

**FAQ's**  
**Steel Valley School District 2020-2021**

The following FAQs are to help provide information to parents/students. Information will be added to this document as it becomes available.

**What will in-person instruction look like?**

Students will be divided into two groups. One group will attend on Monday and Tuesday. The second group will attend Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will be used to clean and sanitize the buildings as well as office/meeting hours for teachers to answer questions remotely.

**How will students be divided for the hybrid groups?**

Students will be divided by their last name.

For Example: Group A - A -M

Group B - N - Z

Some exceptions may be made to keep numbers even.

**If I chose the remote only option, what will this look like?**

Parents/students will have the option to receive remote only instruction. This will be through the Google Classroom site for each teacher. Teachers will be using a number of ways to help students learn, including Zoom meetings and video taped lessons.

**If my student has an IEP, how can I be sure that their educational needs are being met?**

If you have concerns, please contact your building administrator. Be sure to review your child's IEP and if there is something that needs adjusted, an IEP meeting can be scheduled.

**Can my student use the district issued iPad for remote learning?**

Yes. Remote learning will run through the same program, Google Classroom, that was utilized at the end of the last school year. It will be internet-based so you can use your own device if you wish.

**If I choose remote learning for my child and I wish to switch to in-person instruction, can I do that?**

Yes. However, arrangements must be made prior to the switch with building administration. There will be a deadline to make any switch, which will be announced in the future.

**If I choose remote learning for my student, will they be able to participate in athletics?**

Yes. If your student is learning remotely, they have the ability to participate in our athletic programs.

**If my student is remotely learning, will they receive traditional grades or a Pass/Fail?**

Students will receive grades the same way as they would in a traditional classroom.

**What if my child has a question during the videotaped lesson?**

Teachers will be available to answer questions at the end of the in-person instruction day. They can also answer questions on Wednesdays. If you wish to have your child's question answered live via Zoom, please arrange a session with the teacher. Teachers check their email daily as well.

**Will the in-person and remote learning be similar?**

Yes. The same content will be taught. For example, a student who attends in-person learning on Monday/Tuesday receives the same instruction as the student who attends in-person on Thursday/Friday and the student who is remote only. The only difference is that one group is in person and the other two are remote at any given time.

**Is there any other option for my child?**

Yes. Steel Valley offers our own cyber only program. This program is overseen by one teacher and is designed for students who are self-motivated. This option is valuable for students who wish to have a flexible schedule. This option allows for students to explore more electives as well as manage their own time and learning.

**Will students be required to wear a face covering while in the school building?**

Yes. All students and staff will be required to wear a face covering unless they are eating or drinking during lunch. If a student comes to school without a face covering, one will be provided.

**Will water fountains and restrooms be available for student use?**

Water fountains will not be available for student use. Restrooms will be available with limited occupancy.

**Will students be permitted to carry bookbags during the school day?**

Yes. Time between classes is going to be limited to allow for less interaction so locker stops will be difficult. Students are encouraged to carry most books with them.

**How will students receive their breakfast and/or lunch?**

Students will be offered a grab-and-go breakfast when they arrive. Breakfast will not be served in the cafeteria. Lunches will take place in the cafeteria, with restrictions. Tables will be spaced more than 6 feet apart. A limited number of students will be allowed at a table. Tables will have barriers between students. There will be sanitizing stations available and staff will monitor regulations closely. All students should wear their masks unless eating their lunch.

**What will student arrival to school look like?**

Students and staff will be subject to a temperature check when arriving at school. If the student/staff have a fever of 100.7 or higher, they will be isolated in a designated space and a temperature check will then be administered after five minutes has passed. If a fever is again detected, the student's parents will be contacted and the student will go home. Staff members will also be asked to leave.

**What if a student or staff member test positive for Covid19?**

The district will notify local health officials, staff and families immediately of a possible case while maintaining confidentiality consistent with HIPPA and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.

- For a comprehensive view of our safety measures and protocol, please visit the Steel Valley website and the Health and Safety Plan.