



South Fayette Township School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last evening the South Fayette Township School District Board of Directors approved a plan for careful progression toward full, in-person instruction. To date, there has not been school transmission, meaning no spread of COVID-19 from student to student, student to staff or staff member to staff member within the school environment.

The approved plan includes the choice for families of a **Four-Day In-Person Transition Model** OR the **SF Cyber Academy**. In the new Four-Day In-Person Transition Model, K-12 students will attend school in person four days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) with an asynchronous learning day on Wednesday. In the SF Cyber Academy, students will attend live classes as they currently do (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) with an asynchronous learning day on Wednesday. Those currently attending five days will follow the Four-Day, In-Person Model schedule.

Four-Day In-Person Transition Model	SFSD Cyber Academy
Students attend brick and mortar school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with mitigation efforts described in the Health and Safety Plan. Wednesday is an asynchronous learning day for all students.	Students receive all instruction in the online remote environment. Students will attend live lessons on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Wednesday is an asynchronous learning day for all students.

The District will continue to follow the approved Health and Safety Plan that requires face coverings per the state order and calls for physical distancing to the extent possible. In the new Four-Day, In-Person Instruction Model, the District cannot maintain six feet of distance in all classrooms, hallways, lockers, or buses. The District will be able to maintain six feet during lunches.

The mission of the South Fayette Township School District, in partnership with the community, is to cultivate academic, artistic, and athletic excellence of the whole child by fostering the skills to be confident, ethical, empathetic, and responsible global citizens.

The South Fayette School Township District will stagger a transition from the current Hybrid/Cyber Academy Model to the Four-Day In-Person Transition Model beginning at the end of the first nine-week period. The Elementary and Intermediate schools will transition first on November 10, 2020. The Middle and High Schools will transition on December 1, 2020.

To prepare for this transition, the District will send a re-enrollment form via email to all families Monday, October 19, to select either the in-person or online option. Provided that there is no in-school transmission of COVID-19, the District will follow the timeline below for transitioning to the next instructional model. The District will monitor and evaluate the elementary and intermediate school transitions to inform the process for the secondary schools.

Date	Description
10/19/2020	Google form for student choice of Four-Day In-Person Transition Model or Cyber Academy will be distributed. The deadline for completion of the form is 10/23/2020.
10/26/2020 - 11/06/2020	K-5 Classroom and Cyber Academy rosters and schedules will be redesigned. Educational spaces will be prepared for an increase in students and to best maximize social distancing.
10/26/20 - 11/26/20	6-12 Classroom and Cyber Academy rosters and schedules will be redesigned. Furniture will be ordered for the purpose of expanding cafeteria seating to retain a minimum of six feet of social distancing. Educational spaces will be prepared for an increase in students and to best maximize social distancing.
11/10/2020	K-5 Four-Day, In-Person Transition Model to be implemented. 6-12 begins use of Wednesday asynchronous days.
12/1/2020	6-12 begins use of the new Four-Day, In-Person Transition Model.

When we started this journey several months ago, it was stated in a board meeting that these are community challenges that require effort and dedication of the entire community. We are proud that our community has helped us make it this far in our back-to-school process. While we have come a long way, we still have challenges ahead of us. The only way we can overcome these challenges is together. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ken Lockette, Superintendent of Schools