



Colona Schools Parent FAQ Return to Learn 2020-2021 School Year

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to us, there are many valuable questions answered here that arose from our conversations and community surveys. We know that there will be many more questions as we prepare for the start of the school year. This list has been developed as a starting point to help families make the best decisions for their child for the upcoming school year. Check back frequently, as more questions and details will be added as the district continues to refine our detailed Return to School Guidance Plan, which is available at our website, csd190.com

What will happen if I still need to register?

Families who do not complete registration online must call the school to register. All placements and scheduling will be subject to availability.

How do I turn in health forms/physicals/proof of residency?

All registration documents, including health forms, physicals, and proof of residency for new students, should be e-mailed to the building secretary: enorville@csd190.com

Where can I find a school supply list?

You can access the school supply lists for the district on our homepage

Instruction & Scheduling

What options do I have for my child to attend school in the fall?

Remote Only Option: Your child may complete all instruction at home, online.

Blended Learning Option: Your child may participate in a blended learning environment. In this scenario, your child would attend school two days/week in person, and participate in remote learning at home, online, for three days per week. For early childhood and various other students, some will attend four days/week in person and one day for remote learning.

On what days will in-person learning take place?

Half of the student body will attend school on Monday and Thursday (Gold group). The other half will attend on Tuesday and Friday (Green group). All students will participate in remote learning on Wednesdays.

If I choose Remote Learning only for my child, can I change that choice later in the school year?

If you choose Remote Learning only, that is a commitment for the first quarter.

If I choose Blended Learning for my child, can I change that choice later in the school year?

If you choose blended learning, you may choose to change to remote only if needed. After a change, you may not go back to blended learning again during the first quarter.

When will I know if my student will attend on Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday?

Returning families will receive an e-mail within a few days of registering notifying you of your child's attendance days, certainly by the end of July.

New families will be notified as soon as possible after registering, but it will take longer than returning families.

During remote learning, will my child have to log in at a certain time every day?

Our district team is finalizing expectations now. There should also be further guidance from the state in developing a plan for what instructional expectations will be for remote/online learning. It is likely that remote learning will be a combination of recorded instruction, learning software and students logging in at certain times for "live" instruction. The state will require that attendance is taken every day so this will impact when students must check in each day.

During remote learning, how much time will my child be expected to spend on school work every day?

The state requires 5 clock hours of school work each day. (*Note: this will differ for early childhood students*). The 5 hours may be a combination of live instruction, watching video lessons, and working on assignments.

Will remote learning be the same as last spring?

No. In the spring, remote learning focused on simply trying to engage students and reviewing previously introduced content. Remote learning for the 2020-2021 school year will be more rigorous, with grades and accountability for all work and new learning introduced.

I have more than one student attending Colona Schools. Will they be on the same schedule?

Yes. All children linked as siblings in TeacherEase will be scheduled on the same two days for in-person instruction.

Can I choose which two days my student attends school?

More than likely yes, as this info was taken from our community survey. Due to the need to schedule students from the same family on the same day and to accommodate special services such as EL supports, special education, or advanced coursework, we are not able to grant every request for which day your child will attend school.

Food Service

Will breakfast and lunch be provided on in-person learning days?

Yes.

Will breakfast and lunch be provided on remote learning days?

Yes. We are working on a distribution schedule to ensure all students who want lunch and breakfast on remote days will receive one.

Where will students eat?

Students will eat primarily in the cafeteria and sometimes in their classroom.

Technology

Will my child receive a device to complete remote learning?

Yes, all children in grades PreK-8 who need one will have a school-provided device.

When will students receive devices?

All students in grades K-8 will have devices. Devices will be distributed on August 5th for remote only students. Times and location will be announced. For those students who choose blended learning, they will receive a device on the first day of class (August 6th, Gold; or August 7th, Green).

I don't have internet access. How will my child participate in remote learning?

Please contact your building principal, Mr. Mike Carlson or Superintendent Dr. Carl Johnson to discuss your situation and discuss options for internet access.

Start of School

When does school start?

The first day of school will be August 6th (Gold) and August 7th (Green). Remote instruction will also start August 6th.

Can I walk my child in on the first day?

Unfortunately, we will not be able to walk our children into the school on the first day. Because of guidelines and overall safety, visitors will not be permitted into the school in the foreseeable future.

Health & Safety

Will my child be required to wear a mask every day?

Yes. Per Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines, students, staff and visitors will be required to wear a mask at all times. If your child cannot wear a mask due to a medical reason, you should contact your building principal.

Can my child wear a face shield instead of a mask?

Likely no. In very limited circumstances, a child can wear a face shield instead of a mask. However, the guidance has made it clear that will only be in very limited circumstances and a mask will be required for all others.

My child has a health condition and can not wear a mask. Can they attend school?

If your child has a health condition, you should first consult with your physician for guidance. If your physician's guidance is that your child can not wear a mask, please contact an administrator (Mr. Carlson or Dr. Johnson) to discuss options to ensure your child's health and safety.

Will staff and students be required to participate in symptom checks before entering the building?

Yes.

Will social distancing be enforced?

Yes. Class sizes will be limited in order to ensure social distancing within the classroom. Visual reminders and procedures have been developed for hallways and other areas to ensure social distancing.

What will class size be?

Class sizes will be based around the number of desks that will fit in a room with social distancing in place. We anticipate the average class size being 12 students for grades K-8, and approximately 10 students for early childhood.

Will middle school students change rooms for classes?

No. Students will be assigned a homeroom group of approximately 12 students, and stay in that classroom with that group of students all day. Lockers will not be used. The teachers of core subjects

(math, language arts, science, and social studies) will rotate into each classroom. Specials will also rotate into the rooms.

Can my child bring a water bottle?

All students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles, as drinking fountains will not be in use.

Special Services

Will students with IEPs be able to choose between the blended and remote plans?

Yes. Special education support and services will be provided in either model.

How will my child receive their IEP services?

An individual remote learning plan will be developed for each student with an IEP. A special education teacher will be reaching out to discuss your child's plan with you.

All students with IEPs who typically receive co-taught or resource support will attend general education classes for math, language arts, science and social studies. In addition, students with IEPs may attend an additional one-two days per week to receive special education services. Students enrolled in our blended early childhood education classrooms may attend four days per week to receive special education services, per classroom capacity.

Students who typically attend an instructional/self-contained program will participate in those programs either in person with class size limits, social distancing, and appropriate health and safety procedure or remotely. The number of days of attendance will be determined as part of each student's individual remote learning plan.

Communication

Who should I contact with questions about school in the fall?

School administrators, distancelearning@csd190.com or foodservice@csd190.com

Parents can also call the office at (309)792-1232

Who should I contact with questions about special education?

Please call or email building Principal Mr. Mike Carlson (309)792-1232