

Here are 10 things you can do to prepare:

1. Have a conversation with your student about why your family chose the on campus or the online option. Students may have friends who made a different decision, and it is important for students to understand every choice deserves to be respected.
2. Practice proper hygiene. Remind students to thoroughly wash their hands for enough time to kill all germs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends scrubbing your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds.
3. Practice wearing a mask. Masks will be required when students return to campus, and they are still recommended every time you leave the house. Students should practice covering both their nose and mouth with a snug but comfortable mask.
4. Review the rules on physical distancing. As much as friends may wish to greet each other warmly on campus next week, everyone must keep a respectful distance between themselves and other students. Remind your students about these rules for everyone's safety.
5. Help your student prepare for the new school lunch program. For the remainder of the school year, meals will be provided to all students as a grab and go meal at no cost to students.
6. Take time to learn the new entry point for school and the rules on entering campus. Please do not arrive to school early. Gates will open 10 minutes before school begins. Students will go directly to their 5th period classroom. These rules are in place to minimize the chance of Covid-19 coming onto campus from the surrounding community.
7. Check in with your students to measure their emotional health. Returning to the classroom after a year can be as emotionally difficult as starting school all over again for the first time. Counselors will be available to help, but you can make things easier by talking with your students about their feelings.
8. Starting on April 12, teachers may offer additional after school programs. These after school programs will run through 3:30 p.m. during the week Monday through Thursday. If you would like your student to participate in either the after school program or the learning lab, please let our staff know.
9. Communicate with your child's teachers. Think of April 12 as the start of a whole new experience for your student. Remember to share with your teacher how your student has been coping during the past year. Share your goals for your student for the remainder of the school year.

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive end of the school year for all our students, and we look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Sincerely,

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