

## Career & Success Academy of Sou

### FAQ – Re-Opening Fall 2020

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#### **When is the first day of school?**

The first day of school for students will be Monday, August 10, 2020

#### **If in-person instruction is chosen, will the school hours remain the same?**

Yes, the school day will begin and end at the same time as last school year.

#### **Will all students and staff be required to wear a mask while at school?**

Per state order, face masks are required to be worn in indoor public spaces or outdoor public spaces where appropriate social distancing cannot occur. Face masks will be required to be worn while at school for all students and staff.

Students and families who opt to take part in the in-person (at-school) model will always be required to have a face covering with them. In addition, face coverings will be required at times while traveling on school buses.

Masks will also be required for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, with exception for strenuous physical activity.

Exceptions will be made for medical purposes, strenuous physical activity, eating and drinking.

#### **What if I do not want my child to wear a mask at school?**

We understand that there are strong opinions about the use of masks. The Indiana State Department of Health cited a 40-60% reduction in COVID-19 transmission when masks are used by all, which is why we are requiring them for certain portions of the day. This is especially important since some carriers of COVID-19 may not have any symptoms. Children, despite being generally less affected by COVID-19, expose school staff and adults at home who may be more at risk. Students who cannot or will not wear a mask during the required times at school will need to utilize online learning at home.

#### **Can my child get in trouble if they are at school and refuse to wear a mask, refuse to appropriately social distance, or participate in an activity that will put themselves or others at risk for exposure?**

The safety and well-being of all students and staff members are of the utmost importance. If a student refuses to wear a mask, refuses to appropriately social distance when able to, and/or participates in activities that put themselves or other at risk than appropriate consequences will be put in place. If the behavior becomes chronic, they will need to utilize online learning at home.

### **Can my child use a neck gaiter, medical mask, disposable mask, etc.?**

Students should plan to have two masks that meet health guidelines as part of their back-to-school supplies. Cloth masks, neck gaiters, disposal masks, and medical grade masks are acceptable. Bandanas are not approved for use as a mask. Masks must be a solid color and cannot have words on the mask.

### **Will the school provide masks?**

The school will provide each student and staff with two masks.

### **If a student brings a note from a physician stating that he/she cannot wear a mask due to medical reasons, how will this be handled to ensure safety for all students and staff?**

Social distancing will be required. SJCPHO 2-2020 issued on June 29, 2020 states that "Exceptions include but are not limited to any person who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance. Examples of such exceptions include but are not limited to individuals with respiratory conditions such as asthma and chronic obstructive lung disease; severe anxiety; autism; cerebral palsy; 2 years of age or younger."

### **Will students be screened for COVID-19 Symptoms?**

Parents need to be attentive to the daily health of their children. This includes being fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. School staff will also be receiving professional development on how to recognize potential COVID-19 symptoms. No one should be in our buildings if they are experiencing any symptoms of illness.

### **If a student or staff member test positive, will they have to quarantine?**

[Students and staff who test positive will quarantine for at least 10 days from the date symptoms began AND remain fever-free for 72 hours \(without use of fever reducing medication\) before returning to school. Click here for the Indiana State Department of Health guide for parents related to student screening and quarantine/isolation guidelines.](#)

### **What will happen if someone tests positive for COVID-19?**

If we have a confirmed case of COVID-19, we will follow direction from the St. Joe County Health Department. This may include closing a classroom, school or schools for a period of time and shifting quickly to eLearning at home for students who are impacted. Many of our new procedures are designed to support contact tracing should a confirmed case occur. This will assist the Health Department with quickly identifying and contacting individuals who may have been exposed.

### **If a student is suspected of having COVID-19, how will this be communicated to parents?**

Information will be shared through School Messenger, including email and/or phone call. Please make sure you have the most updated contact information in PowerSchool.

**How long must students self-quarantine if they have been in close contact with another person (including a household member) with confirmed COVID? If this occurs will e-Learning be available to the student?**

The health and safety of the school community is our top priority. All suspected cases of COVID will be handled in coordination with the St. Joseph County Health Department. Anyone with a suspected case of COVID or living with someone with COVID be held out of school for 14 calendar days. The child's teacher(s) would provide make-up instruction/assignments as we would normally. The child will remain with their previously assigned teacher(s) as opposed to being moved to a virtual instructor.

