

1. My daughter goes to Handley. If she does the online only platform, will she receive the same accelerated learning? Will choosing the online platform affect her chances at going to SASA for 6th grade? Also, she is supposed to be getting tested for ASD in the fall, and then receive ancillary services. I see that it is strongly discouraged to have her take the online platform if she needs these services, but we have family in the home with medical conditions that we are not open to risking to covid. Will choosing the online-only option render her completely unable to receive these services? Can we just bring her to where the services are typically given?
RESPONSE: We will be using Edgenuity for the Virtual Academy. The same coursework will be offered, however, the teachers responsible for the course will have to manually adjust the course to accelerate it. Support services will be available, however, they will be on-site only.
2. When will we find out what students are in groups A or B? I have different kids at different schools and different school districts so this will play a big impact on daycare schedules.
RESPONSE: Students will find out what cohorts they are in beginning the week of August 17th.
3. When will we be able to sign our kids up for virtual classroom.
RESPONSE: The virtual option will be available for sign-up the week of August 10th-14th.
4. How do I sign my kids up for virtual learning option
RESPONSE: There will be a google doc available online to sign up for the virtual academy.
5. Will siblings in different grades with different last names be coordinated so that they have classes on the same days? Also, will before the bell still be available?
**RESPONSE: Yes students in the same families will be scheduled in the same cohort Pre-K-12th Grades.
Yes before the bell will still be available.**
6. What specific on-line program will be used for students in the at-home option? Is there an available link where parents can see a preview or overview?
RESPONSE: Edgenuity. Yes there will be a link available for exploration on our website.
7. My son attends SCC for welding and is a student of freeland hs. Is the hybrid learning going to be true for students of specialty courses at SCC as well?
RESPONSE: Yes there will be a hybrid model for SCC as well.
8. What is a hybrid model
RESPONSE: Only half the students attend the school on rotating schedules for safety reasons and to enable social distancing and restrict movement.
9. If you chose to do the virtual, but do not have access to a Chromebook will the district provide one?
RESPONSE: Chromebooks will be provided.
10. How do we enroll the child in school for this plan if u want them in the a certain school???
RESPONSE: You can contact the school directly to enroll.
11. Do u have to sign up for virtual learning and if so how do I go about doing that?
RESPONSE: You do not have to sign up for virtual learning it is just available as an option.
12. What is the remote learning that is being offered on the three days the students are not face to face? Is it coming from the teachers or is it a program?
RESPONSE: The remote learning on the at-home days will be provided by the teachers not the program.

13. Will we get to choose if our child will be in the M/W group or the T/Th group?

On the days that our child is at home, will they be able to use a chromebook?

RESPONSE: You will not get to choose, however, families will be scheduled on the same days. Chromebooks will be available.

14. Will students be able to use their own computers (in class) for the hybrid model.. My children both have laptops

and will be attending SASA.

RESPONSE: Yes students will be able to use their own laptops.

15. Will there be SPSD staff specifically focused on students that choose the virtual option?

RESPONSE: Yes the virtual option will be facilitated by SPSD teachers.

16. If our family chooses the hybrid option, can we switch to virtual at any time, or are we committed to in person meetings even if we no longer feel it's safe? Also, will SASA's virtual program accommodate their accelerated needs?

RESPONSE: Once you choose a model you will have to remain for an entire semester.

17. What are students expected to do who do not have the required technology at home on the virtual learning

days?

RESPONSE: Chromebooks will be provided for all students.

18. Hello! For the Blended Model Schedule, when kids are "Learning from home remotely", what exactly does that

entail? Will they be completely on their own doing their work at home on those days? Will there be any teleconferencing into the classroom on those days?

RESPONSE: No teleconferencing, however, teachers will be assigning activities and work for students to complete virtually based on the face-to-face lessons.

19. What online program are students connecting to on their alternate days? Where does the responsibility lie for

holding students accountable for their work? Will teachers be responsible for teaching both classroom and

virtual education?

What will happen if a student comes to school on the wrong day? What if the parent cannot pick the child/ren up? Will they then go to class and cross contaminate groups?

