

Parent Questions

FAQ 4

1. Does our District have enough computers for each student?

Yes, all students will receive a computer. Parents should use the District website and the request form provided in our last letter to request technology.

2. I've seen a few people asking if there will be orientations (K, 5th, 9th). Will it be in person or virtual? Do we have any dates set?

We recognize the importance of orientations for students transitioning into Kindergarten, or from elementary to middle school, and from middle school to high school. The District has planned virtual orientations for each and the dates, which will also be posted on the website, are as follows:

RHS 9th grade orientation/new student orientation 8/26/20

RMS 5th grade orientation/new student orientation 8/25/20

K orientation 8/27/20

Each orientation will be virtual and will include tours of the buildings. Recordings will be available so that they can be viewed following these dates as well.

3. How long will Kindergarten students be in front of a computer?

Kindergarten students, and other elementary students, will not be in front of a computer all day. Students will still enjoy recess, lunch and other activities. In addition, teachers will still be able to present in-person lessons to students who have chosen Option 1. Teachers are being provided web camera's which will allow them to be at the blackboard/whiteboard for instruction. (Students who have chosen Option 2 will be able to Zoom into the classroom from home). This does not mean students will be seated in front of a computer all day. There will be times following the lesson that students may also engage in independent work, or group work (socially distanced).

4. Can you share a schedule of what virtual classes will look like?

Yes, we will put together an infographic that will explain what classes/typical day will look like for each option.

5. If you choose Option 2 and you are not able to attend the live stream of the lesson, and do it at a later time, will this count as attendance?

Teachers will be able to set the time by which students must log into each class. If students are signed in by the time as indicated in the attendance feature, they will receive credit for attending

classes. If students do not visit the class on any given day and then attempt to sign in the following day, they will not receive attendance credit for that class.

6. How were parents chosen to be on the pandemic team? Is there an elementary representative?

Principals of each level, along with counselors, union representatives, nurses were members of the pandemic team. Several parents were invited to participate, but there was not an elementary parent on the team.

7. What is ‘real time learning’?

Real time learning means that students can log into the Zoom and hear their teacher presenting the lesson live. Similarly, students in Option 2 will have opportunities to participate in group work with their peers who are attending in Option 1. Students will be able to see and hear their teacher teaching (via Zoom), and will also be able to see and hear their peers and correspond with their peers when in small group work.

8. I saw that face shields are allowed, but I have ones that snap to a basic black baseball hat. I know that normally hats are not allowed, but in this case could these be used as the mask/shield requirement?

Yes. We recognize that this may make wearing the shield more comfortable for students and will decrease fidgeting with masks or shields. We ask that students who wear their hats keep them on for the duration of the day (except during mask breaks).

9. What supplies will be needed since there will be considerable work done on computers?

The District will provide students with needed school supplies. Students will not share supplies. The school will not provide backpacks, so families may want to purchase a backpack so that students can carry their computers in the backpacks. Students may want to carry their own notebook or pen/pencil. Students may write in their own notebook, but we will not be sharing paper, pens and notebooks in class. Teachers will not be passing papers between teachers and students or between students.

10. What are the start times for schools?

Principals will be posting the start times on their websites. The start times have been adjusted to provide for sanitization of the buses before and after each run. The times are as follows:

School	Parent Drop Off	Arrival (Bus)	Instructional
<u>High School</u>	6:45	6:45 - 7:00	7:03 - 1:55
-	-	-	-
<u>Middle School</u>	7:25	7:20 - 7:45	7:50 - 2:40
-	-	-	-
<u>Elementary</u>	8:20	8:25 - 8:45	8:50 - 3:35

11. Will there be desks in the cafeteria instead of tables?

Cafeteria tables remain in the cafeteria. In some schools additional desks may be added in order to provide 6ft of social distancing between students.

12. Will there be decorations on the walls?

Walls have been stripped to be cleaned. Laminated materials will be permitted on the walls as they will be able to be appropriately cleaned. Teachers are not yet in session and rooms have not yet been arranged. Carpets, or other materials that are difficult to clean or sanitize or items that promote the potential transfer of the virus, will not be used.

13. Why isn't there an in-person orientation for Kindergarten?

There was much discussion about the in-person orientations. Principals and staff are very excited to see our students. Challenges included (among other things) ensuring that we comply with the indoor gathering rules, creating an experience that honors our collective bargaining agreement and thereby honors our teachers, and ensuring that we honor the teacher in-service time so that teachers can settle in, and in this environment we want to give our teachers as much time as possible to do so, all while preparing an opportunity for our newest Ringgold Rams to meet their teachers. They are an amazing group of educators and we all care very much about our students.

14. What procedures do staff and students follow for illness?

A link to staff and student procedures for illness can be found [here](#).