

School City of East Chicago

Return to Learn



Teacher/Parent Question and Answers

Q: Are the class sizes going to be smaller to maintain 6 feet and safe social distance?

A: Yes – Approximately 50% of the entire student population has opted to return. For the first three weeks, we will phase students back into classrooms, with ½ of the 50% coming on Monday and Tuesday and the other half attending (physically) on Thursday and Friday.

Q: Automatic hand sanitizer stations for safety and health reasons?

A: Sanitizer pumps are stationed throughout the buildings, and it is available in each classroom.

Q: Shields around the desk?

A: Shields will be provided where appropriate.
Also, SCEC will maintain the 6 feet social distancing protocol.

Q: Staggered times for classes in hallways to help with safe social distance?

A: There will be staggered: entry, exit, bathroom, and locker times.

Q: Do we still have an online class option if we do not feel comfortable sending the kid to school?

A: Yes – please complete the parent survey found in Skyward.

Q: How are the temperature checks?

A: Staff will check temperatures at bus stops and upon entry into the school.

Q: What happens if a family member of a student tests positive?

A: If a family member tests positive, the student will be directed to quarantine for ten days per CDC guidelines.

Q: What is the quarantine process?

A: Teachers will provide that student access to their classroom virtually.

Q: How will parents be assured that everyone will follow the policy?

A: Building administrators must follow the district administration's written policy and procedures in collaboration with the East Chicago Health Department.

Q: When are teachers and staff being vaccinated?

A: Teachers and staff may receive vaccinations according to the state of Indiana guidelines. The state of Indiana and the Federal government determine vaccination guidelines. The CDC has given guidance that students should return to school (based on community spread). We are monitoring the community spread daily.



Q: If I selected virtual at the beginning of the year, can I change to traditional?

A: Yes, you will need to contact your building principal. If we can maintain social distancing 6ft apart, your child will be allowed to change to traditional.

Q: How will you handle teacher absences?

A: Teachers absences will be addressed in a Level 1, 2, and 3 approach.

Level 1: (If there is space) Students will be divided amongst absent teacher's colleagues in grade level to continue instruction

Level 2: Each building has a designated staff coverage team

Level 3: Once the building team is exhausted, the principal will reach out to Ms. Goodes to activate the district team

Q: What metrics will be used for mode of instruction?

A: We will follow the Indiana State Health Department guidelines for school openings, closings, and method of instruction.

