

KSD 140's Return to School Plan - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

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As always, we appreciate your flexibility and patience.

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General Questions

1. **What Is The Plan For The 2020-21 School Year?**

Our Return to School Plan provides families with two learning options for educating their child(ren) in KSD 140 during the upcoming school year. Students will receive a district-issued iPad to help facilitate their learning.

Students can participate in either:

- Hybrid Learning (a combination of in-person/remote learning)
- Full-Time Remote Learning

Hybrid Learning Model: Students attend school two (2) days per week and remote learn three (3) days a week on an AB schedule determined by last name. **A students** will attend in person on **Monday and Tuesday** for the entire duration of Hybrid Learning. **B students** will attend in person on **Thursday and Friday** for the duration of Hybrid Learning. - Updated 7-30-2020

A sample weekly schedule is included below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A in person	Group A in person	Group A and B remote	Group B in person	Group B in person
Group B remote	Group B remote	Individual student support and teacher planning	Group A remote	Group A remote

Remote Learning Model: All instruction will be delivered online. This will be open to all students. Parents must register their child for the fall semester by noon on July 31, 2020. Due to staffing limits, parents cannot select or drop this option after July 31, 2020.

In both options, remote learning will be different from what occurred in the spring.

2. **Why can't all students return to school five days a week as normal?**

The Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for opening schools under Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan. Included were requirements about social distancing and limiting the number of people who can gather in one place to fifty (50). We wanted to be able to do this, but we cannot meet these requirements with all students in school at the same time and deliver the amount of instruction that our students need. We hope to return all students to in-person instruction as soon as the state moves to Phase 5.

3. ***Are parents able to choose different learning options for each child in their household?***

Yes, learning options can be selected based on each individual child's needs.

4. ***Are parents able to change their selection from remote learning to hybrid learning or from hybrid learning to remote learning?***

Parents are asked to make their selection for the entire first semester. We understand that there may be individual circumstances that would require a move from hybrid to remote, and those circumstances will be individually assessed by Central Office administrators. Due to staffing and social distancing requirements, moving from remote to hybrid is not an option except at the semester break.

5. ***Will the district provide my child with a device?***

Yes, all students will receive a district-issued device to help facilitate their learning.

6. ***When/how will students get their iPads? Will iPads come home with students every night?***

Families will be notified about iPad pick up and procedures closer to the start of school.

7. ***Will standardized tests be canceled?***

At this point in time, the state has not made a decision about standardized testing for the 2020-21 school year.

8. ***How much individualized help will students receive if they don't understand something?***

During in-person learning, they will receive individualized help from their classroom teachers. During remote learning, teachers will provide opportunities for questions and give explicit feedback to ensure understanding

9. ***Is Wednesday an instructor-guided remote learning day or is it self-guided, with no teacher access?***

Wednesday is still under construction. We believe there will be a blend of instructor-guided and self-directed learning. Teachers will be accessible via email and during scheduled check-ins throughout the day via Zoom or Google Meet.

10. **How will Math jumpers get their math instruction? Will it be remote?**

Math jumpers will still “walk” to their math class. In the event they are a remote only student, they will then “jump” into the other class online for math instruction.

11. ***I have not received any emails regarding the Return to School Plan. How can I get District communications?***

Please login to your Infinite Campus Parent Portal and make sure the phone, email, and text contact information we have on record for you is correct. If you haven't activated your Parent Portal, please contact your school office for assistance.

12. ***How will grading and attendance work in both models?***

Grading will reflect past practice with the expectation of Enrichment, PE, and specials. Those classes will be graded as pass/fail.

13. ***Will the lessons for remote learning and in-person learning focus on the same content and utilize the same materials/assignments?***

Students will engage in the same core content lessons within both learning environments. Materials used may vary based on the differences in delivery format.

14. ***At any point, will the whole school return to remote learning?***

Yes. An order from the Governor to return to an earlier phase could result in a district-wide transition to remote learning. A localized outbreak could also prompt a transition to remote learning.

15. ***Will there be a change if the state moves to Phase 5 or a vaccine is determined? If so, what is the time frame to move everyone back into in-person 5 days a week?***

Yes, we will make a move based upon the recommendation of the State, IDPH, CCDPH, and ISBE. The time frame will be determined based upon guidance and recommendations from the State.

16. ***If 50% of families choose remote learning, can the other 50% come in-person 5 days a week as was mentioned at the meeting?***

If that situation occurred, it would be seriously considered.

