

## **2021 LCA Back to School FAQ's**

### ***Will students, staff and visitors be required to wear masks?***

Governor Evers has issued a statewide mandate for facial coverings to be worn in enclosed spaces until further notice. In addition to the state mandate, LCA has created a procedure requiring all students, staff and visitors to wear appropriate facial coverings until further notice. If students arrive at school without a face covering, they will be provided with a disposable one. Per SASD, all bus riders will need to wear face coverings on the bus.

### ***What are the mask requirements?***

Face coverings can be any color or pattern, however, masks must be school appropriate. The face covering must cover the individual's nose and chin and fit closely to the sides of the face. Cloth masks, disposable masks, and neck gators are acceptable. For easy identification, full student names need to be written somewhere on the masks. Clear face shields are allowed as long as the individual is also wearing a face covering over their nose and mouth

Accommodations will be made for individuals with medical conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, or other sensory sensitivities that prevent the individual from wearing a face covering.

### ***Will students be allowed to take their masks off or take a break from wearing them all day?***

As part of the face covering policy, teachers will be developing scheduled mask breaks for all students when the kids can be physically distanced and when outdoors. We will work to ensure during these times students have the physical distance recommended by the CDC. Recess and physical education classes will be held outside as much as possible, and students will be encouraged to physically distance. Students will not need to wear their masks when outside.

### ***If a staff member or student test positive for COVID-19, will parents be informed?***

While privacy laws keep us from sharing each of these cases with you, if your student/you has been in direct contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or someone whose medical provider diagnosed them with a presumed case of COVID-19, you will be contacted by the Sheboygan County Health Department.

### ***How are students grouped throughout the day?***

Class size has been limited to no more than 18 students in each classroom. Social distancing of 3-6 feet will be encouraged throughout the school day. Furniture has been placed to allow for as much distance between students as possible. Our smaller classroom size also helps to minimize the number of contacts that a student/staff has throughout the day. Physical distancing will be maintained wherever possible. This includes maintaining 6 feet distance in indoor and outdoor settings if possible.

### ***What happens if/when students need to move to a new location?***

When possible, we will prioritize moving teachers, rather than students. But sometimes, students may need to move to a different learning space, if the classroom they are in does not support the type of learning they need to do. When students need to move, we will make sure that:

- The classroom has been cleaned before a new class enters.
- Hallway traffic control guidance is in effect, such as staggered class start/end time times and passing periods. Spacing for bathroom lines, pick-up and dismissal locations, and bus loading areas will be identified.

***How will meals work?***

Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classroom. Students will wash or sanitize their hands before and after eating. Students will need to bring individual snacks to have for themselves (PreK-4th grade) during the day. Students may not share food.

***Will birthday treats be allowed?***

Birthday treats need to be individually, pre-packaged to be distributed in the classroom.

***Will visitors be allowed in the building?***

Visitors, including parents/guardians, are not allowed past the school's main office. Students leaving school for appointments or early pick up will be supervised at the curbside for a no contact pick up. Lunch volunteers will be allowed to assist with the lunch program, but are required to wear a mask and other PPE required by the school district lunch program. All visitors coming into the school need to sign in at the office front desk.

***Will students attend field trips?***

We will not be planning field trips at this time.

***Will extra curricular activities be offered?***

We will not be offering extra curricular activities at this time.

***Will after-school care be offered?***

Boys & Girls Clubs will be offering their program at LCA in a limited capacity. Parents will be able to sign up through an online application process with Boys and Girls Club. After-school care will be provided until 5:30 pm.

***Will my child still go to Specials (music, gym, art, etc.)?***

Students in PreK-8th grade will continue to have music, art, gym, and Spanish throughout their weekly schedule. Instruction will be provided in the classroom setting or outdoors, when possible.

***What are you doing to sanitize classrooms / desks on a daily basis?***

Our custodial staff will be developing a daily cleaning schedule to make sure that all classrooms, common areas, and bathrooms are cleaned throughout the day. High-touch areas

will be cleaned frequently throughout the day. Teachers will be sanitizing their classrooms, as needed.

***Will students be sharing school supplies?***

Common classroom supplies such as art supplies, manipulatives, etc. will be minimized to only items that can be cleaned between uses. **Each student will be required to have their own set of basic classroom supplies that will be stored in their desk or locker.**

***Will EL and Special Ed. services continue to be provided to students in the hybrid model?***

Special education and EL services are still available with both hybrid and online learning options.

***What procedures will be used to screen the health of students and staff?***

Parents are required to take a daily temperature and do a self-check of their child for illness symptoms prior to sending him/her to school. If your child or anyone in your household has any symptoms or a temperature of 100.4°F, keep your child home and call the office (920-208-3020) to confirm illness. Staff will screen themselves daily before coming to work. Individual staff and students will be screened by request.

***What measures will be taken to ensure proper air ventilation throughout the building?***

Where appropriate, open windows will be used. We are looking to draw in as much outside air as possible. However, there are times when that won't be feasible. Our HVAC system has been updated so that we can increase the airflow throughout the building.

**Online Option within Hybrid (4K-8th Grade)**

***Who can participate in the online option?***

All students 4K-8th can choose the online option. K-8th grade students will use Google Classroom and have access to a school device. 4K students will receive instruction through hands-on materials. We'll be asking parents to understand that switching between hybrid and all online learning should take place at the quarter.

***What technology platform will LCA be using?***

We will be utilizing Google Classroom for delivering content and assignments to your student.

***Will students have connections to their teachers and students?***

Most lessons will be streamed live and recorded for online students. Teachers will check-in once a week with the student directly through Google Meet during the school day. Teachers will notify families of their day time office hours.

***Will a Chromebook be provided to my student?***

Yes, LCA will provide a Chromebook for your student. Students will be responsible for maintaining the Chromebook. If it is damaged, the student will be assessed a replacement fee.

***How will my student be graded? What are the expectations?***

Students enrolled in online learning will have the same core coursework (Reading, Math, Grammar, History, Science, Literature, Writing, 5th-8th grade Spanish) and expectations as the students choosing to attend in-person instruction. Online learning students will be accountable for assignments, coursework, grading, and testing just like their on-campus peers. Due dates will be assigned and there will be a grade penalty for late work. All work will be submitted to teachers through Google Classroom.

***When will assignments be posted?***

Students need to login daily to Google Classroom to check for new assignments in their classes.

***How can I help prepare my child for back to school?***

- You can purchase masks and have your child wear one around the house for increasingly longer periods to get them used to the concept.
- Teach your child to wash his/her hands multiple times a day for 20 seconds.
- Talk to your child about his/her feelings about going back to school.
- Re-establish a routine with regular bedtimes and wake up at a consistent time and get dressed.
- Reassure your child that their teachers are excited to see them!