

Questions and Answers

KIPP Nashville Parent Town Hall | Held on June 25, 2020

Question	Answer
Where can I find a copy of the Town Hall?	Here is a link to a recording of the Town Hall. Password =5h*7v!p3
<p>How will we make the decision about when to open in-person schools?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will a choice be offered? • Will we follow what MNPS does? 	We are relying on input from families and staff along with guidance from the state and the Mayor’s Roadmap for Reopening Nashville. We will take MNPS’ reopening plans into consideration, but will not necessarily do what MNPS does. We are currently focusing our efforts on ensuring we have a strong learning program for every student and family.
For distance learning, what will the daily schedule look like? What will this look like across schools and grade bands?	Right now our team is developing distance learning plans that we will share in the coming weeks, including a sample of what daily schedules would look like across grades.
Will parents have a choice of distance versus in-person learning, and will we be able to switch if it's not working?	We are preparing to provide a robust distance learning plan for every child. We will have in-person learning as an option; when that will be an option for our community is unclear and the greatest source of uncertainty. We will make that decision with the safety and health of our students and families at the center.
What is the current plan for distance learning? How will it work?	Our academic team is building a robust plan for distance learning, which includes synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Synchronous, meaning students will be online together with their teacher and class. Asynchronous, meaning students will have some learning that is done on their own. We are also developing a distance learning orientation process to support families and students and to ensure everyone is comfortable accessing the various technology platforms and portals.
Will every student get a laptop, even if I have multiple kids in KIPP schools?	Yes. We are committed to 1:1 technology. We have enough Chromebooks on hand today to provide roughly ⅔ of students with a device. Two months ago we ordered additional Chromebooks to bring us to 1:1 as soon as they arrive. With the global backlog on distance learning devices, there is a chance our final Chromebooks could arrive after August 4, so we are also developing other plans to supplement learning if those final devices are delayed. Based on family survey data from the spring we have also purchased hotspots which should arrive the week of July 6, with a goal toward ensuring 100% of students are able to access online distance learning resources.

<p>In distance learning, how will my child be assessed and what will the curriculum look like? I'm worried my child will continue to fall behind.</p>	<p>This is a concern of ours as well. Our distance learning plans will include student assessments, attendance and grades. We will share more about these plans in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>In distance learning, how will you support students with exceptional education and IEPs?</p>	<p>This is an important question that we are working on as part of the overall distance learning plans we are currently developing. We know that we will provide supports for students with IEPs, and are working through the details of how. We will provide more information in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>Will there still be transportation provided if we have virtual and in-person school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you keep kids safe on the bus? 	<p>When school re-opens in-person, we plan to run school busses in some capacity in a manner similar to pre-COVID operations. We will incorporate safety measures such as increased cleaning, opening windows to increase circulation, requiring all students to wear masks, and spacing students as much as possible.</p>
<p>How many kids will be in a classroom?</p>	<p>During regular operations, most KIPP Nashville classrooms have between 25-35 students, depending on the grade level. These numbers pose a challenge for us when we think about creating opportunities for social distancing in the classroom. The CDC does not recommend a maximum number of students per classroom, but they do recommend spacing desks 6 feet apart when feasible, which is something that we do not have the space for in fully-occupied classrooms.</p>
<p>What will the procedure be when there is a confirmed case at the school and how will families be notified?</p>	<p>When we return to in-person school, if there is a confirmed case at the school, our plan would be to notify families via letter, email and text.</p>
<p>Will students have to wear masks and how do we ensure little kids keep them on all day?</p>	<p>Yes. When we return to in-person school, all students and staff in the building must wear masks. For our youngest students that will require teaching and reinforcement, both at school and at home. In addition, every visitor to the building must wear a mask and no visitors will be permitted beyond the main office.</p>
<p>How will you handle sick children/staff if there's no nurse on site?</p>	<p>When we return to in-person school, our plan is to have designated areas within our schools where students can isolate until they can be picked up from school by their parent/guardian.</p>
<p>How will it work to take temperatures for students and will they be taken multiple times/day?</p>	<p>Our current plan for when we return to in-person school would be to ask parents to take their student's temperature every morning before leaving the house. We may additionally take student temperatures upon arrival.</p>
<p>Are we going to offer before/after care? Even if we don't have in-person school?</p>	<p>When we return to in-person school, our plan would be to work with our partners to open before/after care.</p>

	During distance learning, we are not currently planning to open before/after care services.
Will my child have to wear a uniform if we are virtual?	During distance learning we want our students to be comfortable. We also want them to build school pride and to have both a clear distinction between school time and off time. Because of this, our current thinking would be to require students to wear their school uniform shirts during class sessions.
What will extracurriculars/specials look like - will we still have them?	When we return to in-person school, we plan to offer extracurriculars. On Monday, June 29, 2020 Governor Lee extended the COVID-19 State of Emergency through August 29, which will impact Girls Soccer and possibly other sports.