17. ***What will it look like if we have to transition from hybrid to full remote for a few or all students? Will they have to keep switching teachers?***

No, students will be assigned their teachers for the duration of the plan. If they switch between learning options at the semester break, they may get a different teacher.

18. ***Is there a plan in place for when staff become sick? Does the District have an adequate number of substitutes willing to step in?***

Yes, if or when a staff member becomes sick, we will use short-term substitutes. We are always looking for substitutes in order to maintain adequate staffing.

19. ***Can we have teachers go to their classrooms and teach a class via Zoom?***

Having a teacher in a classroom using Zoom and/or another recording synchronous platform is the model for full remote only instruction. It may be an option for portions of the day during hybrid model instruction.

20. ***Was a survey done amongst the schools staff on their level of comfortableness at these times? And if so, will this be made public?***

The District surveyed staff and released results in our July 9th Committee of the Whole Presentation. This presentation can be viewed on our [website](#).

21. ***Will I still be able to volunteer in my child's school?***

- *Per state guidance, we will restrict access to campus for anyone other than students and staff.*
- Volunteer and third party programs will be suspended. Student and program observations will be suspended.
- Procedures will be in place for midday student drop-off and pick-ups.
- Materials, lunches, and items dropped off for students will be left in the building vestibule.
- Meetings (IEP, 504, Parent/Teacher Conferences, etc.) will take place electronically whenever possible.

22. ***When will classroom assignments, student schedules, and transportation information be released?***

As planned, both Hybrid and Remote Learning students will return to school for the first day of instruction on Tuesday, September 1. Specific classroom assignments, middle school schedules, and transportation information will be released to families via our new [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) as soon as it is available. Again, we are asking for your patience as significant detailed planning of student schedules and movement throughout our buildings is required to ensure a safe and efficient educational day for our students and staff. ***Taking into consideration the numerous factors affecting operations, functions, and routines of the school day, it is likely that student classroom assignments, schedules, and transportation information will not be released until sometime during the week of August 24.*** Updated 8-13-2020

Before and After School Childcare

1. ***What about the childcare options Dr. Olson referenced at the July 23rd Board meeting?***

The District is currently in discussion with Ivy League and the Tinley Park Park District to help with childcare.

2. ***Will the buildings still be used for before and after school activities?***

Kirby School District 140 will honor its partnership with Ivy League for before and after school care in our elementary buildings. Ivy League will follow ISBE and IDPH guidelines. The use of buildings by all other groups and organizations will be suspended.

Enrichment / PE / Specials

1. ***Will my child still have classes such as PE, Music, and Art?***

Yes, students will still participate in their physical education, music, and art classes. In the Hybrid model, the PE, Music, and Art teachers will provide instruction to students in their classrooms to minimize movement within the building.

2. ***Will my middle school child still have Pre-Engineering and Geoeconomics classes?***

Yes, students will still participate in their Pre-Engineering and Geoeconomics classes, however, in the Hybrid model, the physical location and set up of these classrooms may need to change to accommodate social distancing guidelines.

3. ***How are specials going to work? Will they be in person or online?***

Specials will be offered both in-person and online.

Health and Safety

1. ***Will students be required to wear a mask?***

Face masks are required of anyone in a D140 school or on a D140 bus/bus stop. We encourage you to begin having your child practice wearing a mask. Social stories about mask-wearing and social distancing are available on the [District website](#). Print copies are available in the school offices. Face

masks that tie behind the head or loop over the ears, are acceptable. Please make sure that mask designs are school-appropriate. Face shields are not allowed at this time.

Our Board of Education policies requiring face coverings on school premises can be found by clicking the links below:

- Staff - [Policy 400.05.21](#)
- Students - [Policy 500.48](#)

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2. ***Will my child have opportunities for outdoor breaks to take their mask off?***

Yes, breaks will be provided throughout the day and social distancing will be enforced

3. ***Can the students use soap and water instead of hand sanitizer?***

The suggested method of hand hygiene is hand washing and will be utilized whenever possible. It will be built into daily classroom routines. Hand sanitizer will be utilized when soap and water is impractical or unavailable.

4. ***What health and safety measures are you implementing?***

- Masks - Per Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois State Board of Education guidance, we will be requiring all people in buildings to wear masks.
- Symptom checks - We will be implementing a symptom self-certification process. All individuals entering our buildings will need to self-certify that they have no symptoms of COVID-19. All students and staff will have their temperature taken minimally before entering the building to ensure that they are fever-free.
- Cleaning - We have enhanced our cleaning procedures to meet or exceed CDC and IDPH guidelines. Products used are Environmental Protection Agency approved disinfectants for use against coronavirus.
- Social Distance - We will have a 6 ft. social distance requirement in our classrooms and hallways.

