



RESPONSIBLE RESTART 2020

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We have received the following questions by phone, email, or gathered from our social media accounts. We have attempted to answer the questions providing the best information we have at this time. Please understand that due to the ever-changing environment we are in concerning the COVID-19 virus, some responses may change due to new information. **New FAQs are highlighted in yellow.**

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ACADEMIC - GENERAL

Q Will Sedalia ES and Middle School North still be the centralized locations for students receiving gifted education services?

A Yes, Sedalia ES and MS North will continue to house the gifted education program for our elementary and middle school students.

Q Given the unique circumstances we're in, how do you plan to assist students with special needs/IEP?

A We have included a detailed explanation of how special education services will be delivered this year. You can check it out beginning on page 18 of our [Responsible Restart 2020 Family Guide](#).

TRADITIONAL AND BLENDED LEARNING MODELS

Q If my child is getting their classes in the Blended Learning Model, will they have the same teacher all five days of the week (two days in-person and three days online)?

A Yes, our plan is for students to have the same teacher for their in-person and online classes.

Q How will it be decided which "Group" my children attend in the Traditional or Blended Learning Models?

A We are planning to divide students into the "A" (Blue) and "B" (Green) by their last name and neighborhood. If you need to request a change in your initial group assignment, please contact your child's principal.

Q What do you mean by a "Traditional School Model?"

A It is merely a "traditional" school schedule. Groveport Madison H.S. - 7:30 a.m. – 2:10 p.m., Middle Schools - 8:10 a.m. – 2:50 p.m., and Elementary Schools - 9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. Students would attend five days per week, following our published calendar.

Q If my child starts school in the Blended Learning Model and has problems, is there a process by which I can request them to be moved to Cruiser Digital Academy?

A We want to make sure every Groveport Madison student has the best possible opportunity to be successful learners. While we need to maintain students' cohort to ensure the CDA program meets its intended purpose, we will consider such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Q Will all of the children from the same household be able to attend on the same schedule when the District implements the Blended Learning Model schedule?

A Yes. We will be assigning Group A and Group B by neighborhood to keep families on the same schedule and maximize transportation efficiency. If families need to request a change when receiving their A or B Group assignment, they can work directly with their principal to do so.

Q When we return to in-person classes, you indicate student lockers will not be used; will students be required to carry around their backpack/book bags day?

A Yes, students will carry their personal belongings with them throughout the day. It is imperative that students only bring the needed essentials to schools. We don't have many textbooks for students to carry around. We use mostly consumable books and electronic textbooks.

CRUISER DIGITAL ACADEMY

Q How will the Cruiser Digital Academy program differ from the remote online learning you used last spring?

A Unlike last spring's remote learning classes, students taking courses through Cruiser Digital Academy will essentially have an online version of what they have seen most days when at school. There will be a scheduled school day when all students will sign-into their computer and participate in a "live-stream"-styled class. The day will be scheduled so that the teacher and students will know what they are working on together and what work will be done independently. If this does not always work for families due to childcare or other issues, please contact your child's teacher to discuss other options.

Q Will my child still be able to take high school Advanced Placement (AP) classes through Cruiser Digital Academy?

A Yes, we will be offering AP classes to students attending Cruiser Virtual Academy.

Q Can students attending Cruiser Digital Academy still participate in extra-curricular activities to include sports and band?

A Yes, we encourage students to remain involved and active in their school. If you have specific questions about schedules, tryouts, etc., visit our website, or contact the coach or advisor overseeing the activity. These activities will continue if they are allowed by the Ohio Department of Health and the Franklin County Health Department.

Q If I choose for my child to attend classes through Cruiser Digital Academy, will they go back to their home school next year?

A Yes. We intend for students to return to their home/assigned school when returning to normal operations.

Q Will the teachers at Cruiser Digital Academy be Groveport Madison teachers?

A Yes, we will be using our teachers to provide instruction through CDA. One of the big reasons we need to have a one-year commitment from those who select this model. We are essentially opening a new school, and we need to plan accordingly for the entire school year.

Q Will CDA (Cruiser Digital Academy) be set up so that my child's assignments can be done in the evenings when I am home?

