

Genoa Kingston CUSD #424 Return to Learn Frequently Asked Questions

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This is a list of questions that were asked of the Board of Education at the July 20th board meeting that were unable to be answered. As we receive more questions, this list will be updated with additional answers, as well as updated answers to questions.

1. If a child has difficulties keeping their mask on may they transition to online learning? **Yes. We recognize that working with a kindergarten student will look much different from working with a high school student in regards to wearing masks. If a parent feels that a student is better served through a full remote option, that can be done. There will be periods throughout the school year for parents to change plans should they choose to.**
2. Concern about teacher's in this situation safety? **Teacher and student safety is of the utmost importance in drafting this plan.**
3. Can students go from classroom option to remote learning during the school year or vice versa? **Yes. There will be periods set up throughout the school year for parents to change plans should they choose to.**
4. What will it look like if the teacher tests positive and has to stay home? **We are working with the union on a solution when a teacher is required to take an extended leave allowing teachers to continue working with the students on a remote basis. We know that the teacher's interaction with their students is what is best for the students.**
5. What about an ESP with a low immune system? **We are implementing and enforcing all recommendations from ISBE, IDPH, and the CDC. We are striving to create the safest possible environment by following these guidelines.**
6. My daughter has two last names. Will you go by the first last name or second? She's in high school. **This will be determined at the building level.**
7. What will students/ teachers do for classes such as PE, music, art....will those classes take place? **This schedule and curriculum is currently being developed.**
8. Will GKHS students be having both A day and B day classes combined into one day? **That is being considered but is not official at this time.**
9. How will students be distanced at snack time? **At this time, snacks will be consumed in the classroom, where students will be appropriately socially distanced.**
10. Will schools open earlier for drop off since everyone is starting at 8 if we have to transport multiple children? **Yes. Official times have not been established but past practice is that**

buildings will be opened at 7:30.

11. What about the days young students are "off " or remote learning and childcare? Will something be available? We do not have the space in the buildings, nor the staffing capacity to offer all day childcare. We are partnering with the Genoa Park District to offer after school childcare for students beginning at the 1 pm dismissal time. The partnership will help provide this service at the most affordable price possible.
12. Will the solely remote learning students be expected to log in during the 8 - 1 school hours or will it be flexible, say for students of parents that are working during the day? This program is currently being developed.
13. At KES, what do the remote learning days consist of for the students? This program is currently being developed.
14. Is there protocol if a student or staff tests positive for COVID-19? Yes. We continue to work closely with the DeKalb County Health Department and once we have a clear delineation from DCDPH, we will share that plan with the staff and the public.
15. Will GKHS students be having both A day and B day classes combined into one day? This plan is currently being developed.
16. Will fall sports be played? And If so, what precautions will be taken to allow us to play? We are currently waiting for guidance from ISBE and/or the IHSA for all fall sports.
17. Are they supposed to eat lunch on the bus after 1 pm? No. We will either provide a time for the students to eat lunch prior to getting on the bus or they will need to wait until they arrive home.
18. Will clear masks be available for teachers to wear for those students who are hearing impaired and need to read lips? Currently, we are looking at providing face shields for teachers and students in these types of scenarios.
19. My son attends KEC but is still a G-K student, will they follow KECs plan and will transportation still be available? We are working with KEC on the planning and scheduling issue. The district is also working on a transportation plan.
20. Are breakfast and lunch provided for students for a fee? I understand that the snack is free. Just confused about the slides. For breakfast and lunch, we are required to follow the National School Lunch Plan process and procedures. Free/Reduced lunch guidelines and applications will be in effect as in past years.

21. Concerned about children that have learning disabilities and how they will stay engaged in remote learning. Concerned about a child needing social interaction and building those skills. Concerned about how KEC students will be handled. Suggestion to install thermal cameras to take student temperatures when entering buildings. **We have purchased thermal cameras for each building to implement this August.**
22. My son going into kindergarten will probably need speech therapy... his doctor even said let's see how his school handles it... how will this happen... **Our Student Services team will be working with all families on these issues.**
23. Asked to please keep the grade levels together on the same day. **We are reviewing this option to see if it is a possibility.**
24. What will students/ teachers do for classes such as PE, music, art....will those classes take place? **We are working on those schedules at all buildings at this time.**
25. Can students bring their own breakfast, lunch, and/or snack. **Yes. However they will only be allowed to eat when all other students are eating.**