5. ***What are the precautions/protocols that will be put in place to maximize social distancing and minimize the spread of germs?***

- D140 will implement enhanced daily cleaning and sanitizing protocols for all schools and buses.
- All staff, students, and visitors to the school will be required to wear face masks at all times when in school buildings, with the exception of eating or drinking.
- Students and staff will be required to self-certify that they are fever and symptom-free before entering a school building each day.
- Upon arrival at school, every student will be screened for fever using touchless thermometers. Staff will be assigned at school entrances screening all students.
- The maximum allowable distance between students will be maintained in relation to the physical size of each space. All classrooms will maintain the 6 foot guidance.

- Extra furniture in classrooms will be removed to maximize distance between desks.
- Hand hygiene will be built into daily classroom routines. Cleaning/sanitizing supplies will be readily available to all students and staff.
- Sharing of supplies or technology among students will be minimized. Hallway and PE lockers will not be used at Kirby School District 140.
- Hallway traffic will follow planned routes, minimizing student movement and utilizing one-way routes where possible.
- Traditional water fountains will be shut off. Each school is equipped with reusable water bottle fillers. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school.

6. ***What if my child exhibits symptoms of common short-term illness such as a cold?***

In order to avoid potential COVID-19 related precautions and protocols, parents are encouraged to keep students home who are exhibiting symptoms of illness. No individual who has a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or currently known symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea may enter any school building. Students who present with above symptoms will be sent home from school. For students who were suspected of COVID-19 but not tested, the CDC and IDPH guidelines state that 72 hours must elapse from resolution of symptoms, including fever without fever-reducing medication.

7. ***If a child is sick (fever, strep, etc.) do they need a doctor's note releasing them back to school?***

Children need a doctor's note who are absent for 3 days or longer. For students who were suspected of COVID-19 but not tested, the CDC and IDPH guidelines state that 72 hours must elapse from resolution of symptoms, including fever without fever-reducing medication. Return to school for students after a positive Covid19 test will be determined by their physician in conjunction with administration and adhere to CCDPH guidance.

8. ***What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?***

The Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health have provided guidance for opening schools. They have directed school districts to work with local health departments for day-to-day guidance. In matters of public health, the district works closely with and takes direction from the Cook County Health Department. Should a positive case occur, the District will work with the health department on contact tracing to identify individuals who need to be notified and who will need to self-quarantine or self-isolate.

9. ***If a teacher needs to quarantine, will the whole class have to stay home?***

Individual situations will be assessed and reported to IDPH and CCDPH at which time we will follow their recommendations.

10. ***If a student tests positive for Covid-19, will the rest of the class (or classes, since Middle School is switching) have to quarantine for 2 weeks? Will those students need to be tested and provide negative test results in order to return to school?***

Individual situations will be assessed and reported to IDPH and CCDPH at which time we will follow their recommendations.

11. ***If a teacher tests positive for Covid-19, will the students have to quarantine? Will the teacher have to provide negative test results before returning to school?***

Individual situations will be assessed and reported to IDPH and CCDPH at which time we will follow their recommendations.

12. ***Will teachers/staff be tested before school year starts and throughout the year?***

There is no recommendation from IDPH, CCDPH, or ISBE for testing of teachers, staff, or students prior to school starting unless they are symptomatic.

13. ***Is there a number of verified Covid-19 cases that must be reached to determine an outbreak that will require moving to 100% remote instruction for a specific school or the District?***

As cases are reported to IDPH and CCDPH, they determine whether or not the District needs to move to 100% remote learning.

14. ***Approximately how many students will Middle School students come in contact with during the day due to switching classes? How many teachers?***

Unfortunately, there is no one size fits all answer to this question. Student movement and contact with others will be driven by the individual student's schedule and daily activities.

15. ***If a student has been in the hybrid learning environment, tests positive for Covid-19 and has to stay at home for remote learning, will he/she be able to continue working with the same teachers or will he/she be moved to a full remote teacher?***

The student will be able to continue working with the same teacher.

