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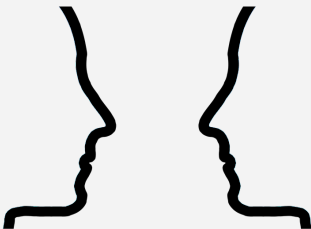


Freeport School District

July 22, 2020

Greetings Freeport Parents/Guardians,

This week’s message contains timely information shared with our Board at Tuesday’s meeting. At the Board meeting, we also went over our back to school guidance document titled [Surviving to Thriving](#) that can be found under the back to school response tab of our website. We are truly a team as we come together this fall to make our new “normal” work for everyone. We thank you all for your continued partnership with the Freeport School District.

General Education Instructional Models for Fall 2020-2021

		
<p align="center">In-Person Preschool - Grade 6</p>	<p align="center">Blended Learning Grade 7-12</p>	<p align="center">Remote Learning by Choice Preschool - 12</p>
<p>In-Person is full time in person instruction. Our PK-6 students will attend school daily and operate under the recommended social distancing and healthy habit guidelines in order to provide full in-person instruction with our youngest students.</p>	<p>To support physical distancing, learning occurs both in-person and virtually with students attending two days a week on campus. This is our plan for grades 7-12 due to population size and students’ needs:</p> <p>Mon/Thurs: A Group Wednesday: Virtual Tues/Fri: B Group</p>	<p>Families elect to have students engage in remote only instruction. Those choosing this option will be committing to Remote Learning by Choice for the entirety of the first semester. Additional information will be provided prior to the end of the semester for those seeking to switch to or from Remote Learning by Choice.</p> <p align="right">Remote Learning by Choice Request</p>
<p align="center">Return to Full Remote Learning</p>		

This may happen due to a reinstatement of Illinois's Stay-at-Home Order. Students engage in only virtual instruction with their teachers. There is no on campus or in-person instruction. This model will be our fall back model of instruction in the event that we are ordered to again stay home at any time this year. Students, staff and guardians will spend the first few weeks of school learning how to use the technology tools to ensure that our students and families are prepared for full distance learning instruction if needed.



Remote Learning by Choice

In order to provide options for guardians, the District has added the opportunity for Remote Learning by Choice. Students who select into this option will need to fill out and submit their [Remote Learning by Choice Request](#) or contact the ETC at 815-232-0580 by **Friday, August**

7th. The decision to proceed with remote learning by choice is a semester decision. Students who select remote only instruction are also making the decision to not participate in school-based activities or athletics and it is possible that some electives (Driver's Education, for example) will not be available to those who are Remote Learning by Choice. Families who select Remote Learning by Choice are responsible for ensuring that the internet is available in their home at all times for their student(s).

Uniform Expectations for the 2020-21 School Year:

- The Board has listened to families' concerns about the uncertainty of this school year and the need to purchase school uniforms.
- During the meeting Tuesday, the Board voted for the following expectations to be in effect for the 2020-21 School Year to allow for families' requests for flexibility.

School attire will cover the individual from the top of the shoulders to the mid-thigh area. Students are also required to wear appropriate footwear. The following guidelines are clarifications of the above rules.

1. Transparent clothing, short-shorts or skirts (skirts and shorts must extend to the student's mid-thigh when standing and sitting) exposed midriffs, stomach, cleavage, clothes that advertise or symbolize drugs, tobacco, alcohol, symbolize gangs/cults, violence, profanity, sexual innuendos, or obscenity will not be allowed.
2. Shirts must have sleeves. Sleeves are defined as material past the shoulder seam of a shirt. Backless shirts are not allowed. Underclothes/undergarments worn in an exposed manner are unacceptable (Includes, but not limited to bras, underwear, and boxers.)
3. Pants need to be secured at the waist or hip level.
4. Head coverings are not to be worn in the building (including, but not limited to hoods, bonnets and hats). Exceptions may be made for religious or medical reasons.
5. Pajama wear including tops, pants and slippers are not acceptable attire to wear at school
6. Outerwear (coats, scarves, blankets, etc) are not permitted to be worn during the school day.

School Supplies Reminder:

- Grades PK-8 will have their own limited school supplies provided by the school, to stay at school, this year. This will avoid school supplies moving back and forth between school and home. Grades 9-12 primarily use their chromebook and will be informed by their teachers of any other needed supplies beyond a notebook/pen/pencil.
- We are asking PK-8 families to have at home a set of minimal supplies ready for your students as well. The school supply lists have been updated at the local stores and are available on our website at fsd145.org.
- Grades K-6 will also be provided a backpack that includes a compartment to protect a chromebook. For grades 7-12, students can provide their own backpack with an internal compartment to protect the chromebook or purchase a laptop sleeve to insert into a backpack. Students can also, at no cost, obtain a school issued backpack that meets this protective need.
- Chromebook insurance for reduced repair costs at \$25/year is an option for parents in grades 5-12 with 24/7 chromebook access. More details for sign up will be available soon from your student's middle or high school.

