



FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On January 18, 2021, the School Board voted to proceed with the return to in-person learning 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri) for grades PK-7 beginning January 26, 2021. Grades 8-12 will be virtual. After 2 weeks, if the positivity rate and the number of Covid 19 incidences drop, grades 8-12 will return to in-person learning on February 15, 2021, 4 days a week. This letter is to provide you with information on how to assist your student with second semester expectations. Students returning in person will be on a 4 day schedule with Wednesday's being a virtual instructional day.

First and foremost is the safety of students. The following mitigating measures will occur:

- Masks will be worn by all students unless medical documentation is provided.
- Students will be 3 feet apart as feasible.
- Continued cleaning and disinfecting.
- Contact tracing will continue in the event of a reported Covid19 case.

Classroom Instruction:

- Direct Instruction will be provided by the teacher.
- Canvas will be used as a supplement during on-site instruction.
- Wednesday will be a virtual learning day; however, unlike first semester, Wednesdays may include new material or a continuation of what students were doing the previous day.
- The length of Wednesday's lesson (Live meetings plus independent work) will last about 50% of a class period.
- Wednesday will also be available for scheduled appointment times with teachers for student in-person remediation, make-up work, or hands on demonstration (lab, skills, etc.).
- The Wednesday schedule will be used if Franklin County Public Schools has a weather related or other emergency situation that requires a "district-wide virtual day". Announcement of this will be on local television stations, our website and through text messaging.

Physical Space:

- Bathrooms will remain closed at the middle and high school during transition periods.
- Students must have a pass to go to any location outside of the classroom.
- Lockers will not be used. Students must carry items in their backpack.

Attendance for In person and virtual learning days:

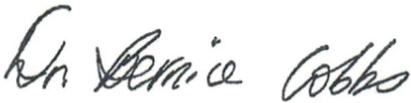
- Attendance will be taken daily by period on on-site instructional days. Students are expected to be on-site Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.
- In order for a student to be counted “present” on virtual days, the student must engage in meaningful interaction with the teachers. This may include zoom meetings, discussion boards, email and/or submission of assignments. If the student does not participate, they will be marked “absent.”
- Parents should keep their child(ren) home from school if they are exhibiting any Covid19 symptoms or if they have been exposed. Please contact the school for further information regarding your child’s instruction.

Other Information

- Free breakfast and lunch will continue to be available for all students for the remainder of the school year.
- Franklin County Public Schools encourages parents to transport their child(ren) to and from school.
- Students will be required to wear a mask while on the bus. Windows will be cracked to allow for fresh air
- If your child is signed up to participate in the Virtual Academy, you will receive information in a letter to follow.

Parents are encouraged to contact your child’s school for any clarification on any of the above areas.

Sincerely,



Dr. Bernice Cobbs
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Franklin County Public Schools