What will happen if a child does have a temperature and the parent won't come to get their child? **RESPONSE: A quarantine room will be available for students.**

20. Question 1: Will the online portion of the Hybrid Model be synchronous (where learning at home students are required to attend live streaming simultaneous with face-to-face classroom), or asynchronous (where learning at home students have the option to watch a recording outside of regular school hours)? If there is no flexibility, as would be available with an asynchronous option, will students suffer unnecessarily if there is an Internet failure at home during a synchronous online meeting?
Question 2: Was this plan written assuming that indoor gatherings must have no more than 50 people, as ordered by the governor's June 5 Executive Order 2020-115? Will this plan still work under the current Executive Order 2020-160, effective July 31, which requires indoor gatherings with no more than 10 people? **RESPONSE: The hybrid will be asynchronous. Students whose learning may have been interrupted by technology failures will be able to receive support from the teacher on the face to face days. In Phase 4 of the governors MI Safe Start Plan schools can resume in person instruction while following required measures in the Governors' Return to Learn Roadmap.**
21. How are the Hybrid Model and Virtual Academy going to apply to current SASA students?
--Are all buildings going to transition to the Hybrid Model while maintaining their normal academic planning?
--Is the Virtual Academy going to be only a traditional lesson plan or are advanced placement classes available?
--Do SASA students forfeit their placement at SASA if they choose the virtual option for the fall semester?
RESPONSE: The virtual option will have Advanced Placement classes. Students will not forfeit their placement at SASA if they choose the virtual option
22. Will each child be temperature scanned prior to entering school/school bus?

My child has severe food allergies. Will kids be washing their hands after eating food in the classroom? **RESPONSE: No temperature checks will only be conducted when students exhibit symptoms. Yes hand sanitizer stations will be available in each classroom.**
23. How will school work for kids who go to SCC but their home school is outside district?
RESPONSE: SCC will follow a hybrid model schedule for all students.
24. How do we enroll into the online option?
The article says preference will be given to those with documented health conditions for the online option -does that mean there are limited spots available for the online option?
RESPONSE: Yes space is limited for the Virtual academy.
25. If the kids do this hybrid learning will they be able to play sports
RESPONSE: Students that choose the virtual academy will not be able to participate in sports.
26. Can you give us more information about the clear face coverings for k-5?
RESPONSE: The clear face coverings will be provided from the Clear Mask company.

27. Will virtual learning for SASA and Handley be accelerated? Or will it be same for each grade across the board?

RESPONSE: The virtual academy will be accelerated by the teachers as best as the instructors can.

This is a new platform and we are exploring the alignment with both Handley and S.A.S.A. curriculums.

28. Will there any kind of Covid 19 testing implemented? Will students be tested? Will staff be tested? Will anyone be tested?

RESPONSE: No students or staff will be tested by the school district.

29. Will my 2 children both be in the same group so that they aren't in school varying days? Will the schools try to make families in the same group so that they aren't having kids going to school varying days? This will help with childcare and parent work schedules.

For the Chromebooks. You state the kids will use those instead of textbooks. Will the kids have the same Chromebook to take back/forth to school so that they can use that on their days not in school for virtual learning? Or will we have to provide electronics for days they are home and not in school?

What will virtual learning look like on their at home days? Will it be IXL or something similar?

Will the K to 5 groups have to wear face shields all day? I see those are provided but want to know if they will be required all day (I'm okay with it just want clarification please).

Will the kids have recess? How will that work? One class per grade outside at a time? Are masks required at recess?

Will the older grades have to provide their own masks? I have a 6th grader, I want to be

prepared. Is there a plan in place for if isolating due to exposure is required? I worry about

our teachers.

RESPONSE: The at-home days will be a combination of IXL and other activities. Yes K-5 students will be required to wear masks all day. Schools will organize recess to adhere to cleaning protocols. Older students will have to wear masks all day. The school district will provide masks for all students. There will be a quarantine room.