Sponsored Internet Opportunity:

Freeport School District has partnered with Comcast to provide Sponsored Internet to families in need. Qualifying families can receive a promo code from FSD145 Technology Department that allows them to sign up for Comcast Internet Essentials and have Freeport School District pay for their service. Contact information is provided on the last page.

Feedback & Questions:

With the release of the school reopening document, we welcome your thoughts and concerns.

- Email - You may submit questions to covid-19@fsd145.
- Please also view our website for reopening information. [Back to School Reponse](#)
- We will be sending information on parent forums for each school.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions. We appreciate your candid feedback as we all work together to educate our children.

Dr. Anna Alvarado
Superintendent of Schools

Childcare Options for Families:

To assist working families plan for the fall, we are providing a list of local childcare providers with contact information. Any questions related to their facility's operations and health and safety protocols can be addressed by their office.

Daycare Centers	Street	City	Phone	Ages	Hours
OPEN BIBLE LEARNING CENTER	3800 W STEPHENSON ST	FREEPORT	815-235-7216	2Y TO 12Y	6:30am - 5:30pm
AMITY DAY CARE CENTER	511 SOUTH LIBERTY	FREEPORT	815-233-0015	6W TO 12Y	6:30am - 5:30pm
YMCA CHILDREN'S CENTER	2998 W PEARL CITY RD	FREEPORT	815-235-2467	6W TO 10Y	6:00am - 6:00pm
Home Daycare Providers					
GARNER, DENISE M	718 E PLEASANT ST	FREEPORT	815-232-4464	2Y TO 12Y	6:00am - 5:00pm
VAN MATRE, REBECCA F	410 W HOMER ST	FREEPORT	815-232-8121	0 TO 12Y	7:30am - 4:30am
BUSKE, DAWN M	834 W LINCOLN ST	FREEPORT	815-616-8281	0 TO 5Y	6:00am - 5:30pm
THRUMAN, GLADYS J	1080 N CANYON DR	FREEPORT	815-235-7906	18M TO 12Y	6:00am - 6:00pm
COLLINS, SHUNTONDA	907 S PARK BLVD	FREEPORT	815-656-0875	0 TO 12Y	6:00am - 5:00pm
MEIGHAN, PAULA K	1818 RIDGE DR	FREEPORT	815-275-6848	0 TO 12Y	7:00am - 5:00pm
KERCHNER, SUSAN K	1740 RIDGE DR	FREEPORT	815-232-6469	0 TO 12Y	6:00am - 6:00pm
BARDELL, VALERIE H	415 N APPLE AVE	FREEPORT	815-232-6704	0 TO 12Y	6:00am - 4:30pm
KAISER, HEIDI M	736 W COTTONWOOD ST	FREEPORT	630-606-3624	0 TO 12Y	5:00am - 5:00pm
NUGENT, TRACY J	808 E ILLINOIS ST	FREEPORT	815-618-8505	0 TO 12Y	5:00am - 11:00pm
PEARSON, ALFREDA	803 W LINCOLN ST	FREEPORT	815-618-5124	0 TO 12Y	5:00am - 11:30pm
PEAHL, TAMBERLY A	1315 S OAK AVE	FREEPORT	815-275-4910	0 TO 12Y	5:30am - 5:00pm
JOHNSON, KAREN	1142 W STEPHENSON ST	FREEPORT	815-762-8310	0 TO 12Y	6:00am - 5:00pm
GROSS, LAURA A	2318 N BLUMENDAHL RD	FREEPORT	815-232-5951	0 TO 12Y	6:30am - 5:00pm
NAGEL, BERTHA A	1304 EMPIRE CT	FREEPORT	815-235-7432	0 TO 12Y	5:30am - 5:30pm
METZ, TRESIA R	3014 W GREENFIELD DR	FREEPORT	815-232-2574	0-5Y	varies
FOLTZ, SHELINA R	315 N MILL STREET	CEDARVILLE	815-541-6207	0 TO 12Y	7:00am - 4:30am
RICE, DEBRA K	1108 LACRESTA DR	FREEPORT	815-232-3921	0 TO 12Y	7:00am - 5:00pm
BARBER, KATHLEEN M	529 W MOSELEY ST	FREEPORT	815-232-8819	0 TO 12Y	8:00am - 11:00pm

* Y = Years, M = Months, W = Weeks

INTERNET ESSENTIALS



Internet access has become a much needed service over the last few months and will continue to be into the future.

FSD families may qualify for District sponsored internet service. To determine eligibility and sign-up, please contact our Technology Department at **815/232-0569**