



Return to School FAQ

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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 11th. 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.

On Friday, August 14, you will receive information from your building regarding each school's safety plan and procedures as well as additional details on the virtual program. Registration for the virtual program will begin on Monday, August 17.

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.

Classroom spacing will be available after virtual registration is completed. We will have information by building about spacing that is specific to the enrollment of that school. Buildings will communicate out what class sizes will look like and how much spacing in rooms has been achieved.

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How will you social distance kids at recess or gym? Students will remain with their class and be monitored to maintain social distancing.

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 (https://www.lc-ps.org/downloads/supts_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.

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Are students allowed to wear a face shield instead of a mask? No. The State has determined that face shields do not satisfy the mask requirement.

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.

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Can students who attend the Pankow Center for classes drive themselves? According to Board policy, students are not permitted to drive back and forth from their high schools to the Pankow Center for individual classes during the school day. Transportation is provided.

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.

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Will GED classes still be available? Yes. Adult education, high school completion and GED prep courses will continue to be offered through the DiAnne M. Pellerin Center. This program will also adhere to the safe school guidelines.

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.

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What cleaning products will be used in the schools? The district will continue to use products that meet safety standards and are intended for school settings. All cleaners/sanitizers used in the district are EPA approved and have been used in schools buildings for many years. These cleaners are also effective and meet the guidelines for disinfecting COVID-19.

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Will desks have dividers or pods for social distancing? Classrooms will be socially distanced and tables shared by students will have dividers on them.

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

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Will the district provide meals for virtual students? All students who choose the virtual option will have an opportunity to participate in the breakfast and lunch program. The district will offer online and phone ordering of a week's worth of meals. The distribution of the weekly meals will take place at L'Anse Creuse High School and L'Anse Creuse High School – North. Additional information on how to order and a schedule of meal pick up dates and times will be provided once details are finalized.

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What is the district using for its virtual learning platform?

- LCPS has chosen to use Edmentum with our virtual learners.
- K-5 students will work within Calvert Learning.
- 6-12 students will work within Courseware.

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. There will be scheduled time for interaction with your teacher when he/she is not conducting in-person instruction.

Our teachers will assign work and pace their virtual class so that your virtual student is covering the same content and standards. Most of the work can be completed at a schedule convenient to your family and your availability of technology.

We are not outsourcing the teaching of classes in the virtual program. Our teachers will have access to a curriculum that is designed for online use and been used in the district for many years.

What is the curriculum that will be taught? All students will be taught the LCPS curriculum. It is a common practice in L'Anse Creuse, as well as other districts, to adopt resources to deliver curriculum. Most of our current resources are designed for in-person instruction. Therefore, LCPS has chosen to use a set of materials designed specifically for virtual instruction aligned to the LCPS curriculum by LCPS teachers. This program allows students and teachers to access the same content and standards as in the classroom in a fully digital platform that will house all of your child's virtual classes and information in one place.

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: https://www.lcps.org/downloads/supts_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, re-entry to face-to-face instruction will only occur at the end of the first semester. Students who choose the virtual learning option may rejoin the in-person classroom at the end of a trimester/semester.

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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. The following advanced courses will be available at the secondary level through the Virtual option with Edmentum:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science
- AP English Literature
- AP US History

Other courses will be offered through the Michigan Virtual program. Schools will work with students to provide them courses that mirror their in-person schedule.

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.

What is the difference between remote learning and the virtual program? Remote learning takes place when in-person instruction is suspended. Should our region move to Phase 3, teachers will transition to remote learning with their in-person students. The virtual program is an option for families that choose not to attend face-to-face instruction and will be offered while our region is in Phases 1-5.

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Virtual learning is a fully digital platform that is aligned with our curriculum and standards. The virtual program is for families choosing not to return to in-person instruction on a trimester/semester basis. LCPS teachers will connect with our virtual learners, monitor and support the learning of our virtual learners.

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What is the difference between Schoology and Edmentum? Schoology is a learning management system that allows for a common place for teachers to share information, post assignments, house discussion boards, share links, etc. It is not a virtual program. Virtual students will complete their assignments through the digital Calvert/Courseware program.

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How can I learn more about the Calvert/Edmentum platforms? Below are links to informational videos that provide you with an overview of each of the programs.

[Overview to Calvert Learning K-5](#)

[Getting Started in Edmentum Courseware \(6-12\)](#)

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.

How is a student with special needs being accommodated in the virtual learning?

Students with IEPs and 504s that would like to choose the virtual option will be contacted by the district's special education department and school personnel. 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.