30. Will the virtual academy be the same thing the kids were doing in the spring and during their online summer school? What kind of program will they be using? IXL? Will they have a teacher we can communicate with whenever we are having trouble with an assignment or just need a little more explanation? When will assignments be assigned and when will they be due? What kind of help if any will be provided to students who want to do the virtual academy but have a 504 plan? Will there be any kind of testing like NWEA done if we wanna do the virtual academy?

RESPONSE: Students 504 plans will be followed as best as we can in the virtual option. There may be some accommodations that can't be achieved in the virtual environment. There will be benchmark assessments given in the virtual academy.

31. Once a plan is selected (in class or virtual) will the student be able to switch at anytime?
How will orientation be conducted for students entering SASA?
How will social distancing and minimizing large group contact be carried out for middle and high school students who change classes?
When/how will parents be contacted If a student or staff tests positive?
RESPONSE: Once an option is selected it is for the semester. Orientation for SASA will be conducted
Virtually and there will be an outdoor option with limited capacity. Social distancing will be adhered to
in the hybrid model (only half the students attend at one time) and the schedule will be adjusted to
limit movement and adhere to cleaning protocols.
32. Will there be pre-k or early head start ?
RESPONSE: Yes there will be Pre-K
33. When will the decision have to be made between the hybrid plan and online learning?
RESPONSE: Both the hybrid plan and virtual academy will be offered at the same time.
34. How do I homeschool my children I have one in 8th grade kindergarten and 1st and two in preschool
RESPONSE: You will have to contact the Michigan Department of Education to homeschool your child.
35. What were the results of the parent surveys regarding the 2020-2021 school year?
RESPONSE: Approximately 56% of parents chose virtual and 43% chose face to face or a combination
of face to face/online.
36. Did the district consider the achievement gap and student engagement statistics from spring of 2020 when determining their return to learn plan for 2020-2021?
RESPONSE: Yes
37. If Michigan remains in phase 4, and the first four weeks of school go smoothly without widespread community transmission, does the district intend to return to in person learning five days a week?
RESPONSE: The district will re-evaluate the plan every four-weeks using a number of different data
points including surveys, COVID cases, safety, phases of the MI Safe Start Plan and effectiveness of
the hybrid model to determine what adjustments may be made.

38. What is the protocol if a student should contract the virus? How will the students in the same classroom be impacted?
How often will the shared desks/space be disinfected?
How will movement between classes be handled?
RESPONSE: We will follow the protocols established by the county health department for students that contract the virus in terms of quarantining. Desks will be disinfected each time a group of students move from that space. Movement will be limited throughout the school day.
39. Why can I not read any of the questions submitted by other parents? I would like to know what other people are asking. In the interest of transparency, I think this is important.
RESPONSE: Responses to all of the questions will be published at one time to protect anonymity of parents.
40. Will all children/families planning to return to school be asked/required to self-isolate for two weeks prior to bringing children into the building? Many schools are doing this.
RESPONSE: No
41. The plan says that if students choose remote learning, they have to continue in that platform through the entire first semester for consistency. Why the whole semester? Especially at the elementary level, can't the commitment be by quarter, since students and curriculum are evaluated every quarter?
RESPONSE: We can not accommodate the scheduling at quarters district-wide for the virtual academy.
42. Will parents be allowed in the building/classroom, as long as they adhere to social distancing, use PPE, and follow other school regulations? Or are non-students/teachers/staff barred from the buildings this year? **RESPONSE: No visitation from individuals other than essential staff will be allowed in the schools. When necessary, Principals may facilitate a parent visit by appointment only.**
43. Can we see the curriculum for the Virtual Academy?
RESPONSE: Yes we will post a link for Edgenuity on the website.

44. 1) there will be a full time return option available if schools remain in Phase 4 or above? If so, what would the timeline look like? We support a full time return to the classroom.
- 2) clarification of the use of a face shield in addition to desk shields. Could you clarify what this will look like and under which conditions.
- 3) clarification on the use of computers versus paper, pencil and textbooks. As written, it seems like the plan is to not use paper and pencil and to instead use Google Classroom and Google Meeting on laptops. While this approach certainly has its merits, we are concerned with our son losing significant ground on his handwriting ability at this crucial juncture in his development and education.
- 4) Finally, we were wondering if children will be able to bring their own meals for lunch.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and for the excellent work you and your staff do.

