



A Tradition of Excellence – A Vision for Tomorrow

Lee County Traditional Learning for 2020-2021

Lee County Schools plans to open the doors to welcome students on August 12, 2020. Traditional learning is for any student who has not been committed to the Virtual Classroom Option by signed intent form. Lee County Schools is following the guidance issued by the Alabama State Department of Education, the Alabama Department of Public Health, and is in regular consultation with local health officials. Lee County Schools is committed to providing safe, supportive, equitable environments. To the extent feasible, we will make accommodations to lessen the risk of exposure to any infectious disease. Please recognize that as conditions change, so may the protocols for traditional learning change.

We are focused upon three critical areas: wellness, operations and facilities, and delivery of instruction. In each of these areas, we have devised, been issued, or been provided: essential expectations such as governmental order, guidance of researched-based best practice, or considerations from practical experience.

The first point of screening and preventing the spread of infection is in the home. Parents and families should be able to identify symptoms and keep students at home if any of these symptoms are evident.

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Cough, runny nose, or sinus congestion
- Trouble breathing or persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- Abdominal pain or stomach ache
- Diarrhea or vomiting

The second point of prevention is incorporating practical guidelines in our daily practices. The use of facial coverings, physical distancing, proper personal hygiene, and cleaning can all be used to mitigate the spread COVID-19. The greatest risk of infection occurs when people are within close contact with an individual who is infected. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer. A non-inclusive list of protocols that we are considering include:

WELLNESS

- Recommended use of facial coverings for all faculty and staff
- Recommended use of facial coverings for students
- Highly recommended use of facial coverings for students riding school bus and in areas in which 6 feet of spacing is not feasible
- Hygiene practices to include frequent hand washing, cover coughs and sneezes

OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

- Regularly clean high traffic areas
- Eliminate large gatherings
- Restructure class exchange
- Restructure child nutrition program
- Restructure traffic throughout buildings and hallways
- Restrict access to buildings for essential personnel and students only

INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

- Incorporating the use of Google Classroom in all areas
- Providing a Chromebook device to each student
- Incorporating consistent communication platforms across all schools
- Development of a plan to continue education and delivery of instruction on a daily basis in the event of an extended absence due to isolation, quarantine, or temporary closure.



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Lee County Schools Virtual Classroom Option for 2020-2021

Description

In response to COVID-19, Lee County Schools polled our community in early June 2020. The results of that survey indicated a need for an alternative setting to traditional schools. This year, we will be extending access to virtual learning for grades k-12.

How will it work?

The Virtual Classroom works much like a traditional public school, with the exception that students work from the comfort of an off-campus site. Like in a traditional physical school, classes start in August and end in May. Teachers will assist students in working through course content with a mix of interactive and independent assignments. Grades k-8 will use the Google Classroom suite as the management platform. A Lee County Schools certified teacher will manage and deliver the content. Grades 9-12 will use Edgenuity, ACCESS, or a combination of both. A Lee County Schools certified teacher will be assigned to manage, monitor, and communicate with each student in the Virtual Classroom. A certified teacher outside of Lee County Schools teaches ACCESS courses.

For an overview of Edgenuity, the following website may be helpful.

<https://www.edgenuity.com/>

For an overview of ACCESS, the following website may be helpful.

<https://www.accessdl.state.al.us/>

General Time Expectations for Online Content

Grade	Minimum	Maximum
K	30 minutes/day	90 minutes/day
1-2	45 minutes/day	90 minutes/day
3-5	60 minutes/day	120 minutes /day
6-8	Class: 15 minutes/day Total: 90 minutes/day	Class: 30 minutes/day Total: 180 minutes/day
9-12	Class: 20 minutes/day Total: 120 minutes/day	Class: 45 minutes/day Total: 270 minutes/day

General Procedures

- The virtual student will follow the school board approved academic calendar.
- Students will be assigned to a Lee County Schools teacher and considered enrolled at their base school.
- Best practices for virtual learning will be employed to include rigorous instruction, high expectations of student performance, and meeting all grade-level standards.
- Students participating will be considered "in attendance" if they complete work on a daily basis to stay on track with the traditional course schedule.
- Reliable internet access at home is necessary.
- Expressing intent to participate constitutes a commitment to virtual learning.
- There will be an opportunity to transfer from full-time virtual learning to the school/traditional classroom setting at the beginning of each semester. (prior to August 12, 2020 or January 14, 2021)
- Students in grades k-8 will use the district-approved learning management platform, Google Classroom.
- Students can be required to be on campus for certain events such as specific class meetings, state testing, or other activities designated by the school principal.
- Extracurricular Activities- Students must meet the same extracurricular activity eligibility requirements as students enrolled in the traditional program, including, but not limited to, any applicable Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) requirements.
- All elective courses may not be offered to full-time virtual program students.

If you are interested in the Lee County Schools Virtual Classroom, please see the Virtual School Full-Time Intent form for 2020-2021.