

# Return to School - Phase 4



# Plan A: K-5 (minimal social distancing)



- **October 21st K - 5** parents will be notified that they have the option to return to school in person on **November 2nd**. (368 students K-4) (91 students- 5th)
- Parents will still have the option to choose remote learning. If they choose remote at this time, they will remain remote at least through the end of the first semester, **January 15, 2020**.
- Please note: Fifth grade teachers will rotate classrooms while the students remain in their classroom to limit the number of class changes.
- Students will not be 6 feet apart in the classrooms. We will space them as far apart as we can. Each teacher will create a seating chart. If a student tests positive, the other students that are seated within 6ft will have to quarantine.
- We have purchased plexiglass desk shields for the 2nd grade mobile unit classrooms because they are the smallest classrooms. Students will still have to wear a mask. Also for Title 1 and remediation teachers.
- The percent positive, weekly average for Covid-19 cases in Gaston county is at 8.85 % for the week of Oct. 4 - Oct. 10 as of today, 10/20.

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## Logistical issues and solutions at Elementary Campus:

- Drop-off and Pick up takes about 30 minutes with 300 students- we may add up to 379 more students so this could take over an hour to get students into the building.
  - *Solution: More staff outside to take temperatures-parents may walk up with their child at certain check points-possibly create a visual where they know they can park and walk (work in progress).*
- Currently taking temperatures outside of their vehicles- if a student has a temperature we will need the parents to come back to pick up their child in a timely manner-this has decreased the drop off time already (by at least 10 minutes)
- It is not possible to allow parents to park and walk to pick up at the gym because on plan A, we cannot mix cohorts. Only 24 students can socially distance in the gym.
  - *Solution: Instead of going to the gym, parents can announce their arrival on the app when they have arrived in the municipal lot (corner of Marietta and 2nd) and the student can be dismissed from their classroom to go outside to their parent who must wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart from any other parent. Our hope is to begin this next week.*
- The Isolation room cannot fit more than 4 people at a time. If we have more than 4 who need to be isolated, we will have to pull office/support staff members to supervise them until parents pick up.
- We currently have a shortage of substitute teachers. If we have to quarantine multiple staff members at one time this would cause a staffing/supervision problem. HR is working on finding more subs.

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## Logistical issues and solutions for the Middle School Campus (5th grade):

- Drop-off and Pick up takes about 30 minutes with around 270 students- adding more 5th grade students would dominate one of our traffic lines.

*Solution: Families who drop off multiple grade level students may go through the 7th-8th grade line for drop off and pick up.*

- Currently taking temperatures inside of their vehicles.

*Solution: Starting on Wednesday, October 21st, temperatures will be taken at entrance doors to keep the traffic lines moving. If a student has a temperature we will need the parents to come back to pick up their child in a timely manner.*

- Current dismissal practice is going well, but it is time consuming for administration.

*Solution: PikMyKid will be implemented starting on November 2nd for parents to announce their arrival on campus.*

- The Isolation room cannot fit more than 4 people at a time. If we have more than 4 who need to be isolated, we will have to pull office/support staff members to supervise them until parents pick up.
- We currently have a shortage of substitute teachers. If we have to quarantine multiple staff members at one time this would cause a staffing/supervision problem.



# Grades 6 – 12: Remote Lottery

**Grades 6-12 are still in Plan B with 6 feet of social distancing in the classroom.**

This lottery will include all students who chose remote/flexible or remote/not flexible. This will not include students who turned down a seat in Phase 2 or Phase 3 .

Students who are currently on the 6th grade waitlist will still have priority for any open seats.

**Process:** Any student who accepts a seat to return will be informed if they will be in a classroom with their teacher and/or have to be put in overflow. Please be aware this may mean students could be in overflow for each of their classes.

**Wednesday, October 21st** the parents of the students on this list will be contacted by email to determine who wants to participate in the lottery or if they want to remain remote. They will have 2 days to reply with their answer. The lottery will take place on **Friday, October 23rd**.

**Purpose:** To maximize the number of students in classrooms. This will be determined by their schedules.



# Grades 6 – 12: Remote/flexible Lottery

Grade	Remote Flexible	Remote Not Flexible
6th	36	33
7th	44	51
8th	43	52
9th	41	24
10th	36	24
11th	36	21
12th	19	11

The following seats will be available (This is an approximate number because it will be based on student schedules):

Grade 6: 0 seats are available; 8 students are still on waitlist from previous lottery.

Grade 7: 21 students in person (pending review of student schedules)

Grade 8: 8 students in person (pending review of student schedules)

\*\*\*MS overflow can fit 28 students\*\*\*

HS - 30 additional students (depending on student schedules this includes overflow)  
Some HS classes have students from multiple grade levels.

# Lottery Process for Remote flexible/not flexible

Our Technology facilitator will run the lottery. This will be a random lottery for the students whose parents chose remote/flexible and remote/not flexible. The Head of School and Chief Financial Officer will supervise.

The lottery will take place **Friday, October 23. The parents will be sent an email on October 21st to determine if they want to participate in the lottery or stay remote. They will have 2 days, Wednesday and Thursday to make a choice.**

The lottery for 6th grade will be run by class. The lottery for 7th - 12th grade will be run by grade level.

**Siblings** - We will not be able to accommodate siblings in this situation. Only the child whose name was selected will attend **November 2.**

**After the lottery on October 23th**, parents will be emailed and called if needed, in order to accept or deny the seat.

**November 2, will be the first day this group of students will attend in person.**