

Frequently Asked Questions

Health and Wellness

Will scholars wear masks in classrooms?

The wearing of masks and/or face shields may be declared mandatory for all staff and scholars if COVID-19 infections remain high. Classical Prep, at this time, will require all scholars to wear a mask to and from their classroom, at arrival and dismissal, moving about the campus when not in an exterior hallway, and on the bus. Secondary scholars and staff will be strongly encouraged to wear masks at all times, unless social distancing is possible. Every scholar must have a mask with them at all times. All masks must be solid navy, grey, brown, black or white. Grammar scholars and staff will be required to wear a mask to and from their classroom, at arrival and dismissal, moving about the campus **when not in an exterior hallway**, and may remove them once they get to class.

Will scholars be expected to socially distance?

Scholars will be socially distanced to the extent possible. At the grammar school level, where social distancing will be extremely difficult, scholars will spend most of the school day interacting only with scholars in their class. By limiting their exposure to a small number of scholars, we reduce the chance of infection. And if a scholar becomes ill, the immediate class is affected, not the entire school.

What steps will be taken to ensure that surfaces are clean in classrooms?

School custodians will clean frequently touched surfaces throughout the day and conduct overall cleanings at the conclusion of every day. Other non-custodial staff members will be expected to do their part, keeping surfaces clean with provided cleaning supplies. Teachers will have access to cleaning supplies for their classroom.

What other steps are being taken to ensure a healthy environment?

Classical Prep will partner with parents in educating scholars on the importance of hand washing, hygiene, and social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be made available in classrooms and workplaces. The schedule for cleaning air conditioning units and/or changing filters has been increased. Air purifiers to eliminate risks by reducing odors, air pollutants, bacteria and cold and virus causing germs in all classrooms and common areas have been installed.

What will Classical Prep do if a classmate or staff member exhibits symptoms of COVID-19?

We will send a clear message to parents and staff that if they are exhibiting any symptoms, they should not come to school or report to work. If a scholar exhibits symptoms at school, they will be taken to the school's clinic set aside for possible COVID-19 cases and their parent or guardian will be notified to immediately take them home and to visit a medical professional.

What if a scholar or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

We will notify families, while not specifically identifying the scholar or staff member. We will cooperate with the Health Department as they conduct the appropriate notifications of individuals who have been in contact with the person infected.

My scholar has health issues that make wearing a mask impossible. Will he/she have to still wear a mask?

Accommodations will be considered relative to this expectation. Please communicate concerns with school staff for further direction.

Mental Health

If my child(ren) is anxious or concerned about returning to school, what can I do to help?

Talk to your child(ren) and find out the reason for their concern. Provide them reassurance and answer their questions, share information pertaining to their concern and seek answers if you are unaware. For more information, please visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/talking-with-children.html>

Where can I find resources regarding emotional and mental health for my child?

Pasco County Schools has a Mental Health Awareness website that provides many great resources designed to provide a parent/guardian/scholar with a variety of educational and community resources to help support positive change within their scholar:

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/mental_health

Food and Nutrition

If I select the Remote Live Instruction option for my child will they still be permitted to receive their free or reduced meals?

School Nutrition Programs operate under the regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture. Waivers were just released by USDA to allow flexibility in this area. We will be receiving additional guidance from the state on the details of how we can provide meals to scholars that select this option.

Will classroom celebrations with food still be permitted?

We are working with our new food service company to provide options for celebrations. Please watch for updated information as it becomes available.

If I select the Remote Live Instruction option for my child for the 2020-21 school year, what happens to the money remaining on their meal account?

All funds roll to the next school year and are available to use. However, families can request a refund from mySchoolbucks.

Transportation

Will scholars be required to wear masks?

Scholars utilizing transportation are expected to wear a **parent-provided** face covering (in solid navy, grey, brown, black or white) while being transported.

How will social distancing be enforced on school buses?

Scholars are expected to wear a face covering as social distancing will not always be possible on school buses. Siblings will be directed to sit together and scholars will utilize space available to distance when possible.

Technology

If we choose the online options and we don't have a device, can we get one like we did in the spring?

For the Remote Live Instruction option, you can sign out a laptop from Classical Prep adhering to CPS Device Policy. Please contact techsupport@classicalprep.org.

If we have several children utilizing RLI, do we need laptops for each child?

Yes, you will need a device for each child. Classical Prep will sign out a device for each child in a household that will need one for Remote Live Instruction.

Athletics

Will athletes be required to wear masks?

No, but they will need to wear them while riding the bus to and from the game.

Will parents still be allowed to attend games?

Yes, however, we will be limiting crowds based on facility capacity.

Will sports still be offered next school year?

Presently, we are planning for sports to resume. We will offer the same sports as usual with some restrictions related to social distancing and enhanced cleaning procedures. scholars will

be required to wear a mask on any bus trips to games. We will also be limiting crowds at games based on the capacity of the venue.

If a scholar chooses the Remote Live Instruction, are they able to try out for school sports?

Yes, your child(ren) will be able to participate in sports.

Other General Questions

Will scholars in grades K-5 still have recess?

Recess will continue to be an important part of grammar school scholars' day, but will be adjusted to limit access to equipment. Scholars will remain in cohorts to the extent possible.