

Reopening Plan

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

PART II

*Questions 1-4 are answered in collaboration with Dr. Joy Jackson, Polk County Health Department.

1. Is there a requirement of the parent to notify the school if a student is diagnosed with COVID-19? No, there is no specific requirement, but it is strongly encouraged.

2. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in my child's class will I be notified of the exposure? The County Health Department (CHD) recommendation is that the school, in collaboration with the CHD, notify parents of children who are potentially exposed. Those children identified as having close contact will be asked to quarantine at home.

3. If a student is diagnosed with COVID-19, will every student in the class quarantine for 14 days? It will depend upon the situation. Those who have had close contact - being within 6 feet for 15 min or longer will be asked to quarantine. The difficulty in some classrooms will be that children move around during the day and it may be difficult or impossible to determine who is actually a close contact. Depending on the situation, it may result in a class being asked to quarantine at home.

4. If a member of the household contracts COVID-19 will the student be required to quarantine for 14 days? Yes, close contacts to a confirmed case in the home will be asked to isolate at home for 14 days.

5. During that 14 day quarantine will the students in that class switch to virtual learning or will they try and make up that work upon returning to school? TSMA will work with families and will develop a comprehensive care plan for returning to school.

6. Will 5th and 6th grade students change classes for various subjects as in previous years? Yes, at the present time our McKeel Traditional students will follow a regular bell and class schedule.

7. Will teachers clean hard surfaces between class changes? What type of disinfectant will they use? Each classroom teacher will be equipped with a spray cleanser bottle that will be replenished daily for cleaning desks and other hard surfaces frequently throughout the day and between class changes. The solution is CDC hospital grade killing 99.9% of viruses with a drying time of 30 seconds upon dispensing,

8. Will McKeel Virtual be available for PreK? No, not at this time. We are only able to offer McKeel Traditional for our PreK families. Please note that we are awaiting further direction from the Early Learning Coalition and Polk County Schools.

9. Will students be required to wear masks during arrival/dismissal times or during class changes in hallways? Similar to CDC mask/face covering recommendations, it is *highly recommended* that all students and staff wear masks when social distancing may not be practiced. Within a school environment, there will be times on campus when it will be difficult to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Students and staff are encouraged to wear masks during those times unless further advised by the CHD or Polk County Public School Board.

10. Attendance will be taken weekly for McKeel Virtual students, but when exactly? Weekly attendance will be established by the classroom teacher. This may vary depending on the teacher and the grade level.

11. My employer allows me to work from home so I have selected McKeel Virtual for my child. What if my employer requires me to report to work prior to the end of the semester, may I change my child's selection to McKeel Traditional? We recognize that various life circumstances may occur throughout the ensuing school year and semester. We will work with families who may be required to reevaluate their circumstances based on health or livelihood matters.

12. Will virtual lessons be accessible on a desktop computer? TSMA will issue all students an iPad to access all coursework.

13. I am not familiar with Canvas. Will additional training be made available for parents? Yes, we are working now on ways to provide training for our various academic platforms.

14. Will students that attend McKeel Traditional have an academic advantage over those who select McKeel Virtual? Our objective is to continue to provide a high-level, quality education for your child(ren) no matter which learning path is selected. Administrator's are coordinating efforts with the FDOE ensuring that we are in compliance and providing a high-achieving education for every single student. One that remains equitable for all students, including those who require different learning accommodations and/or who have medical vulnerabilities. The significant difference will be that students enrolled in the McKeel Virtual option will have greater flexibility according to grade level for how they choose to manage their **weekly** assignments, schedules and expectations.

15. Are uniforms still required? There has been no change to our uniform policy. For new uniforms please contact Risse Brothers School Uniforms, or your respective campus to make an appointment for the clothes closet where you may purchase gently used uniforms.