

Health & Safety Plan Q & A

Virtual Session: Friday, August 14 at 10 AM

QUESTIONS FROM FAMILIES THAT WERE PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING:

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

What impact does the pandemic have on required voluntary/community service hours for graduation?

We will be flexible and communicate as we have additional information.

TECHNOLOGY

If the student has a laptop at home should they still pick up a chromebook?

Yes. All students should still come and pick up their device.

WHEN THE PLAN CHANGES FROM PLAN A TO PLAN B :

During remote learning in Plan A students will have access to their teachers synchronously and asynchronously and on Wednesdays during office hours. When in hybrid (Plan B) we hope that it is safe enough for all students to return to learning in person two days per week, which is the reason that we would be shifting to that plan. We will not move into Plan B unless it is safe to do so.

Can you explain what synchronous and asynchronous learning mean?

Synchronous learning: Synchronous learning occurs when students are engaged in learning in “real time” with their teacher. Synchronous learning at Charter Arts will happen during Plan A on M,T, TH, and F. Students will report to classes based on their class schedule.

Asynchronous learning: this is learning that students do on their own, with teacher direction that has been given during synchronous class sessions, or through a learning platform, such as Google Classroom. Learning may be delivered through video, slides presentation, or another modality. Students complete assignments on their own. During Plans A & B, students will be engaging in asynchronous learning on Wednesdays.

I wanted to know when Plan B takes effect will the students' in school time be centered on art form or academics? **Both. Students will have access to their whole schedule in person - core,**

artistic, and electives.

While many schools in the area are choosing hybrid plans, what parameters went into choosing Plan A Remote Learning, I am sure it was a difficult decision?

We considered a variety of information, including PDE Guidance, CDC recommendations, the county COVID map trackers, consultation with an Senior Epidemiologist at St. Luke's, and the building size/capacity, etc. Various factors were considered.

When the school goes to Plan B or Plan C, will there still be an option to select remote learning?

We are aware that some of our families will want to continue with remote learning, and we want to make learning accessible to all of our families. We will not choose to move into Plan B unless it is safe to do so, and we hope that when that occurs, our students will want to be back with us in person. If not, we will try to accommodate requests as necessary.

TRANSPORTATION

Will my daughter still be transported by our district school ?

If we are in hybrid (Plan B), regular transportation will be provided by districts if they previously provided transportation.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

My daughter struggles with not having in person math. Will she be able to get some 1 on 1 help weekly from her math teacher to help bridge the gap with online learning, either in person or via a zoom session or similar? All teachers have office hours from 10:00-12:00 on Wednesdays and by appointment. If a student needs support, they should communicate directly with their teacher.

Can you please explain how academic support will work for students who have an IEP? And will there be an opportunity for the student to meet in person with their case manager if needed? Case managers are reaching out to families now to discuss individual needs for students. Academic support will happen as all other classes will occur through scheduled Google Meet/Zoom and can happen safely in remote learning or in person if necessary and pre-scheduled per the IEP team discussion.

Will classes be held on Google Meet or Zoom- will it be consistent across the board?

Charter Arts faculty will use both Google Meet and Zoom for class sessions and performances based on the needs of the class or performance. Each platform has its own benefits. Faculty will choose the tool that works best for the needs of the content.

Will classes be held as virtual Google Meet sessions and not just recorded sessions that students need to watch?

During Plan A, remote learning M, T, TH, and F, classes will be held synchronously. Wednesdays will be asynchronous.

STUDENT COMMUNITY BUILDING

What does it mean to have optional in-person activities?

Guidelines for optional, in-personal opportunities are still being established based on the most up-to-date guidance provided by the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). We anticipate having updated information on these opportunities once the school year begins.

As a new student coming into the school, what plans are in place to have students get to know each other and to build relationships?

During the first weeks of school there will be class meetings, and time with artistic departments for students to get to meet each other. Clubs are also another great way for students to get to know each other and we are in the process of updating our clubs list.

Will students still be able to participate in clubs? Yes, students will still have the option to participate in various club activities. These will be held virtually as well. There will be a virtual club fair, more details to come.

Will choir electives still take place- Treble/Touring?

Yes! These electives will still take place.

SUPPLY PICK UP

Due to work schedules, would we be able to pick up school supplies and schedules on August 31st even though we would be scheduled for September 1st? Families should make every effort to come at their scheduled time as this deployment is coordinated for all students by alphabet. For families that cannot attend during their scheduled days/times, an evening block has been scheduled, please refer to your summer packet for that information.

Will my daughter get any extra materials for her 2nd elective class?

Yes! If materials are needed for the class, and they are typically supplied by the teacher, they will be included in supply pick up.

FOLLOW UP

What is the protocol for families who have additional questions?

For questions about a specific course, please contact the teacher directly.

For general questions, please contact the Main Office and your question will be directed to

the appropriate person to answer it for you.

MISCELLANEOUS

PDE continues to release new guidance for K-12 schools, as recently as 8.13.2020. Charter Arts administration will continue to monitor new guidance and make decisions to maintain the health and safety of our students, families, and community.