-to-face instruction. The district is investigating the possibility of expanding our program to be utilized during Phase 3, which would require remote learning, but during which child care may operate.

Is LCPS offering preschool programs? Our early childhood department is working to develop plans for reopening in the fall following the same safety protocols for our schools and procedures in line with the licensing regulations for child care programs. Building plans that outline these practices are being developed using the same criteria and format of the other

school building plans that will be shared the week of August 10. At this time, we will not be offering the parent-attended Preschool Preview and First Friends classes.

What is Schoology? Schoology is a learning management system that will be utilized by all teachers in LCPS beginning this fall. This common platform will provide students and parents with one place to view all of their courses. Schoology allows for assignments to be posted and submitted, can be used for parent-teacher communication, and provides many innovating options for teachers to use with students throughout the year whether instruction is face to face or remote. Teachers and instructional coaches are working to design introductory lessons for students, as well as directions guides for parents. This will be used regardless of the phase we are in or whether you select in-person or virtual.

## Virtual Learning- Full-Time Virtual Program for the 2020-2021 School Year

Who will be teaching my child in the virtual program? L'Anse Creuse teachers will be facilitating the virtual learning platform with their students. Our unique program will have your students remain in the classes of their assigned teachers and complete work and assessments directed by their teacher. Our teachers will pace the virtual class the same as the in-person class so students will cover the same standards at the same depth.

What will a typical day look like in the virtual program? The following link contains sample schedules of what a day might look like for a student in K-5, 6-8 and 9-12: <a href="https://www.lc-ps.org/downloads/supts">https://www.lc-ps.org/downloads/supts</a> page/sample virtual schedules.pdf

If I choose the virtual program, will my child be able to participate in electives, specialized classes, sports and clubs? LCPS virtual students may choose to participate in electives, specialized classes, sports and clubs at their home school, including offerings at the Pankow Center. All sports will follow the guidelines of the MHSAA and their current guidance. This can be found here:

https://www.mhsaa.com/Portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/MHSAA%20Guidance%205.pdf

If I begin the year with face-to-face instruction and decide to move to virtual, will this be allowed? Yes. It will be allowable to move to the virtual program mid-semester. However, reentry to face-to-face instruction will only occur at the end of the first semester.

*Will advanced courses be offered in the virtual program?* LCPS will work to provide your child with virtual courses that mirror their in-person schedule as much as possible.

If I choose the virtual program, will a device be provided to my child? For those students without a device, building administrators will work with families to loan appropriate devices.

### **Special Education**

What if my student receives special education services? How will services be provided?

With regard to students with IEPs, the District's Special Education Department and Staff will collaborate with parents to individually review student programs to ensure appropriate accommodations and supports are in place for those students. We will assist families in with choosing in-person or virtual and describe supports in both models.

## **Remote Learning – Phase 3**

## What happens if Macomb County is moved to Phase 3 which closes in-person learning?

If this were to occur, our goal is to mirror the in-person schedule they would receive in school remotely. Students will receive live learning as well as work that is appropriate and at the same level as their in-person class. Assignments will be graded and students will receive assessments. Using the Schoology platform, families will have a consistent way to check students' progress, complete assignments, and interact with their teachers.

#### **Back-to-School Activities**

Are we having our Packet Pick-Up/Lancer/Crusader Days? Building teams are working to determine how this event will look at each building, whether a curbside event will be held, or mailings will occur. Families will be notified of the format and dates and times in the near future.

When will I receive School Supply Wish Lists? LCPS provides all necessary items to all students and purchase of additional items is not required. However, as in the past, buildings or teachers may provide a list of suggested items that you may choose to purchase. Buildings may post these lists on their websites or students may receive them from their teachers when school begins.

Will we still have an Open House, Curriculum Night or Kindergarten Orientation? LCPS teachers will provide the same information to families in a virtual manner. Each building will notify you of specific dates and times in the near future.