

FAQ Sheet for CSAS Lower ReOpening

Does everyone wear a mask?

YES – all students and staff are required to wear a mask in Phase 2-3 on campus. When in their cohort in Phase 2, there will be opportunities to take off the mask during the day. Any outdoor time is mask-free if students can keep their distance.

What does a day in Phase 2 look like?

Students attend class two days with a group of 10 fellow students. They remain in their classroom for all classes, including related arts. PE is the exception and will be held outdoors when possible, spaced apart in the gym if not. Students will walk through the cafeteria line to get a “grab and go” lunch if they need to purchase. Classes will take turns with lunch locations, being outdoors as much as possible. Recess locations will be spread out and rotated for each class. The other three days of the week, students have online classes with their teacher(s), up to 5 hours of active engagement per day.

How are students divided in Phase 2?

All Option 1 students will be divided alphabetically into either cohort A or B. Cohort A attends in-person Monday and Tuesday. Cohort B attends in-person Thursday and Friday. Adjustments will be made to ensure sibling groups (K-12) attend on the same days. Wednesdays will be for teachers to work with remote learning and students who receive services through an IEP will be served. Any other requests for cohort grouping need to be made to Mrs. Coffelt.

What does AtHome Learning look like?

CSAS Lower teachers are viewing each student as an online learner. The students who have chosen AtHome will have the same level of assignments and engagement, and often the same teacher interaction, as the Option 1 students. One teacher per grade level is assigned to mentor and guide the AtHome class for their grade. The teachers will record live lessons in the classroom for all students to view. Assignments and work will be given to all students equitably. Work is also evaluated for a grade equally for all students in the grade level. All students are treated with the same high expectations and following the Paidia philosophy, will be active, independent learners with their teacher as coach.

What if my student gets sick?

DISTRICT GUIDELINES FOR THIS TOPIC COMING THE WEEK OF JULY 31.

Just as with any school year, if your student has symptoms that indicate a doctor’s visit is necessary, we recommend doing so (step test, flu test, Covid test). A benefit of this year is that your student will be able to join the AtHome learning at any time, if needed. The online course work will be accessible for students at home from sickness as well. Students will be excused sick days with a doctor’s diagnosis that requires isolation.

What will be different on campus?

The biggest adjustment for us will be no visitors in the building – period – during phases 2-3. Parents are asked to stay in their cars for both arrival and drop off. For early dismissal or to sign in late, call the office and your student will be escorted.

Arrival and Dismissal will look different. All parents will receive the new procedures as part of your back to school information. There will be new entrances, car routes, and waiting areas for students. You are encouraged to bring your student to school as close to 8:40AM as possible; 9AM for kindergarten.

Hallways will be marked for one-way traffic and limited traffic in restrooms.

All classrooms have adjustable screens to allow fresh air to circulate.

Will buses have safety protocols?

Yes, bus riders will have assigned seats and students can share with their household. Drivers will clean all seats between routes. Masks are required by all, including driver and aide. Seats will be left empty as space allows. If possible, it is recommended that students ride to and from school in cars.

Will there be extra cleaning?

Yes, our regular custodial crew, headed by Kevin Morgan, will employ the highest level of sanitation, including several evenings of “fogging” all spaces with a safe anti-viral mist. Wednesdays will also be for deep cleaning classrooms. The district is adding another cleaning contractor that will have personnel in our building to clean ALL touchpoints three times per day in the building.

We welcome the donation of cleaning wipes for classroom use.

What safety equipment is provided by the school/district?

All schools will have disposable masks that can be given to students. We ask that students arrive to school with washable, 2-ply masks that fit closely. If needed, a mask will be provided.

Teachers will have anti-viral spray and paper towels provided to wipe classroom surfaces as often as needed.

A soft lanyard will be provided for students to keep masks around their necks if not wearing.

Water fountains will be closed in Phases 2-3 so students will need to bring full water bottles.

Will my student still receive services through his/her IEP, 504 plan or for RTI?

Absolutely! The district has made plans to reach students remotely five days a week if necessary, and to meet student needs in person or when in a hybrid situation. For any specific questions, please contact Robin Barnes for 504 plans or Lori Ryan for IEPs.

