

Frequently Asked Questions and General Information July 24, 2020

Start date for students has been changed from August 11th to August 24th.

If you haven't completed the registration process with two proofs of residency, please do so right away.

If you haven't responded to the e-Learning survey, please do so now. A follow up email will be sent early next week to those families expressing an interest in e-Learning to confirm their choice and then there will be a contract that is required. No additional paperwork is required to return for in class instruction.

Are rosters and teacher assignments going to change? In order to staff face to face instruction and e-Learning, it is possible that our initial teacher assignments will change. We apologize for that but those rosters were designed with the plan to return face to face classrooms.

Lewis Carroll Elementary e-Learning

Is e-Learning similar to what we did in the spring? No, we like to refer to what we did in the spring as "emergency learning". Lewis Carroll e-Learning will have the students engaging in live instruction from their teacher during the school day. It will mirror the lessons and activities that are taking place on campus. Teachers will continue to collaboratively plan with their grade level team to ensure consistency and pacing.

If we decide to participate in e-Learning, are we committed for the entire school year? No, you may return to the brick and mortar setting. Families are strongly encouraged to only make changes at the end of each nine weeks to help us maintain a balanced staffing plan and class size.

How many different grade levels will the e-Learning teacher have in their class? This will be decided by enrollment numbers. The intention is only one grade level, but not more than two.

How long will kids be on the computer each day? The e-Learning model has students interacting with the teacher through live video. The teacher might begin the day with the whole group Reading lesson. Some students may log off to complete paper/pencil assignments while the teacher pulls a few students for differentiated, small group instruction using live video. The other subjects would follow a similar model, the teacher giving whole group instruction and then breaking away for independent work. The independent work would vary from paper/pencil assignments to tasks on the computer. Students will be scheduled a 30 minute lunch and a 30 minute recess. In addition, the student will have a 40 minute activity time to complete the lessons for that class. The e-Learning day would take place from 8:00 am-2:30 pm, with those breaks, just as our day on campus runs.

Will e-Learning in 6th grade be departmentalized? Our goal is that e-Learning will be a mirror of what takes place on campus; so we hope so. We have to finalize our e-Learning enrollment numbers before we can make a staffing plan.

If we begin with e-Learning and then return to campus, will my child be with the same teacher? It is not likely we would be able to do that. If an entire class of e-Learners returned to the building at the same time, we may be able to keep them all together in one class with the same teacher. As students return to campus, it is likely they will be placed in the open seats in our brick and mortar classrooms.

Once we answer the survey, are we committed to e-Learning? Admin will be following up with families based on the survey responses to confirm e-Learning and then take next steps. If you have already completed your registration forms (most families have) then you need to sign an e-Learning agreement which outlines the expectations for students and parents. The e-Learning agreement can be submitted electronically; this will be the final step to enroll in e-Learning.

If the school has an emergency shutdown, it goes into Distant Learning mode, what happens to e-Learning? Since those students are not on campus, they will not be affected by the shutdown, they will continue with e-Learning with no interruption.

Lewis Carroll Elementary Campus Instruction

Will there be temperature checks on campus? Parents are expected to temperature check their children at home. Not all students will be temperature checked on campus.

Do students have to wear masks? When social distancing cannot be adhered to, it is expected that students and staff wear a face covering. With some creative movement of furniture, we believe we can achieve social distancing within each classroom. At this time though, the school board is reconsidering mandatory masks. At this time, the policy is that masks are expected to be worn when social distancing can't be guaranteed.

How will lunch work on campus? At this time, we have separated all our cafeteria tables and all students will face one direction. We have been able to spread out to create 6 feet of social distancing while students are seated for lunch.

Will students have recess? Absolutely! We are working on safety protocols. At Lewis Carroll, we firmly believe in the importance of students having time for outdoor, physical exercise each day. Classmates will be playing together and avoiding other students in order to limit exposure.

Will sixth grade teachers still departmentalize on campus? Keeping our students and staff safe is our first priority. So, we are working on different ideas which would allow the teachers to continue to departmentalize without moving students from room to room. At this time, we have not made an official decision on departmentalization.

What happens when a child has symptoms of illness at school? We are planning to have two rooms for the clinic this year. One space will be for well child services and the other for children with wellness concerns. Our nurse technician and our front office staff will be working together to support these rooms.

What will happen if a student or staff member tests positive for Covid-19? If a person at LC (student, staff or teacher) is diagnosed with Covid-19 then the school will close for three days. The district will send a team to work with our custodians to sanitize the building. For those three days, absences will be excused. Then the Covid Response Team will determine through contact tracing who needs to be quarantined. For quarantined students who are well, learning will continue remotely and will be provided by their classroom teacher as long as the teacher is well. If the teacher isn't well, instruction will be provided by a guest teacher. If your child is exposed at home to a family member with Covid-19, the child should stay home for two weeks of quarantine. The same is true for any staff member at LC. Learning will continue through distance learning and absences are excused.

Will you have aftercare? We know many parents depend on our aftercare program and we are working on planning for this at this time.