



Longfellow Elementary school - Frequently Asked Questions

1. When does school start for students?

August 24, 2020 - Family group A

August 25, 2020 - Family group B

2. What type of instruction will take place this year?

Blended Instruction with option of 100% remote.

3. Do students have to login every day?

Students will be expected to login to Google Classroom daily and complete designated assignments each day. Attendance will be taken by your classroom teacher based on your activity within Google Classroom. In most cases, assignments must be submitted by the end of the day.

4. What does the blended model look like?

Blended learning includes both in-person and virtual learning. In-person instruction for A students will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m and in-person instruction for B students Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m . Sixty minutes of virtual (remote) learning for every student in the afternoon. On Fridays, a full day of remote learning will be available. Virtual/Remote learning will vary slightly based on each teacher. Details will be shared with each student on their first day of school.

5. Can a family select remote learning for the entire day?

Yes, families have the option of 100% remote learning by simply filling out the designated form located on the Marion Unit 2 website. Choosing 100% remote does require that you commit to remote learning the entire first semester. Students will still be placed in a Family Group (A/B) and a homeroom teacher.

6. Will buses be available for students?

Yes, transportation will be available for students to and from school. Questions related to the bus should be directed to Illinois Central at 618-993-9170

7. Are face masks required while riding the bus?

Yes, students are required to wear a mask while on the bus.

8. Will students be required to wear face masks?

All students, teachers and staff will be required to wear masks/face coverings while at school. Each classroom will have built in “mask-breaks” outside each day.

9. Will there be screenings at entries?

All students and staff will be screened at the designated entrances per IDPH guidelines. This screening includes answering a short list of questions and temperature screenings before entry.

10. Will students be 6 feet apart at all times?

Staff will enforce social distancing “to the extent possible.”

11. What if my child has an IEP?

All IEP accommodations will be met.

12. Will AfterCats be offered after school?

Yes, we will offer AfterCats after school. Our AfterCats program will be able to accommodate a limited number of students. The program will run from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Contact the Longfellow Elementary office if you would like to enroll your child in AfterCats.

13. What time can my child enter the building?

Students will be allowed to enter the building between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

14. Will students be using lockers?

No, we are not currently assigning lockers to students.

15. How will chromebooks be distributed to students?

Each student will be assigned a particular chromebook. Each classroom teacher will maintain a list of serial numbers to ensure each student has the appropriate chromebook. Teachers will distribute chromebooks to their in-person students

during the first week of school. Remote Learner Caregivers will pick up chromebooks and remote learning materials on Friday, August 21, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the East Russell Street doors.

16. Will restroom breaks be scheduled throughout the day?

Yes. Classroom teachers will schedule restroom breaks throughout the school day. A staff member will be present at the restrooms monitoring social distancing.

17. Will we be limiting building movement?

Yes, we will be limiting movement around the building. Students will only go to their classroom, restroom, and outside for movement/mask breaks. Itinerant teachers will be pushing into the classrooms. Students identified as receiving title services and/or special education services will be pulled out.

18. What are the designated entrances for the school building?

The Front main entrance, and East Russell street doors will be designated entrances for students. WCES Special Transportation students enter through the C-Hall Doors. Screening tools will be located at these entrances.

19. What will morning drop off look like?

Students may be dropped off at the front entrance on Hendrickson St. or the parent drive through lane at the back parking lot near the East Russell St. doors. Caretakers should follow directions from the crossing guard located on the corner of Russell Street and Hendrickson Street. Bus riders will continue to enter the building through the East Russell Street entrance. As mentioned above, students will be screened prior to entering the building.

20. What does pickup look like?

We will follow the same procedures as in previous years. Walkers and early bus students will dismiss first, followed by car riders and parent pick and AfterCats students. Bus riders will remain in their classroom until their bus has arrived.

21. Where does my student enter if they arrive later than 8:30 a.m.?

Students who arrive later than 8:30 a.m. will need to enter the building at the Main Office. A parent/guardian will need to sign in their student. The student will then be screened at this entrance.

22. Will the school be providing masks to those students who do not have them?

Yes.

23. How will teachers take attendance for students not in the building?

Students are expected to work through their class schedule every day. To avoid being counted as absent, communication must be maintained with your child's teacher each day and tasks must be completed. Students will be expected to login to Google Classroom daily and complete designated assignments each day. Attendance will be taken by your classroom teacher based on your activity within Google Classroom. In most cases, assignments must be submitted by the end of the day.

Daily attendance must be taken for all learners, remote learners, all A and all B day students.

24. How will meals be distributed to in-person learners?

There will be designated pickup locations for students that are eating a school breakfast as they enter in the morning. Lunch count will be taken daily in the classroom. Lunches will be delivered to each classroom and distributed to students before dismissal time.

25. How will meals be distributed to remote learners?

Meals will be distributed from the East Russell St. doors from 12:45-1:45 each day. Students must attend Longfellow School to receive a meal.

26. How will the building be cleaned and disinfected?

The school will be following the CDC guidelines.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

27. Will there be a student orientation?

No in-person orientation. We will share the virtual parent orientation information through email.

28. How will teachers be grading students?

Teachers will use both traditional and nontraditional methods with a focus on meaningful feedback and communication rather than compliance.

Expectations at Longfellow Elementary School remain high. Teachers will be creative in delivering instruction and monitoring progress.

29. Are students/staff allowed to use the water fountains?

No. [BTS 2020 Basics](#)

Other Helpful Links:

[Announcements](#)

[Chromebook Care Video](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions document from the Department of Public Health \(IDPH\)](#)