Hybrid Learning Option

1. ***What last names are in group A and what last names are in group B? What if my children have different last names?***

The general breakdown is Group A are students with the last names beginning with A-L, and Group B

are students with the last names of M-Z. If you have special circumstances where you need your children to be in a different group; i.e. blended family, day care issue, etc., please reach out to your building principals, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

2. ***If I am assigned group A and group B works better for my family because of childcare or family work schedule, can I switch my assigned group?***

If you have special circumstances where you need your children to be in a different group; i.e. blended family, day care issue, etc. please reach out to your building principals and we will do our best to accommodate your needs

3. ***With regard to hybrid learning, how will it be different than the students completing remote learning?***

We will have remote only classroom environments whereas students remain at home and have 5 hours of instruction with their teacher virtually. Teachers will strive to create synchronous learning as much as possible or dictated by the lessons.

In the hybrid learning model, students will come to school two full days and be assigned their classroom teacher. This is their learning environment; their teacher will also be responsible for the remote learning of their students during the remaining days of the week. They will strive to ensure 3 synchronous activities per remote learning day.

4. ***What type of physical education activities will be offered in the classroom?***

Weather permitting, physical education will be offered outside. Both outside and inside curriculum is being developed by the PE staff at this time.

5. ***When weather permits, are classrooms/teachers allowed to take their kids outside?***

Yes.

6. ***First, will there still be two teams per grade level? Second, if there are, would parents be able to request that students be placed upon the same teacher?***

Yes, there will still be teams in the middle school for hybrid learning. If you have special circumstances where you need your children to be in a different group; i.e. blended family, day care issue, etc. please reach out to your building principals and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

7. ***How will bathroom breaks be handled?***

Teachers will coordinate break time and bathroom breaks to make sure that students are social distanced and only a set number of students are allowed in the washroom at one time.

Lockers / Lunches / School Supplies

1. ***Will children eat lunch at school?***

Children will eat lunch in their classrooms.

2. ***How will lunches be handled? If they have to eat lunch in the classroom won't they have to take off their mask? Won't this be a problem?***

Children will eat in their classroom. Because they will be social distanced 6 feet per guidance, they will be able to eat and drink without their masks.

3. ***How will kids with food allergies be accounted for while eating lunch in the classroom?***

Parents/guardians of children with known food allergies should report this to the school nurse prior to the start of the school year. The schools will follow the same established protocol for students with food allergies.

4. ***The classrooms are not big enough to keep students all 6 feet apart while they are eating with their masks off. How will this be handled?***

The classrooms are large enough to accommodate the 6 foot social distancing guidance in the hybrid model.

5. ***Will students eat a snack at school in addition to lunch?***

Snack time is a decision that will be made at each school, as long as the guidelines for lunch can be adhered to.

6. ***Will eating outside of the classroom be reconsidered so that students can get up and move around?***

Depending on the number of students in the hybrid model, yes, that will be a serious consideration.

7. ***Are the students getting locker assignments?***

No middle school hallway or PE lockers will be assigned or utilized during the 2020-21 school year.

8. ***Will the school supply lists change? Are there different school supply lists for Remote and/or Hybrid learning?***

School Supply lists have not changed. We are working to make sure that remote and hybrid students utilize the same supplies as much as possible.

Hybrid students will use the same supplies at home and at school. Teachers will work with students to identify which supplies may need to travel back and forth between home and school. These supplies should be kept in a large pencil case or Ziploc bag in your student's backpack. Updated 8-13-2020

9. ***Will supplies be shared with the entire class?***

No, school supplies and manipulatives will be for each student and only used by the student. No sharing of supplies or manipulatives.

Remote Learning Option

1. ***Are D140 teachers teaching remote learning, or is the District contracting out to a homeschool service?***

District 140 teachers will be teaching remote learning.

2. ***If I chose remote learning, can we still attend school events such as Back to School Night and Picture Day? Will students get to meet their teachers?***

We will prioritize modifying school events whenever possible and families will be notified as to the changes. Some school events may be held via Zoom or Google Meet. Meeting the teacher for remote students will be done remotely. Pictures will be assessed and more information will be available at a later date.

3. ***Is Pre-K also do at least 5 hours of remote learning daily?***

No. Individual and family engagement activities will be provided.

4. ***Will parents receive text/reference materials/online access to better assist their children at home?***

Yes.

5. ***Is there a magic number of students in a remote class that will require a second remote teacher for that grade level?***

We will utilize the same classroom size charts that we use for in-person learning.

6. ***Will all teachers be made available for more than one hour during the remote days?***

Yes.

7. ***Would the fully-remote learning option be available to transfer students who register in the District after that July 31st deadline?***

Yes.

8. ***For remote learning, will the teacher be instructing or will it be like last year?***

There will be synchronous learning ((live, web-based instruction) happening while teachers are teaching the students. Remote learning will be different from what occurred last spring.

