

Centralia City Schools #135

Tentative Reopening Plan

Remote Learning

Frequently Asked Questions

With the recent release of a tentative reopening plan, we understand that there are still many questions. While we are still working on some of the answers, we hope this FAQ document will help answer a few of the questions our families may have. Please know that we are continuously working to ensure we have plans in place to cover the necessary areas while providing the best education possible, maintaining safety of everyone involved, and complying with the mandates and guidelines we are being given by ISBE and IDPH.

Q: The tentative reopening plan states that students will be learning in-person four days and remotely one day. What are the scheduled days?

A: Currently, the plan is to have in-person attendance on Monday-Thursday and to have remote learning on Fridays. While we do not anticipate a change to this, please understand that if circumstances beyond our control arise, we would revise this schedule as needed.

Q: Why is there one day of remote learning?

A: With the current guidelines for handling COVID-19 symptoms and exposures, this day will allow teachers to work with the students who have been out due to illness or exposure, those who are doing exclusively remote learning, or those who may need additional supports. This day will also allow the custodians to complete a thorough cleaning of the building without students present.

Q: How do I choose remote learning for my child?

A: We will be sharing the specific method of identifying remote learning as your choice. In the meantime, we encourage families to register online and your choice can be designated at a later time. This will help us plan for potential numbers. If you register and later decide that neither of CCS 135's options are right for your family, the process for us to drop a student can be handled over the phone.

Q: If my child is signed up for remote learning and we decide that in-person is a better option, when can he/she return to the school?

A: If a family signs up for remote learning, the commitment is for the duration of the quarter. At the end of the quarter, those who are not attending in-person will have the option to continue remotely or to transition to in-person learning.

Q: If my child is signed up for in-person learning and we decide that remote learning is a better option, when can he/she begin remote learning?

A: If a family determines that remote learning is a better fit for their child, the parent should call the school office to discuss arrangements with the building administrator.

Q: Will remote learning be offered for the entire school year?

A: As long as COVID-19 is prevalent, Centralia City Schools will continue to offer a remote learning option. In the event that Illinois moves to Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan and the guidance from ISBE and IDPH allow for a full return to school activities, we will remove the remote learning option. The transition to full in-person instruction would be scheduled to occur at a logical time, such as the end of a quarter.

Q: What will remote learning look like? Will my child be connected with their teacher? Will he/she receive grades? Will he/she learn new material?

A: Remote learning for the 2020-2021 school year will **not** be the same as when schools closed in the spring. Teachers will be presenting new material to students, there will be grades issued for work, and there will be guidelines and expectations for work completion, participation in virtual classes, etc. These guidelines will be shared with families as soon as possible so that an informed decision can be made before choosing this option.

Q: What if my family chooses remote learning, but we have questions about accessibility of technology, internet, etc.?

A: The district will work with families to ensure that necessary technology is available to students who are in enrolled in Centralia City Schools who are learning remotely.

Q: What is the difference between “remote learning” and “homeschooling” my children?

A: If a family chooses the remote learning option, the student is still enrolled in Centralia City Schools #135. They will use district curriculum and our faculty will be responsible for presenting material, assessing students, grading, etc. Due to Phase guidelines, school and district events will be limited, however families may still participate in these highly-structured events when they occur (ex, Dental Safari, school picture day, etc.). If a family chooses to homeschool, the child is withdrawn from Centralia City Schools #135. The district does not provide learning materials for the student, and our faculty does not present lessons, assess students, provide grades, etc. A report card will **not** be issued for a student who is homeschooled because he/she is no longer enrolled in the district.

We are finalizing plans specific to instruction and will share an FAQ document as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we make plans to educate your children in the safest, most effective manner possible.