



## **Southeast Local Schools District Restart and Reset Q & A**

Here are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions. If you have further questions, please contact your building administrator.

*\*\*As more information becomes available we will continue to update this page.\*\**

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### **GENERAL**

#### **What do I do next?**

All parents/guardians were sent the district protocols for the 20-21 school year. If you are selecting Remote Learning for your child the deadline for the form has been extended to August 10.

#### **When is the start of the school year?**

The first day of school will be August 18th for all Southeast students, both in-person and remote learning.

#### **Where can I find the protocols and other district emails/letters that were sent?**

These documents are on the front page of our district website.

### **When is Open House?**

All Open Houses this year will only include grades k, 7, and 9 on August 13. Any new students will also be invited to attend. Buildings will post and send out letters with times.

### **Are school days full days?**

Yes, in-person instruction will be a typical school day.

### **How can families help?**

There is no single entity solely responsible for keeping everyone safe. Successfully reopening schools will require continual collaboration between administrators, staff, and teachers and ongoing cooperation among teachers, students, and parents. Everyone has a role to play. It is important that children are checked for symptoms of illness before coming to school, and students not feeling well should be kept home.

### **Will drinking fountains be open?**

Drinking fountains will NOT be open. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home to fill in the bottle filling stations. A water bottle will be provided to those students needing one. We will also have small cups in the classroom should the water bottle not be available.

### **Will I be allowed to visit my child(ren) during the school day?**

Visitors will be very limited in the buildings during the student day for the 2020-2021 school year. Visitations will be limited to essential visitations and for emergency situations only. Parents and caregivers needing to visit the school for any reason shall call the school building prior to arriving.

**Where will students eat lunch?**

Students will eat lunch in cafeterias and additional spaces (including classrooms) as necessary to maximize social distancing.

**How will social distancing be accomplished when possible?**

Under the in-person instruction model, social distancing will be maximized. Grades K-6 will be operating with 6 foot social distancing within the classroom. Grades 7-12 will be operating with as much social distancing as possible. Students will be spread from wall to wall in classrooms to create the spacing.

**Will the District continue to provide Chromebook devices for students?**

Yes. Students will receive a Chromebook.

**Will students share supplies in classrooms?**

Students will be advised to limit the use of shared objects when possible. These will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.

**STUDENT SCHEDULES****When will my schedule be available?**

Students in grades 9-12 were mailed schedules at the end of May. Students in grade 7 will receive their schedule during open house or on the first day of school if they are not able to attend. Students in grade 8 will receive their schedule on the first day of school.

## **REMOTE LEARNING**

### **When will I receive more information?**

We will be sending out a letter the week of August 10. You may visit your child's school on Aug. 17 between 8:00-11:00am to pick up a Chromebook for your child's use while learning remotely. Please plan to attend a virtual orientation on August 17, at 2:00, with your child(ren). Your login information will be included in the letter.

### **What program is being used for grades 7-12?**

Students will use PLATO online learning. Courses will be assigned to them through the program.

### **Who are the remote learning teachers?**

Grades	Teachers
k-1	Mrs. Lisa Gwin
2 & Elementary Student Services	Mrs. Vanessa Miller
3-6	Mr. Craig Harrell (M/S) & Mrs. Heather Riebe (ELA/SS)
7-12	Mr. Chris Comito
Student Services 7-12	Mr. Nick Teter

**My family is opting for remote learning but what if we decide to return to school after a month?**

All placement requests will be discussed on an individual basis, which includes superintendent approval. The administrative team will work with families to come up with the best possible solution.

**How will attendance work?**

Students enrolled in remote learning will be required to complete work daily and their completion will be tracked. Students not completing work could be subject to truancy.

**How many hours per day should my student work on PLATO?**

It is suggested that students in 7-8 should work for roughly 3 hours per day and students in 9-12 should work for 3.5 hours per day.

**My child is on an IEP/504 and signed up for remote learning. Will they still receive services?**

Yes. Students will receive special services from an intervention specialist if they are signed up for remote learning.

## **CLEANING**

### **Will classrooms be cleaned between classes?**

Classrooms will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day. All buildings will receive enhanced cleaning measures outside of the typical school day.

### **What else is being done to keep our schools clean?**

High-touch areas will get particular attention throughout the day, and hand sanitizer will be available for students to use in classrooms and stationed throughout the school in high-traffic areas. The District is bringing additional cleaning support in the buildings during the school day.

### **What supplies will be available in classrooms?**

Every classroom will have plenty of hand sanitizer available and other necessary cleaning supplies.

## **FACE COVERINGS**

### **Does my child have to wear a face covering to school?**

Due to Governor DeWine's mask mandate, on August 4, 2020, all students k-12 will now be required to wear a face covering.

### **Will the district provide face coverings for students?**

We have extra facial coverings for students that need one but we encourage students to bring their own.

### **How can I apply for a medical/ADA facial covering waiver?**

Medical/ADA waivers for facial coverings are handled through the superintendent's office.

### **What type of face coverings are acceptable?**

Our face-covering policy says cloth face coverings should:

- Fully cover the mouth, nose, and chin;
- Fit snugly against the side of the face so there are no gaps;
- Not create difficulty breathing while worn; and
- Held secure through either a tie, elastic, etc. to prevent slipping.

Facial masks/coverings generally should not include surgical masks or respirators unless medically indicated (as those should be reserved for health care workers) or masks designed to be worn for costume purposes.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **How will parental/caregiver pick-up and drop-off be done this school year?**

Arrival and departure procedures will be shared by each building administrator prior to the start of school.

### **How will students get on and off buses?**

No students will sit in the first seat directly behind the bus driver. Students from the same family will be seated together. Depending on ridership, students will be one, or two per seat. When possible, students should sit every other row to maximize social distancing. Students at the beginning of the route will sit in the back of the bus and will load moving forward based upon route pick up. Students will exit the bus from the front to back to limit passing others in a confined space.

### **Will busing be provided?**

Yes. All students attending Southeast Local Schools have the option to ride district-provided transportation at this time.

## **MEDICAL**

### **When should I keep my child at home?**

If your student is exhibiting ANY signs of illness, it is best to keep him/her home.

Our school nurse is trained to identify COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 symptoms in students during the school day. Students exhibiting a temperature above 100F will be required to return home. The expectation is parents and caregivers will check for symptoms of COVID-19 each day before sending children to school.

**I think I was exposed to COVID-19 or someone in my immediate family was, what should I do?**

Contact your local health department IMMEDIATELY and seek guidance from public health experts and follow protocol in place.

**If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, what happens?**

We will collaborate with the Wayne County Health Department/Holmes County Health Department and support them in the contact tracing to determine next steps. All health department's guidelines and protocols will be followed.

**How will the District communicate if a teacher or student tests positive for COVID-19?**

The District will work collaboratively with the Wayne County Health Department/Holmes County Health Department, which will determine what steps to take if a teacher or student tests positive for COVID-19. If necessary, and after collaboration with the Wayne County Health Department, the health department in collaboration with the school will notify parents of students in affected buildings. This notification will occur after contact tracing has been completed.