

# Elementary FAQ

## For LCA Families

### Teaching and Learning

1. How will LCA ensure teachers receive adequate training to be successful teaching through synchronous learning and in a virtual environment?

*Our pre-plan schedule will include training in technology and virtual instruction strategies.*

2. How will LCA monitor and facilitate the necessary changes to teaching and learning to ensure student success and maintain academic integrity during synchronous opt-in instruction?

*At the Elementary level, portions of the day will be conducted live, and the daily schedule will vary depending on the grade level. Plans are being developed to help facilitate connections and collaborations with peers and teachers. Teachers will continue providing instructions as normal to ensure academic integrity, this will include the continuation of gradebook and lesson plan checks, along with teacher walk-throughs and observations.*

3. How will LCA ensure that extra-curricular and co-curricular activities – such as clubs, student organizations and sports are safe?

*The health and safety measures outlined by LCA will be followed in accordance with the KHSAA and the CDC guidelines.*

4. How will LCA determine and address any knowledge gaps from the previous grade level?

*K-5 will take the MAP test during the first full week of school. If learning gaps are identified, content will be reviewed in class to ensure proper learning has been bridged.*

5. How will LCA ensure that technology and/or instructional materials are distributed to students while operating under alternative schedules?

*Families in need of technology will be loaned a LCA device. All instructional materials will be sent home or available for pick up if necessary.*

6. Will LCA continue having chapels?

*Yes. Students will attend chapel by grade-levels verses multiple grades as we have done in the past. We will continue to adhere to the guidelines from the CDC and local health department for social distancing and healthy practices.*

7. Will LCA students have recess?

*Yes. Each grade will still have their scheduled recess time, however, each class will be separated and will rotate daily to designated areas. We will continue to adhere to the guidelines from the CDC and local health department for outside play and practice good hygiene.*

8. How will LCA handle specials?

*Students will travel to specials and will be required to wear masks during these transitional times. Once they are in that classroom and social distancing is in place, they may remove their mask. There may be considerations where a special teacher will travel to the students' classroom.*

9. Will LCA allow students to sing?

*Yes, while practicing social distancing. Within our fine arts programs from PS-12<sup>th</sup> grade, LCA will follow KMEA's guidelines as they adhere to the CDC and local health department guidelines.*

10. Will LCA students have more opportunities to be outside throughout the day?

*Yes. Our campus has a pavilion and LCA will be providing more picnic tables with coverings that will allow for outside classroom learning.*

## **Health and Safety**

1. How will LCA maintain a healthy and safe campus environment?

*LCA has taken many measures to ensure a healthy and safe campus environment. These measures include intermittent sanitizing of classrooms and common spaces throughout the day, installation of water bottle filling stations, installation of electronic HVAC purification systems, installation of Plexiglas, PPE, frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer, socially distanced classroom environments, and one way hallway traffic flow at the Rose Campus.*

2. How will LCA ensure that personal protective equipment (PPE) is available to staff and students and used appropriately during the school day?

*LCA is providing PPE to all staff, faculty, and students. On the first day of school, students will receive a starter PPE mask. Any subsequent masks that are needed should be supplied by parents. Staff and faculty will monitor and require proper use of PPE during the school day.*

3. How will LCA protect the health and safety of at risk students?

*At risk students will have the option of participating in synchronous opt-in learning.*

4. How will LCA ensure appropriate steps are taken during lunch?

*Social distancing will be maintained during lunch by adding additional tables, installing Plexiglas in the serving line, reduction of students per table, line markers for students waiting to purchase/pick-up lunch along with staggered lunch times. In addition, lunch staff will wear masks and gloves. The staff will sanitize and clean the room prior to each group's scheduled lunch time.*

5. How will LCA classrooms be set-up to ensure safety measures are being adhere?

*All classrooms will have Plexiglas installed by the teacher's desk. A 4-way Plexiglas will be placed in each classroom on a desk for collaborative learning. Extra furniture will be removed to allow for desks to be 6'ft apart. Hand sanitizers will be in each classroom. Teachers will be wearing masks when they are not able to be 6'ft from students.*

6. How will LCA ensure entry and exit procedures support social distancing requirements and promote health and safety?

*All students are required to wear a mask upon entry and exit of the building. In addition, temperatures will be taken before students exit their car in the morning.*

7. How will LCA ensure social distancing expectations are maintained in common areas and during times of transition?

*All students are required to wear a mask in common areas when social distancing is not possible.*

8. How will LCA ensure that students who are not adjusting to the new normal will be supported?

*School Counselors and Spiritual Life Directors are available for emotional and spiritual support at each campus.*

9. How will LCA ensure water fountains remain clean or that alternative sources of water are made available to students?

*All water fountains are disabled. Non-touch water bottle filling stations are provided throughout our campus.*

10. How will LCA ensure restrooms are effectively disinfected on a regular basis?

*Restrooms will be cleaned periodically throughout the day.*

11. How will LCA maintain health and safety in the Library?

*All library materials will be sanitized upon return and will be quarantine for 4 days before being placed back into circulation. Periodic cleaning will occur throughout the day.*

12. Will LCA consider an option to require that every child get tested before returning to school? Teachers as well?

*As a school system, we are adhering to healthy and safe practices recommended by the CDC and our Health Department. Testing and subsequent vaccines, unless required by the state, will be at the discretion of each family or individual.*

13. How will LCA ensure appropriate COVID-19 testing and/or monitoring procedures are in place and aligned with the guidance provided by the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH)?

*LCA will work closely with local health departments to ensure that required monitoring procedures are in place.*

14. How will LCA ensure appropriate measures are taken should a student or staff member test positive for COVID-19 after the school year begins?

*LCA will work closely with local health departments and follow the school's established guidelines.*

15. How will LCA isolate students who fall ill during the school day?

*Each campus has designated an isolation area for students who become ill during the day. Parents will be notified to pick up their student immediately. We will immediately contact the Fayette County Health Department and follow their guidelines and directions.*

## **School Operations**

1. How will LCA ensure student attendance is appropriately recorded?

*Whether students are on campus or learning virtually, LCA will follow its regular attendance procedures.*

2. How will LCA handle morning carline and will parents be able to park and walk their child(ren) to their classroom(s)?

*More information will be coming concerning the specifics and what to expect for drop-off and dismissal for PS-5<sup>th</sup> grade. At this time, all parents must use carline when dropping off and picking up their child(ren).*

3. Will LCA allow parents to attend chapel?

*Not at this time. We are working to live stream our chapels, because we know how important the partnership is with our parents in the spiritual development of their child(ren).*

4. How will LCA ensure alternative options are provided to families who do not wish to send their child back to campus for the first nine weeks?

*Once a family selects synchronous opt-in or in class learning, in order to maintain academic integrity and fidelity of instruction, families will need to maintain that choice for nine weeks unless there is a change in medical condition of the student or family member.*

5. How will LCA ensure that visitors are following policies related to social distancing and the use of PPE?

*All visitors are required to check-in at each school office. This includes the taking of temperatures, completing the self-screening questionnaire, wearing proper PPE, and being advised of all current health and safety requirements.*