



ATLAS

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

PARENT CONTACT FAQs

2020-21

Orientation & Start of School

When is the first day of school?

- *Elementary School:* In-person classes and online instruction will start on August 17 for Kindergarten and August 18 for 1st & 2nd grade. August 17-September 4 will be half days going from 8:15am-12:45pm.
- *Middle School:* Live Zoom classes and Google Classroom assignments will begin the week of August 24.
- *High School:* Live Zoom classes and Google Classroom assignments will begin the week of August 24.

Will there be an orientation process for my student?

- *Elementary School:* Yes, an in-person orientation will be scheduled between August 12-14. A member of the elementary school will reach out to schedule it.
- *Middle School:* Your student's advisor will reach out to you to schedule a time for a virtual orientation over Zoom that will take place the week of August 17- 21.
- *High School:* Students will be invited for in-person orientations hosted in small groups with their advisor. Your student's advisor will reach out to schedule specific times that will take place the week of August 17-21.

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Will Atlas be providing laptops and school supplies for the start of the school year?

Yes, all students will receive a tablet or Chromebook, as well school supplies during the orientation process.

Who is my student's advisor?

A grade-level teacher will be assigned to your student for the 2020-21 school year. The assigned teacher will serve as your student's advisor and main contact point at Atlas. They will be calling you during the week of August 10-14 to share important updates.

Will the Family Scholarship be issued?

Yes, the first family scholarship distribution will happen during September conferences.

Will you have another uniform sales event?

Yes, there will be another uniform sale on Thursday, August 6. You can also buy uniforms in each school's front office Monday through Friday between 9 am-3 pm.

Safety Measures

What are the symptoms of COVID-19 I should look for to make sure my child is healthy?

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- If you have had a positive COVID-19 test within the past 3 weeks
- If you have exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 in the the past two weeks

What will happen if a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19?

There will be a minimum of a two school day closure for the specific school to allow for:

- Cleaning and disinfecting of facilities
- Contact tracing and communication with close contacts
- Coordination with local health department

For students in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, there will be a fourteen day quarantine (not allowed on campus for 14 days).

Who do we notify if our child or someone in our house is confirmed with COVID-19?

Please notify our school nurse immediately and keep all members of your family home for the required 14 day quarantine period.

Safety Measures

Will my student need to wear a mask all day if they are attending in-person school?

Yes. In alignment with Harrison District 2, all students in grades K-12 are required to wear a mask.

What precautions are you taking in regards to cleaning and disinfecting?

- Desks, chairs, bathrooms, door knobs and other high-touch surfaces will be cleaned daily.
- Weekly use of our Clorox360 machine will allow for a building-wide disinfecting routine.
- Atlas has installed new HVAC equipment, such as plasma bars and iWave purifiers, as additional filters that will greatly improve air quality and removal of bacteria and viruses up to 0.3 microns.
- Where possible, windows will be opened to increase fresh air quality in rooms.
- HEPA filter machines will be placed in all health office locations to increase air quality purification.

Will students be seated at least three feet apart?

Yes, classrooms and student furniture will be arranged to allow for social distancing where possible.

Technology & Internet

What will online offerings look like? How many classes and/or subjects?

Students will be enrolled in similar classes that they would be for in-person instruction.

- *Elementary School:* Reading, Phonics, Math, Science and Art
- *Middle School:* English Language Arts, Math, and alternating Science or Social Studies
- *High School:* English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Career-Aligned Pathways

What if I don't have internet, or quality internet?

We can provide resources on internet access and can work with you on how to resolve the situation.

Will there be help with the online platforms?

Yes, teachers will help students learn how to use and access online learning platforms.

Will there be tech support available throughout the day?

An Atlas Tech Team member will be available daily to assist your student with issues. More information will be available soon about how you can connect with this team member.

Special Services & Supports

How will my SPED or ESL student receive services remotely?

Your student's case manager will be reaching out to you directly to describe the service model and schedule.

How can I access mental health services for my student?

Individual and group services will be provided by our school psychologist, social workers, and counselors remotely to begin the year for middle and high school students and in person for elementary school students. Additional information can be found on our website under "Mental Health Supports."

Remote Instruction

Will classes be recorded or live?

There will be a mix of both.

Will my student need to be logged in for the normal school hours?

No. There will be set hours for live school lessons and more flexible hours for completing individual assignments.

Can I switch from online to in-person, and vice versa, throughout the year?

You can switch from in-person to online during the year. Any request to move from online to in-person will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine if there is a spot. We cannot guarantee a spot, though.

Can I opt to keep my student home all year doing online instruction?

Yes.

Nutritional Services

Can I pick up meals at school?

Yes, more details to come!

Athletics & Activities

Will there be sports or after-school activities?

The state organization overseeing sports has moved the seasons for the sports we offer to the second semester, starting in January 2021. We are not beginning the year with after-school activities or sports. We will continue to monitor and update our programming as the year progresses.