**Can students come in the building to receive special education services but participate online for the rest of the day?**

All special education services will be determined through a case conference committee. If the CCC determines that it is in the best interest of the student to attend in person services and then participate in the curriculum online, that would be allowable. (This is mainly applicable to speech and other related therapies.) The Director of Special Education must be notified if the CCC will offer in person services along with online curriculum.

**Can students come in the building for specialized programs (welding, machining, etc.) but participate online for the rest of the day?**

No, at this time students need to choose either in-person or the virtual option.

**Will high school online students follow a schedule during the school day?**

Yes, online students will be expected to follow their schedule. They will need to login to view livestreams and videos of instruction from their licensed teachers. There will be a combination of curricular resources utilized for instruction.

**Will teachers be available to zoom for students choosing the virtual option?**

Yes, teachers will have the ability to hold zoom office hours. But teachers will be providing in-person instruction for students during the school day; therefore, zoom office hours will be limited.

**Will virtual students be permitted to participate in athletics?**

Yes, virtual students are enrolled at CASB and able to participate in extracurricular activities.

**Last year the doors would opened at 7:15am will that remain the same?**

Yes, students at CASB will be able to come into the building at 7:15AM. Students will be required to stay in the cars until 7:15.

**Will kids go directly to their advisory class?**

Students will be released to their advisory class at 7:45am at CASB.

**Will online students be provided a school issued device?**

Yes, online students will have the opportunity to pick up and use a school issued device.

**How will IEP's be handled?**

When a family elects to participate in the online option, a case conference will be held in the first 2 weeks of school to determine how to best meet the student's needs in an online setting. The IEP will be revised to reflect online services. Special education staff will continue to provide services and support to our online students via email, phone, or video conferencing.

**Will there be transportation this year?**

There will still be transportation between CASB and SASB. We do recommend, if possible, to take your child to his/her respective school to minimize the number of students on each shuttle.

**Do students have to wear a mask on the bus?**

Yes, students must wear masks on the bus for the entire bus ride. If a student refuses to wear a mask they will not be allowed to ride the bus.

**If we originally choose online and want to change it later will we be able to? Or will this option we choose be set for this semester?**

We will have virtual teachers and in person teachers. Parents/Students will have to decided online or in person for the entire semester. Students will be able to switch at semester.

**Will Hero's Hangout still be available at SASB?**

Yes, hero's hangout will still be available. We will be adding additional staff to help with social distancing.

**If we do in-person can we purchase a roller bookbag?**

No, bookbags need to be carried. Bookbags with wheels will not be allowed.

**Will intervention services happen in the classroom or will pull out groups still be utilized?**

Pull out services will still be offered. If groups are not able to follow social distance guidelines, students and staff will be required to wear facial coverings. Group tables, chairs, and materials will be sanitized in between groups.

**Can a student wear a medical gown over their uniform?**

No, medical gowns will not be allowed to be worn at school.

**Can we use materials with a fabric surface? Is there a way to sanitize? (i.e. sensory swing/hammock, chair cushions, cloth covered furniture)**

Yes, daily cleaning will all touch surfaces are again thoroughly cleaned with hospital grade disinfectants.

**What cleaning enhancements are being implemented in each building during the school day?**

Daytime sanitation efforts (trash pickup, debris removal, etc.) will be supplemented by additional precautions to protect against a COVID-19 outbreak. Janitorial staff will continually clean all touch surfaces throughout the day with hospital-grade germicidal solutions.

**What cleaning enhancements are being implemented in each building after the school day?**

After school hours, all touch surfaces are again thoroughly cleaned with hospital grade disinfectants. Deep cleaning of restrooms, classrooms, floors and cafeteria also takes place. Special care is taken to avoid cross-contamination by designating cleaning equipment for certain areas only.

**What cleaning enhancements will be implemented in each building if there is a COVID-19 exposure?**

In the event of COVID-19 exposure, the same hospital-grade germicidal cleaning routine described above will be used with the addition of special chemical foggers like those used in medical care facilities.