

Idlewild School Reentry Parent Meeting FAQ

1. Will parents be able to switch their decision after July 24th if new information comes out that changes their mind?

As of now, no information from the district has been provided that would allow for changes after July 18th. Therefore, when making a decision please choose the one that will work for your family till the end of the 1st semester.

2. Are we still doing the summer reading for this year?

Yes, all children should continue to do independent reading or with an adult daily. There will not be any assignments/grades assigned for books that were read over the summer.

3. Will Kindergartners be staggered or will they all start at the same time

Yes, Kindergarten students will participate in staggered entry. More information will be provided once all parent choices have been made.

Virtual Learning

4. What curriculum will be used for virtual learning?

The same curriculum will be used for virtual students as would be used during in person learning. This includes Wonders for ELA and Eureka for Math. The Florida Virtual School is going to be used as a supplement and is not part of the core instruction.

For more information on the instructional model for content delivery for elementary students see Full SAFE Reentry Plan (PDF pg. 25 and pg. 27).

5. Will the virtual teacher be available to students during school hours?

Yes. Virtual teachers will be working from the school during the same hours as in person students. There will be a schedule provided for each grade and teachers will be teaching during those times.

6. Will virtual teachers also be teaching in person students?

For Kindergarten through 3rd grade teachers will be assigned an instructional responsibility, either virtual or in person. Therefore, they will only be responsible for one group of students. As each grade level works as a team they will be collaborating and helping support other out as needed

For our 4th and 5th grade classrooms that are departmentalized there is a possibility that the teachers will be doing both in person and virtual. The

details of this are currently being worked out with those grade level teachers and more information will be forthcoming when a final decision has been made.

7. What training and professional development has been provided for staff this summer?

All teachers are receiving training on the new ELA curriculum Wonders. In addition, all teachers are being provided training on the Microsoft Teams platform. Over the summer administration has been working to prepare reentry plans that are already being reviewed with teachers for feedback to ensure the safest possible return for all students and staff.

The support staff (Janitors, food service) have been receiving trainings all summer from their departments regarding cleaning and safety procedures.

8. How will you ensure that virtual students have the “classroom feel” without being in a classroom?

Students will be able to see their classmates through video. In addition, as the virtual day will be structured like an in person day they will be still be able to do things like morning meetings and small group work. As a school, we will be having some virtual community events for students to see other students across the building.

9. Will there only be one digital class per grade?

The number of digital classes per grade will be determined by the number of students that opt into the virtual option. Once the school knows how many virtual students there are we will divide students into classrooms.

10. How big will the virtual classroom be?

At this time, that information cannot be determined until the school knows how many parents have chosen the virtual and in person options. Be assured that we are going to keep numbers to manageable sizes for teachers. It is our goal to maintain a similar experience that in-person students experience for class sizes.

11. What will support classes look like for virtual students?

Each department (music, PE, art, etc.) across the district is still in the process of deciding how they are going to provide instruction for in person and virtual learners. As we find out more from those departments more information will be forthcoming.

12. Are virtual kids required to wear uniforms?

Virtual students are not required to wear uniforms.

13. Will the assessments protocols be the same for in person and virtual students?

All SCS students take Fastbridge/Illuminate (3x per year benchmark), iReady, and SCS Common Assessments (3x per year Mastery Connect). All of these are online assessments. Fastbridge/Illuminate required KK & 1st grade students to test one-on-one with their teacher/teacher assistant last school year. If this is still the protocol, we will work with SCS to determine the most effective method of doing this to ensure the data collected is accurate.

14. How will virtual students access required workbooks and textbooks that are needed for class. Will we be able to pick them up?

Idlewild will provide time for all virtual students to pick-up their textbooks/workbooks from the school during the 1st quarter of school to ensure all students have access to instructional materials.

15. My internet goes out sometimes, will this count as a tardy or absence?

Idlewild will work along with SCS to determine the protocol for informing the teacher that you are experiencing problems with the internet/computer. Once it is developed, Idlewild will share it with the community.

16. Is there an option to follow the districts model of self-paced assignments and submissions, with check-ins and feedback, recorded lessons rather than live lessons?

As of now, all students that choose the virtual option are expected to participate in live (synchronous) virtual lessons with their teacher each day according to their schedule from 8:15 am – 3:15 pm.

17. Will there be IT support if there is a technical issue?

Idlewild will have an in-house IT team to assist parents within 24 hours. All queries that cannot be fixed by the Idlewild IT Team will be directed to the SCS IT department for additional support.

In Person Learning

18. Will students be required to wear uniforms for in person instruction?

At this time, there has been no communication from the district that would alter the current uniform policy. If that changes, we will let parents know as soon as possible.

19. What has been done to improve the ventilation system? Is a HEPA filter being used?

The ventilation system was updated last year within the school. At this time we do not know about the filtration system and as a school we are asking the district for more information. We will let you know when we receive a response.

20. Will a child be able to come to the classroom if a family member is symptomatic or has a pending Covid-19 test?

As a school, we will be differing to the policies and procedures that have been published by the district and will be working with the county health department to determine who needs to be quarantined and the length of the quarantine. For more information see the Full SAFE Reentry Plans PDF pg. 14.

21. Will there be extra masks available for students?

The school district is asking each parent to ensure students arrive each day with a necessary facemask (Full SAFE Reentry Plans, PDF pg. 11). However, we recognize that masks will break or tear throughout the day, especially with children, and will have extra masks on hand in those instances.

To assist our teachers and our students please spend some time with your student before school starts practicing wearing a mask so they begin to get used to it.

Here is a resource for introducing wearing a mask to your child:

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/coronavirus-masks.html>

22. What if my student can't wear a mask due to respiratory or sensory issues?

Please check with the Department of Exceptional Children and Health services for guidance for students with respiratory problems, incapacitated

or unable to remove the mask without assistance and those with sensory sensitivities (Full SAFE Reentry Plan, PDF pg. 11).

23. What will YCARE look like and where will it be located?

YCare will be working with Idlewild to accommodate all students that are in need of before/after care for the 2020-2021 school year. Idlewild will expand the spaces throughout the building used for after-care based on the number of students signed-up (i.e. gymnasium, library, cafeteria, etc.).

24. What will happen if more kids choose in person instruction than you can safely socially distance in a classroom?

Schools will be utilizing all available classroom and learning spaces and making necessary modifications to help ensure social distancing to every extent possible. While social distancing may be challenging at times in smaller buildings or where there are very large student populations, additional safeguards will also be in place for all schools, such as daily health screenings, face masks for all students and staff and hand sanitizer access for all classes. Social distancing signage and floor decals will be displayed prominently throughout all schools and buildings. We will also be limiting interactions of classes and discouraging all group gatherings, as well as limiting visitor volume.