RESPONSE: We have not determined if a full time option will be available. We will re-evaluate this current plan at four-week intervals. Pre-k-2 students will wear face shields. Desk shields will be provided for all student desks pending availability. We are limiting the use of paper and pencil as much as possible. We will assign these materials for students individually. Students will be able to bring their own meals.

45. Will mask use be required for k-5? This isn't outlined clearly in the plan.
RESPONSE: Yes K-5 students will be required to wear masks for safety.
46. Few of my questions are:
How will the virtual academy work?
Will the teachers give online lessons like before?
Will there be flexibility in the lesson plan and the time of the day the kids can work on the work?
Will there be art and music class videos like before?
Will the students have weekly tests like they used to have before?
Will we get printed material from the school like books which the students usually get to work on when they are in regular in person school?
Will the students who opt for virtual academy have a different grade as compared to hybrid?
RESPONSE: The virtual academy will be an entirely separate program with its own curriculum and processes. It will be facilitated by SPSD teachers. Students will follow a normal school day schedule. There will be art and music classes, but not videos in the virtual academy. There will be tests of varying frequency. Students in the virtual academy will have a different grade as it will be an entirely different program than the hybrid.
47. Are you really going to limit the Virtual Academy to students with documented health risks?
RESPONSE: It will not be limited to only students with documented health risks. The students with health risks will be given priority.
48. Can I please see all of the questions? And all of your answers to the questions?
RESPONSE: You will see all of the answers to the questions only.
49. When will prekindergarten start? Will they go 2 days a week or 4 days a week?
RESPONSE: Pre-K will follow the hybrid model and they will start on September 8th.

50. I don't currently have internet and will need it for the virtual portion for schooling. Where I live there are only 2 options that are more expensive than I planned on spending. Would spsd be able to reimburse or pay part of the internet bill because I am getting it for school?
RESPONSE: No
51. Are there any guidelines for classroom ventilation or for allowing teachers to use hepa filtration systems inside the classrooms?
RESPONSE: No there are not guidelines currently for ventilation outside of recommendations in the Governors' roadmap or for HEPA filtration in classrooms.
52. Are kids K-5 allowed recess or sports??
RESPONSE: Yes if sports are allowed. We are still awaiting a decision from the MHSAA which our Community ed programs generally follows.
53. Teachers are with there students all day, when do they plan, prep, and tend to the students working online in google classroom?
How will they tend to essentially 2 classroom (in the school building and those working from home) during the same school day? The plan also mentioned students being provided ppe (masks, hand sanitizers, and clear masks) are those materials already in hand or do those items need to be ordered?
RESPONSE: Teachers will have the same planning expectations as a normal school year with the appropriate time to do so. Masks are in-district and a portion of the sanitizer has arrived.
54. Will modifications be made to gym class? I see that the goal is to hold it outside. What will gym look like when you can't hold it outside due to inclement weather?
RESPONSE: Modifications will be made to P.E. class and students will do coursework on inclement weather days using a designated P.E. curriculum.
55. I would like more information on the part-time enrollment option for SASA. Can that be done in conjunction with homeschooling?
RESPONSE: No
56. Does Pre-K/Young 5's have to be Virtual as well, if We get pushed back to phase three??
RESPONSE: Yes
57. What will be involved with the virtual learning for the days the kids are not in the classroom. What will the virtual learning look like.?Is there a date by which we are to notify the school of which option we are selecting?
RESPONSE: The virtual academy is all on-line. Students will not attend classes physically at all.
58. Will students who participate in the hybrid plan (in person learning) be required to stay with this option for a semester even if their parents do not feel that it is safe over time? If yes, this is concerning to our family. We may have a different metric regarding how many cases are too many to do in person learning than the governor/district. This policy may also cause kids to leave the district and homeschool/choose online charter schools.
RESPONSE: Yes once the option is chosen it is for the semester.