

AJHS Frequently Asked Questions

1. How often will the desks, chairs and bathrooms be sanitized?

Our maintenance team will have a schedule to sanitize those items or areas frequently.

2. Will the kids have lockers and be able to bring lunch from home?

We will not be using lockers. Students are allowed to bring their lunch.

3. Will it be normal grading or pass/fail?

Normal grading. Teachers will be grading assignments and progress reports and marking period grades will be given.

4. What will kids' schedules look like on days they are learning virtually?

It depends on what the teacher feels is the best way to get through the curriculum. Teachers could take a flipped classroom approach in which students must do background work outside of school (reading and answering summary questions, writing, or watching a relevant video and the teachers can support them independent work while in school. Or the teacher could share a recording of a lesson.

5. Will they be allowed to carry backpacks instead of using lockers?

Yes

6. Can we send hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes etc.

No, we are providing hand sanitizer in all classrooms. Students can not bring disinfectant wipes because they react with our cleaning agents

7. Will music be offered in person only, online, or both?

A mix of both.

8. When music is being taught online, will students receive actual instruction on their instruments (band, orchestra, choir) instead of being given busy work to do (i.e. watching YouTube videos)? There will be music theory lessons. Also they will be given music practice and will still receive lessons. We can not have full group assembly practices at this time.

9. Will the school be able to provide online learning for students who decide to learn from home due to health concerns?

Yes. Those students choosing to learn fully remote will be given instruction by their teacher through applications such as Google Classroom. Teachers will be available for help or questions on Fridays.

10. Will there be online classes for students to participate in everyday and what about art class will students be able to do these types of classes as well?

Art classes will also be available in the hybrid and remote only models.

11. Will students have the ability to borrow equipment if they chose remote learning?

Yes, students will have access to Chromebooks and mobile hotspots if necessary.

12. What is in place to guide the 7th grade students to the correct classrooms and locations for their first few days?

There is a virtual tour on our website. We will have orientation activities online while students are learning remotely. When 7th graders return on September 28th, we will take into account their need to adjust to the new building.

13. Will there be designated days/times for kids to receive extra help and ask questions?

For those students participating in the hybrid model, teachers will be available between 2:20-2:50 with parent transportation and teachers will be available remotely on Fridays. For those students participating in the fully remote model, teachers will be available via email.

14. What plan is in place for the children to receive the necessary attention needed per their 504/IEPs?

Special Education teachers and school psychologists have been reviewing case loads and will communicate those accommodations teachers will be able to provide at the greatest extent possible as outlined in the state guidelines.

15. Since the kids are not going to start school until October, how will classes be taught. Do the kids log into each class as if they are in school?

All students will be participating remotely (besides 12:1, 8:1 programs) to begin the year. 7th grade will be brought into the hybrid model on September 28th while 8th grade remains remote. The 8th grade will be brought into the hybrid model on October 13th. Teachers will use remote applications such as Google Classroom to deliver instruction.

16. Will the teachers be teaching remotely from the classroom or home?

Teachers will be in the buildings.

17. It was mentioned that all courses a student signed up for would be taken. Does this include band?

Yes

18. When will the parents of the 7th graders know what they will be doing on the first day?

A letter from Mr. Oliver is forthcoming.

19. Why haven't I received mail saying who my son's teachers are?

There are many moving parts which we are working through. Class assignments will be communicated soon.

20. What is the bus schedule for pick ups and drop offs? Where are the stops?

If your child(ren) is/are bussers, information will be coming from our transportation department soon.

21. If more than one student displays symptoms, will they be put in the same isolation room together?

Each school has an “isolation room” set up to ensure social distancing for any and all that display symptoms.

22. I haven't been contacted about which model my child will be doing and no one has been returning my calls, how do I update the school in this case?

You can email or call your assigned school counselor (geraldsalvage@aecsd.education for A-L, margaretwalsh@aecsd.education for M-Z) or you can call the main office @ (315) 255-8480.

23. If a student presents symptoms and must go home, what is the return procedure?

If a student presents symptoms, a parent will be contacted by the school nurse to pick up. A note from a doctor and a negative COVID-19 test is required to return.

24. Are the students switching classes as normal and if so, will they be in the same group all day?

Students will be switching classes allowing for 4 minutes between classes. Social distancing will be monitored in the hallways.

25. Will tech equipment the students share be sanitized in between each class change? like keyboards and mice?

Students will be assigned their own laptop.

26. If a student is in Regents earth science and doing 100% remote learning, how will they complete their labs?

Students will be brought in on Fridays to complete labs that cannot be accomplished remotely.