



## ICSS Instructional Options and Safety Guidelines FAQ

### IN SCHOOL LEARNING

**1. Will students be required to wear face masks?**

Students are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering for everyone's safety. All bus riders are required to wear a face covering due to inability to social distance. Examples of acceptable face coverings are: masks, face shields, bandanas, and neck gaiters.

**2. Will temperatures be taken every morning?**

Yes. All students and staff will have their temperature checked before entering the building.

**3. What is the protocol for a child who is running fever?**

The student will be placed in an isolation room and their parent will be contacted to come pick up the student.

**4. Is there a temperature that the school considers a fever, and if so, what is that number?**

We are currently working with local health care providers and public health. We will release more information when available.

**5. Will students be confined to one classroom all day? If so, how will classes that require specialized equipment and/or physical activity (i.e., weights, P.E., technology courses, science labs, etc.), be handled?**

At this time, students who are not self-contained (3-12) will follow their regular class schedule. However, in some cases, exploratory and connections teacher will go to the class to deliver instruction.

**6. How will lunch be handled?**

All students will have breakfast provided in class. Lunch will be handled differently at each school.

**7. If a child is out sick, will he/she be required to have a COVID-19 test performed before returning to school, regardless of the type of illness for which they were absent? A medical release will be required for any student who was sent home with COVID-19 symptoms.**

**8. If so, will they be required to remain out of school until the test results are received?**  
If a student had COVID -19 symptoms, they will need to stay home until a medical release is provided.

- 9. What are the protocols for students/teachers exposed at school/in class to an individual who tests positive for COVID-19? Will students be required to quarantine at home? If so, for how long, and will they be required to have a negative COVID-19 test in order to return to school? If a student/teacher tests positive for COVID-19, will the parents of the exposed students be notified of that result?**

We are currently working with local health care providers and public health. We will release more information when available.

## **VIRTUAL LEARNING**

- 1. Are there ANY academic disadvantages and/or ramifications that will be incurred if a student chooses the virtual learning option?**

The virtual option is not the same as being face-to-face with a teacher.

- 2. If a student completes the 2020-2021 school year entirely online through the virtual learning option, how, in any way, will that affect his/her standing in the school system?**

Promotion requirements will be the same for all students virtual and traditional.

- 3. If a student chooses the virtual learning option, will he/she be allowed to participate in school sports and/or extracurricular activities? (My children are involved in MS softball, MS soccer and Esports, specifically.)**

Yes

- 4. Other than a stable Internet connection, what other equipment is required for the virtual learning option? Will students need access to printers, cameras, microphones, etc.? What software, if any will, be required to be installed/downloaded?**

No other equipment or software will be needed.

- 5. What are the PC requirements/recommendations for the virtual courses?**

Virtual learning students will need a dependable device and internet (Chromebook, laptop, desktop or a phone can be used.) Students need to be able to use the Google Chrome browser.

- 6. Will a child be able to complete assignments at his/her own pace or will they need to be at the computer and logged in from 8:00 until 3:00, or another specified time frame?**

Students are expected to meet assignment deadlines, but there is no requirement for them to be on at any particular time.

- 7. Assuming there will be specific courses/classes for each subject, how will attendance be taken? Will the child a) log in once daily, be counted present, receive their instructions and proceed accordingly, or will the child need to b) log in to each specific course/class at designated times throughout the day to be counted present for each course/class?**

Student progress will be monitored and all deadlines should be met. The student will need to login to each class because each class will have daily assignments.

- 8. Will there be daily assignments, weekly assignments, or will they have multiple assignments that will be due throughout the course of a day?**  
Students are expected to meet all daily/weekly assignment deadlines throughout the course/class.
- 9. Will students who choose the online option have one primary contact at the school, or will they be contacted directly and independently from each of their teachers?**  
Students' primary contact will be the teacher for the course.
- 10. What will the primary form of communication be?**  
Email or text through Remind will be the primary forms of communication.
- 11. If a student has a question regarding the course material, will they contact a local teacher, or will questions be submitted through the online program to a generic representative/instructor?**  
Students' questions should be submitted through the online program or through Google classroom to his/her Irwin County teacher.
- 12. If a local teacher is contacted regarding questions, how will they be contacted (email, Google Meet, phone, Zoom), and what is the expected time frame that the student can expect responses?**  
Students' questions should be submitted through the online program or through Google Classroom to his/her Irwin County teacher. They can also send a text through Remind. Response time could be up to 24 hours depending on the time the questions were submitted.
- 13. How will classes that require physical activity and/or specialized equipment be handled virtually (i.e., weights, P.E., health, science labs, agriculture)?**  
Students will not be assigned a class that needs additional equipment outside of the online program.
- 14. If students are not offered online necessary courses for specific credits, when/how will they take these courses traditionally?**  
Students will not take a weights class, but there is a health and PE online course.
- 15. What are the basic expectations for the parent/academic coach?**  
The basic expectations are to monitor the student's progress, support the student, and communicate with the teachers.
- 16. Will there be excused/unexcused absences for virtual learning? For instance, if there is a power outage and students are unable to login to the online courses for a period of time, will they be excused? Alternatively, if an otherwise stable Internet connection is faulty one day and a student is unable to login on time, will they be excused?**  
If a problem arises, please communicate with the teacher and/or a school administrator.
- 17. When will detailed information regarding the software that will be utilized, and the associated curriculum be released? Parents/students have been asked to make a**

**commitment for a complete semester without knowing any of the details of the virtual learning option.**

Please visit the following link to learn more about Odysseyware.

<https://www.odysseyware.com/curriculum/instructional-approach>

**18. Is there any additional information online or otherwise that parents can research the virtual learning software that will be used?**

[www.odysseyware.com](http://www.odysseyware.com)

**19. What if my child has an IEP?**

Any student who has an IEP will be contacted by their case manager and accommodations will be provided.

**20. I see that there are multiple programs that will be used, does that mean that they will constantly be flipping back and forth?**

The additional curriculum resources listed are to provide remediation or enrichment for specific standards/skills.

**21. Is there any kind of trial period for virtual learning?**

The virtual option is a semester commitment.