A As much as possible, students will be taught in a format where the teacher is present online simultaneously with their students during the day. Synchronous teaching may occur through video conferencing, recordings, live chat, or email. Students will have a set login schedule each day, just like they do on any other school day, but a good portion of their work can be done independently. Students have the evenings to complete work. If you have other conflicts, you will need to contact your child's teacher.

Q What are the general expectations for students who will take classes through Cruiser Digital Academy?

A A full explanation of students' expectations (including daily schedules) can be found beginning on page 12 of our [Responsible Restart 2020 Family Guide](#). Students will log into Google Classroom daily. Grades K-5 should log in by 9:00 a.m., 6 - 8 students by 8:10 a.m., and high school students should log in by 7:30 a.m. (or when their first course starts for the day). Students will follow the daily/weekly schedule provided by their teachers. They are expected to attend (virtually) all small group and/or class meetings scheduled by teachers or administrators. They will have the opportunity for mastery learning, with some opportunity to retake or redo assignments until they have demonstrated mastery of identified standards or goals. If you have justified personal conflicts, please contact your child's teacher to discuss other options.

Q Will students who qualify for gifted services, but taking classes through Cruiser Digital Academy, still receive gifted programming?

A Yes, students taking their courses through Cruiser Digital Academy will receive gifted programming, just as they would have if they were attending school in the Blended Learning Model.

Q Where can I get more information about the curriculum Cruiser Digital Academy will be using?

A Cruiser Digital Academy will follow the state standards and curriculum maps for the courses just like we do when we are in the traditional setting. Our curriculum maps are located on our website [at https://www.gocruisers.org/Curriculum.aspx](https://www.gocruisers.org/Curriculum.aspx).

Q Will the middle and high school choir and band courses be available to students taking classes through CDA?

A As long as the class is on the student's schedule, they should be able to take choir and band as part of their scheduled day – regardless of which learning model they're taking classes.

SAFETY/HEALTH-RELATED

Q My child cannot wear a facemask for medical reasons, and we can provide you with a doctor's note explaining why. Will he still be able to attend school even without a mask?

A Yes, if we have a physician's note explaining why the child cannot wear a mask, they can still attend in-person classes. They will still be required to maintain the required social distancing.

Q Do all students and staff have to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)?

A Yes, all K-12 students (Pre-K encouraged) and staff must wear a mask while on school property, including when on a school bus. While the District will maintain a PPE supply, it is expected that students and staff will provide their own PPE for daily use. Guidance will be provided to staff regarding the specific PPE that is expected for them based on their role and responsibilities.

Q What happens if a student attending school is reported as having COVID-like symptoms?

A The student will be immediately taken to the school's COVID-19 isolation area. The parent/guardian will be notified of the situation and directed to come to the school to immediately pick up their child. Police or other authorities may be notified if a parent fails to pick up their child promptly.

Q How will you notify parents if a student in their child's classroom is suspected of having the COVID-19 virus?

A The District has a system in place to conduct contact tracing. Nurses and principals will consistently monitor students or staff – bus or classroom. The District will notify families of students or staff members exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 (or who has been confirmed as having COVID-19, themselves) so that contact tracing can begin. We are obligated to maintain confidentiality following HIPAA privacy laws.

Q What are some of the precautions you will have to keep students safe when they are at school?
A All students will practice safety and health protocols during in-person instruction. Students will practice social distancing, handwashing, wearing of a face covering (K-12), and any additional health and safety mitigation practices, as directed by school staff. Teachers will have a certified disinfectant at their disposal to use that kills the virus in 45 seconds will be used throughout the day. We will have our custodians consistently clean high-touch areas and fog our classrooms at night with a certified disinfectant that kills the virus in 45 seconds. We will also increase our HVAC systems' outside air inflow to ensure that fresh air is being circulated throughout the buildings.

Q Do the HVAC systems at the high school and other buildings have the ability to filter out the Coronavirus particles?
A We are looking into whether filters capable of removing Coronavirus germs are available for our HVAC units and, if so, whether the units can operate according to their design specifications should such filters be installed.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Q Can students taking online classes still participate in extra-curricular activities to include sports and band?
A Yes, we encourage students to remain involved and active in their school. If you have specific questions about schedules, tryouts, etc., visit our website, or contact the coach or advisor overseeing the activity. These activities will continue if they are allowed by the Ohio Department of Health and the Franklin County Health Department.

