

FAQ on Return to School 2020 for Anderson School

What is a cohort?

A cohort is a group of students who stay together for their school days with minimal interaction with other groups. For Anderson the cohorts will be with one or two grade levels. This model is used to lessen the number of people who are in contact with one another and aid in contact tracing with Health Department in the case of a positive COVID-19 Test

What is meant by an A/B Blended Model?

This model is when students are split into two cohort groups. Siblings would be in the same cohort group. One group would attend Monday/Wednesday/every other Friday and the other group would attend Tuesday/Thursday/every other Friday. On the days students were not in person at school they would be distance learning by working on independent assignments, attending live or watching recorded Google Meets.

Will masks be required?

Yes, masks will be required within Anderson school for all students and staff. They will also be required on the playground. Parents will be required to wear masks if on campus outside of their cars. The only exception is when students or staff are eating and drinking. If the class is outside for a lesson and activity and social distancing can be maintained, masks would not be required at that time. Please see the face mask guidelines within the student handbook and on the website for more detailed information.

For opt out instruction, can my student come back when we feel safe?

The opt out policy states that a student can return to in person instruction before the end of the declared public emergency due to a change in circumstances. If a family or student wants to return they can contact the superintendent, and the school board would need to approve their return.

What happens if there is a positive case of COVID-19?

The Gallatin City-County Health Department is immediately contacted if they are not the ones who contacted us. Please refer to the FAQ from the health department on

the website.

What will lunch look like?

Students will be eating lunch within their classroom or their cohort. We have developed three different levels of lunch. That document is posted on the website. We will begin lunch in Level 1 with the majority of students eating within their classrooms.

What will arrival look like?

Start times will be staggered. There will be a car line for student drop off. Students will be temperature checked and assigned to an area for their cohort before school starts. We are adding an extra bike rack to encourage students to bike whenever possible. Students are not allowed out of the car until they had their temperature checked by a staff member and cleared to enter the property. No drop-offs are allowed without staff clearance. Students will stay in certain areas of the building with their cohorts until it is time to enter. We encourage biking and/or walking for all of those who are able.

What will dismissal look like?

Dismissal times will be staggered from approximately 3:05-3:25. Exact times will be forthcoming, but we will dismiss youngest to oldest. Students will have assigned cohort areas. We will do a car line for pick up with the exception of kindergarten and first grade where parents can have the option of parking at the Little Red School House lot and walking over to Anderson to a point of pickup. As you read above masks are required on school grounds inside and outside. Siblings will gather next to the gym in their family group, six feet apart from other family groups. Again, we are encouraging biking and/or walking for all of those who are able.

What about extra curricular activities?

I will be recommending to the board at our meeting on August 17th to have no sports this fall. All county schools are making this recommendation to their school boards.

What is the deadline for opting out of in person learning? Can I opt out after the start of school?

You will have seven days to make an opt out decision, and complete the form after the board decides their instructional model. This will be approximately August 21st. The purpose of opting out is for students who need that accommodation due to a medical issue with the child or in the family. The opt out policy will then reopen on September 16th to allow families to access it who have a change in family circumstance. The opt out policy is posted on the website and the form should be completed there. If you would like to opt back in to in person instruction you will need to contact the superintendent who will go to the school board for approval.