9. ***Will the remote students be able to converse with the class as if they were there?***

We are working on those details at this time, and we are trying to make that happen.

10. ***If my child is a remote learner, will she have the same education as the ones attending school in person?***

Yes, students attending school remotely will follow the District curriculum.

11. ***At the Board meeting, it was said that the remote learning was going to look totally different than it was in the Spring. How? Can you please explain what types of things will be different?***

The goal is to make the remote classroom look more like an actual classroom. Teachers and students will be working together online. There will be live teaching as well as independent work during the school day.

12. ***Will there be a set schedule on remote days so that parents can plan for childcare?***

Students will be provided a schedule that includes times for synchronous learning.

13. ***If I choose remote learning, when students take tests, will they be able to ask questions and interact with the teacher?***

Yes.

14. ***If my child is participating in the remote learning option, will he/she be assigned to the same teacher that he/she will have when they return to in-person learning?***

Students engaging in the remote learning option will most likely not have the same teacher should they return to in-person learning at the start of a new semester.

15. ***Are students with IEPs/504s able to participate in remote learning rather than in-person learning?***

All students are able to participate in remote learning. Services will still be provided remotely, however due to the nature of specific interventions and supports, services may look different in the remote setting.

16. ***Will the remote learning option require that students engage in live lessons at specified times?***

Students will have the opportunity to engage in live video conferencing with the remote learning teacher via Zoom and/or Google Meet and access pre-recorded lessons. It is our goal to follow ISBE recommendations that encourage synchronous learning (live, web-based instruction) as much as possible. Therefore, there will be dedicated times for live lessons.

17. ***How much time will my child spend on remote learning daily?***

According to the guidance provided by ISBE and IDPH on June 23, 2020, "The State Superintendent has determined that Remote and Blended Remote Learning Days must ensure at least five (5) clock hours of instruction or school work for each student. Districts can be flexible in determining how to best meet the requirement in their own context by counting all learning activities toward the five (5) clock hour expectation." The amount of time spent engaged in remote learning may be amended to comply with any changes in ISBE's guidance or requirements.

Based on community and staff input, we've adjusted our Remote Learning day's schedule to closely mirror our in-person Hybrid instructional times. **Remote elementary students will attend school from 7:55 am - 2:25 pm, while middle school Remote students will attend from 8:45 am - 3:15 pm.** This expanded learning day will allow remote learners more live access to their teachers, built-in breaks from screen-time, and increased opportunities for collaboration. Additionally, we hope to provide recorded lessons for students whose families need a more flexible schedule due to family and work commitments. As with our Hybrid learners, grading and attendance procedures will be in place for our students learning remotely.

Our curriculum, technology, and professional development teams have been working diligently to create a program that will deliver the best possible academic experience for our remote learners. We will remain flexible and continue to develop our plan in response to student, family, and staff feedback. Updated 8-13-2020

18. ***Are the remote students Zooming in on the A/B classes and learning the same things the Hybrid students are learning?***

Remote students will be assigned a teacher and will be Zooming with their teacher. Hybrid students will be Zooming with their assigned classroom teacher during their remote days. We are working and planning so that remote and hybrid students are learning and meeting the same standards.

19. ***Will the classroom teacher also be delivering the remote lessons for the Hybrid students? If so, how will the classroom teacher be available for students on the remote learning days if he/she is teaching in-person students?***

Yes, the classroom teacher will be delivering the remote lessons as well. We are working on the specifics at this time.

School Hours / Calendar

1. ***Will the school day be the same amount of hours as before or shortened? Will it be the same for Hybrid and Remote Learning days?***

Hybrid learning students will be in school during normal school hours. Remote learning students will have a 5 hour school day.

2. ***When will the arrival and dismissal times be released to parents?***

Hybrid students will operate on a normal school day schedule. Our specific arrival and dismissal times will be determined and released closer to the start of school.

3. ***Will there be a schedule or “typical school day” for synchronous and asynchronous lessons (both for hybrid and remote options)?***

Yes.

4. ***Will we still have half days? What time will students be released?***

No, we will not have half days during the hybrid and remote learning stage.

Half-Days, originally scheduled into our school calendar to accommodate staff development opportunities, will be eliminated. Staff will meet in small blocks of time as needed on Wednesdays throughout the school year. **A full day of student and staff attendance will be expected on all previously scheduled Half-Days.** Updated 8-13-2020

5. ***Will the days off (holidays and breaks) on the school calendar change?***

We have no plans to alter the calendar at this time.