Q What's the status of extra-curricular activities such as athletics/summer conditioning, marching band, etc.?
A Beginning Wednesday, August 5, we will resume athletic conditioning and other activities following a "Phase I" format outlined by the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). Details can be found on the [athletics page](#) of our website.

Q How will my child get to after-school practices or other activities on days when their home doing her classwork online? Will the District be providing shuttles or activity buses?
A Unfortunately, when in-person classes are taking place (in the Blended Learning Model), all of our buses will be taking students home at the end of the day. We wouldn't have buses available to pick-up students at the end of the day and bring them back to their schools for practices, games, etc.

TECHNOLOGY & CHROMEBOOK COMPUTERS

Q Will students still be able to check out a Chromebook computer?
A Absolutely! Nearly 80 percent of the District's curriculum and textbooks are available in an electronic format and can be accessed at home or in school, 24-hours a day. Many applications can also be used "offline," when the student does not have Internet access at home or elsewhere. Regardless of which learning model you choose for your child, they will have a Chromebook computer to assist them with their lessons. Principals will have information regarding your school's Chromebook check-out process in the coming weeks.

Q If I do not have internet service, will I be able to check out a hot spot again this year.
A The District will assist families who may not have access to the internet, including loaning Wi-Fi hotspots to families who demonstrate a need. You will contact your school principal for that help.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS

Q I'm going to enroll my child in Groveport Madison Schools; how can I make my learning model selection for my child?
A When you enroll your child in the school district, you will do it through our [FinalForms](#) online portal. When you have completed the enrollment process, you will be prompted to select a child's learning model.

Q When does school start?

A Due to the additional challenges in planning for the COVID-19 health crisis, we have moved our start date back to Monday, August 31. This will give us a couple of weeks to conduct training and professional development activities with our staff. We hope that the extra time spent training and working through an array of issues will inevitably come up, resulting in a smooth start to the school year.

Q Will parents or volunteers be allowed in the schools?

A As necessary, parents will be permitted to enter the school (only when wearing a mask), and they may only go to the main office. No volunteers will be allowed in the buildings at this time.

Q Will the District still have a preschool program for the coming year?

A Our preschool program serves children ages 3 through 5 who have been identified as having special needs. Eligibility for these services is based on global developmental delays as well as specific categorical criteria. Unfortunately, Peer Models (non-disabled students) cannot be enrolled in the program at this time due to requirements established by the Ohio Dept. of Education. If you have questions about this program, feel free to email <mailto:roberta.mcdonnell@gocruisers.org>.

Q What are the dates for the Kindergarten staggered-start scheduled?

A We will set appointments with families of incoming kindergarteners to conduct assessments of the students before they start school. You will hear from your school shortly with assessment date options. Once assessments have concluded, the students will begin in a three-day staggered schedule to ensure a smooth transition. We will publish the staggered-start kindergarten schedule on our Opening of Schools webpage very shortly.

Q Are the "pre-packaged" meals served cold like breakfast was when they switched to breakfast in the classroom?

A We are working with our food services vendor, Chartwells, LLC, to provide Grab & Go lunches for students taking online classes. We will have the details for our distribution model shortly. For students getting their meals while in school, we hope to provide similar meals to what we've provided in the past. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Q What assistance will you provide to help students (and their parents) know how to access assignments, classes, etc.?

A We are creating an instructional video library for students and their parents to explain and show them how to access all of the online resources students will be using. We will have more information coming out very shortly.

Q What school supplies will be needed, and when will the lists be available?

A The District will have school supply lists for each building posted on the Opening of Schools page by Friday, August 7.

Q My child is having problems getting into FinalForms to sign-off on required documents. Can you help?

A Your child can sign into FinalForms as follows:

Username - Last name, plus the student's six-digit ID number@gocruisers.org (example: "Smith123456@GoCruisers.org")

Password - Student's eight-digit date of birth (example if the date of birth is Feb 14, 2001, you will use "02142001" as the password. If you're still having problems, call our Enrollment Office at 614-491-8288.

Other Questions?

Email us at gm.communications@gocruisers.org.

We'll review your question, get the answer, and add it to the list.