



FSD145

Freeport School District

August 14, 2020

Greetings FSD Parents/Guardians,

This week's message finds us ramping up quickly with back to school information. School starts on August 27th. Teachers start with four days of preparation and professional learning on August 21st.

Remote Learning By Choice

Enrollment is closed for Remote Learning by Choice. We have a week before students need to be enrolled in classes with teachers and we need time to complete those scheduling assignments. Enrollment questions, as always, can be addressed to our Enrollment and Transportation Department at 815-232-0580.

Real Feel of 90 Degrees or more

We all recognize that mask wearing is difficult in extreme heat. If the projected temperature plus humidity will reach 90 degrees and above in our **unairconditioned buildings**, we will call for a remote only learning day for staff and students in these buildings. Weather based school calls to parents will be made in the early morning just like a snow day. School buildings that have air conditioning will not be impacted by this accommodation.

Contactless Online Bill Payment

To pay fees online go to fsd145.org→ Parent Tab→ Electronic Fee Payment

Standard Fees by Grade Band: PK-4 \$50, 5-8 \$75, 9-12 \$100

Fee Waiver Application Directions

Fee waivers can be downloaded from the Enrollment and Transportation web page under Enrollment Documents, or can be picked up from the Enrollment Office. Proof of income must accompany the waiver. If you have questions please contact the Enrollment Center at 815-232-0580 or enrollment@fsd145.org

Chromebook Pick Up

K-4 students who will be attending in person every day will be assigned a chromebook and do not need to pick one up prior to school starting. 5-8 students can keep the chromebook they picked up this spring. Incoming 9th graders will need to turn in their middle school chromebook to receive a high school chromebook.

K-4 Remote Learning by Choice students	8/17, 8-10 am & 4-7 pm	FSD145 Technology Department located behind FMS
5-6 Remote Learning by Choice Students	8/20, 4-6 pm	Carl Sandburg School
7-8 (students that did not receive a Chromebook this spring and Remote Learning by Choice students)	8/19, 4-7 pm	Freeport Middle School
9-12 (freshmen and new students only)	8/18, 4-6 pm	Freeport High School

Grades 5-12 and Remote Learning by Choice students will keep their chromebooks 24/7. They are eligible for \$25 chromebook insurance. Insurance does not cover all damage and does not cover loss, but typical concerns, like cracked screens, are covered. Please see the last two pages of the 1:1 Handbook linked below for forms and information. Parents can choose to add chromebook insurance to their online payment or pay by cash or check at chromebook pickup. [1:1 Parent Handbook Link can be found by clicking here.](#)

Chromebook Filter Information

Even when chromebooks are operating on home wi-fi, all activities on a school chromebook are still filtered by the school filter.

Our District operates using two main filters:

- Lightspeed - Lightspeed Relay lets the school district Filter, Manage, Monitor, Protect, and Analyze across operating systems, on and off network for a truly comprehensive platform. Lightspeed helps tech allow or block sites and apps, control device policies and web access, monitor and report on all activity and get everyone the information and controls they need. The lightspeed filter will trigger based on keywords or phrases that allow administrators to follow up on concerns.
- Gaggle - This filter scans in real time for key words and images in Google based documents and email. Gaggle emails are sent to building administrators for issues that need attention. Issues that involve key words or phrases and are of an emergency nature result in a direct call from Gaggle to the Principal for immediate action.

Schoology

Guardians who would like more information about Schoology will find the Schoology help information very useful. Schoology parent information can be found online. As soon as schedules are ready, guardians will be able to see your student's courses. Parents can also download the app for their phone. See Schoology help at: <https://support.schoology.com/hc/en-us/articles/201000833-Home-Page-Parents-> for more information.

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.

- If you have missed our weekly communications to families, you can read them here. [Weekly Community Communications](#)
- Email - You may submit questions to covid-19@fsd145.
- Please also view our website for reopening information. [Back to School Reponse](#)

Thank you for attending Parent Forums in person or on Zoom

Many thanks to all parents who participated in the school forums the past two weeks. All presentations were recorded for those who were not able to attend. Please visit our website for additional information, including reviewing the parent FAQ. . [Parent Forum Playback](#)

Please continue to reach out to us if you have any questions. We look forward to the start of the 2020-21 School Year! In spite of the challenges we have, together we can make this the best school year ever yet.

Dr. Anna Alvarado

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**