6. ***When does the first semester end?***

The last day of the first semester is Friday, January 22, 2021.

7. ***Why was Kindergarten Round Up removed from the website calendar? Is it canceled?***

Kindergarten Round Up was removed from our website calendar because the date and activities designed for that event will need to change. We will communicate these changes to families once we have a plan for modifying this event.

8. ***Will we no longer have to use snow days and use Remote Learning days instead?***

At the August Board of Education meeting, the Board will be asked to approve the District's new eLearning plan. If they approve the plan, then we will be able to use eLearning days instead of cancelling school due to inclement weather. With this new plan, we would not have to make up snow

days on holidays or at the end of the year.

Traditional “snow days” will not be utilized during the 2020-21 school year. If we experience inclement weather during the school year and traveling to or from school for in-person Hybrid learning is deemed unsafe, all D140 students will learn remotely at home. Families will receive notification of the switch to remote-only learning via phone, email, and text messaging. Information will also be posted on our website and our social media platforms. Updated 8-13-2020

9. ***Will conferences November be via Zoom?***

Yes, at this point in time, we plan to hold Parent/Teacher Conferences via Zoom in November.

Special Education / IEP's / 504

1. ***How are you addressing students with special needs?***

Students enrolled in special education will have the option to select in-person instruction or the remote learning option. Some students with special needs may attend school four days a week. This option would be open to the following students: Early Childhood self-contained classes (NOT preschool classes), students who receive ELA AND Math in a self-contained special education setting. Eligibility and Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings will continue to be held remotely with parents when possible.

2. ***Are students with IEPs/504s able to participate in remote learning rather than in-person learning?***

All students are able to participate in remote learning. Services will still be provided remotely, however due to the nature of specific interventions and supports, services may look different in the remote setting.

3. ***Teachers and Paraeducators normally are in very close contact with the Special Education students. They sit next to the children and do hand-over-hand. How will everyone be kept safe?***

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided for all staff as appropriate for level of student contact.

4. ***My child has an IEP, if I choose Remote Learning, would services still be able to be provided to him live?***

Yes

5.

SWIC and School-Sponsored Band / Sports / Clubs & Activities

1. ***Will there be a band option for students who choose both Hybrid and Remote Learning options?***

Yes, D140 Band Directors are following the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the IDPH to keep our young musicians safe. All information regarding the band program will be posted on the band website (www.ksd140.org/band). Please check there for updates or feel free to email one of the directors.

Plans are still underway to keep our young musicians involved and engaged in D140's Band program. Our goal is for before-school band practice to resume in-person on Monday, September 21 following guidelines established by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Remote Learning band students will participate via Zoom or Google Meet.

We are currently evaluating Hybrid and Remote Learning band student schedules to determine how to provide lessons during the school day effectively. At this time, Hybrid band students will be pulled out for in-person instruction during their school day following ISBE, IDPH, and CDC guidelines. Remote band student lessons will be scheduled via Zoom or Google Meet. We will be contacting our band students and their families as soon as we have more information to share. Updated 8-13-2020

2. ***Will all sports be canceled for the year, or will it be reevaluated as the year progresses?***

Sports will be evaluated on a per season basis.

Based on several concerns related to safety, scheduling, and transportation, **D140 and other area schools have decided to postpone the Fall 2020 SWIC season, namely Cross Country, Girls Softball, and Boys Softball, for the present time.** The status of the Fall 2020 season will be reassessed in October, and the SWIC Winter and Spring athletic seasons and competitions will also be evaluated at this time.

The start of all fall school-sponsored clubs & activities has also been postponed and will be reassessed as the year progresses. Updated 8-13-2020

3. ***If sports resume at some point, will full remote students be eligible to try out?***

Yes, remote students will have the same access to any sports and extracurriculars as hybrid learners.

Transportation

1. ***Will bus service still be available? What changes are being made to transportation?***

- Fifty (50) or fewer occupants will be on a bus route and enhanced sanitation procedures will be in place.

- Students must wear masks and will be spaced out as much as possible.
- All students will be assigned a seat. Siblings or students residing together in the same home may be assigned seats together
- Parents are encouraged to provide their own transportation if possible.
- Busses will be disinfected between routes and then again at the end of the day.

2. ***If I paid for bus service and have chosen the remote learning option instead, who do I contact to receive my refund?***

Please contact Mr. Michael Andreshak, Director of Business Services at 708-532-6462.