

THE FIRST FOUR WEEKS OF SCHOOL MONDAY, AUGUST 31–FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020



During our first four weeks of school, Lexington County School District One will monitor the spread of COVID-19, and practice safety protocols that we believe will minimize student and staff exposure.

We will wear masks, practice social distancing and wash our hands regularly. Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.

As much as possible, students will remain in their classrooms and eat their meals in their classrooms.

The district has purchased electrostatic mist sprayers for all schools. We will use COVID-19-approved disinfectants throughout schools. We will sanitize all surfaces each day and commonly touched surfaces (light switches, door knobs, etc.) several times a day.

Our goal for Monday, September 28, is to shift to the Five-Day Instructional model if possible.

FOUR INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS

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ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY

If you chose the Online Learning Academy for your student, your student will receive all instruction for the first semester virtually.

Although we strongly recommend face-to-face instruction as much as possible, we understand that in these unusual times, some students will need an online learning option where they will receive engaging, relevant learning experiences customized for each student's needs. That learning option is the district's Online Learning Academy, an online instructional program taught by Lexington District One teachers.



Students in the Online Learning Academy learn at home virtually.

They are not bound by a traditional schedule. Their schedule is flexible. They must, however, accomplish their learning goals each week with direction from their teacher.

Although students will not come to school, students in the Online Learning Academy are enrolled in Lexington District One and have extracurricular options, just as other students do.

For some activities, however, students would need to be enrolled in a course associated with those activities. For other activities, students might need to audition or try out.

To see what a typical day would look like, visit <https://bit.ly/L1Virtual>

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AA/BB INSTRUCTION

If you chose the face-to-face model of instruction for your student, Lexington District One plans to begin the year with an AA/BB model of instruction.

Students will be assigned to either the AA cohort or the BB cohort.

If a student is in an AA cohort, that student attends school in person on Monday and Tuesday.

If a student is in a BB cohort, that student attends school in person on Wednesday and Thursday.

For the other two days of the week, the student participates in e-learning.

All students have e-learning on Fridays.



FIVE-DAY INSTRUCTION

When conditions allow, the district will return to a traditional, five-day-a-week form of instruction. Students would then attend school five days per week.

Because of the number of students on campus each day in a face-to-face five-day-a-week model, however, social distancing would not be possible.

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E-LEARNING

Should conditions around COVID-19 continue to escalate or if the district experiences school closures related to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the district will open with all students participating in e-learning virtually.

We also realize that we may need to use e-learning if we need to close the district, or even just one school or classroom, for quarantining or for any other reason.

PREVENTION

All employees and students will check their temperatures as part of each morning's health check before reporting to school. They will stay home if they have a temperature, are sick or show any symptoms of COVID-19.

We ask you to spend the next month educating yourselves on the symptoms of COVID-19, such as any one of these:

- fever.
- loss of taste or smell.
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- sore throat.
- muscle aches.
- chills.
- new or worsening cough.
- congestion/runny nose.
- nausea and/or diarrhea.

Staff and students will practice social distancing.

All staff and students will wear a face covering when riding a bus, arriving at or leaving a school, changing classes, gathering in common areas, sitting in class, or at any other time when they cannot practice social distancing.

Students and staff will not share their supplies.





IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS

When students start school, we will spend time reinforcing health information with them so we can help keep each other safe.

Parent and student access to the health room will be limited. Nurses will need to focus on providing care to ill students.

Should a staff member or student need to be quarantined because of exposure to someone who shows symptoms of COVID-19 or who received a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, we will adhere to DHEC's recommendations for his/her return to school.



OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES

Lexington District One will continue to communicate often with our staff, students and their families regarding our reopening plan and any modifications to instruction needed during this time.

The district will establish procedures for notifying staff and parents of possible COVID-19 exposure in compliance with HIPAA. This information will remain confidential.

School administrators will communicate school-specific information such as schedules, procedures or deadlines. They will also communicate directly with families about health and safety issues related to COVID-19 and their child.

Parents/guardians will:

- monitor their child's health before bringing them to school each day,
- keep their child home if they are sick or showing symptoms,
- notify the school nurse if their student or any other immediate family member tests positive for COVID-19, and
- make sure their child has his/her mask.