

# SLCSE Strategies for Fall 2020

## School-Specific Updates

### School will start on September 8 remotely

The School Board voted on July 21 to delay the start of school until after Labor Day for students. On July 30, they voted to begin the school year with remote learning. Remote learning will be in place until the end of the first quarter, OR until health conditions in our city improve and allow us to bring our students back into the classroom.

COVID-19 cases continue to rise, and our school is situated in one of the most affected parts of the city. Masks will be required in schools to slow and prevent the spread of the virus. If we all wear masks **now**, there is a greater chance that we can reopen schools safely for students, families, and staff in the future.

Rest assured, online teaching and learning will not look like it did last Spring, it will be MUCH better. And we are excited to show you soon what we have been working on all summer for students.

### Meet your teachers!

	Science	Math	Language Arts	Social Studies	Special Education
8th	Dr. Hack	Mr. Z	Ms. Snow	Ms. Hobush	TBD
9th	Ms. Finlayson	Ms. Johnson	Ms. Armstrong	Ms. Haakenson	Mr. Smith
10th	Ms. Marino	Ms. Chandler	Ms. Snow	Ms. Hodge	Mr. Karl
11th	Ms. Moretz	Mr. Davis	Ms. Bacca	Ms. Hobush	Ms. Gilmour
12th	Ms. Moretz	Ms. Shell Mr. Davis	Ms. Bacca	Ms. Hodge	Ms. Gilmour



Ms. Finlayson



Ms. Bacca



Ms. Johnson



Ms. Hodge



Mr. Smith

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## Frequently Asked Questions

Please keep in mind that we are trying to remain as flexible as possible without compromising safety or learning. Therefore, **answers to these questions may change**. We will do our best to keep you informed of changes that we make.

**Q** What will a typical school day look like when we are in remote learning?

**A** Students will have six classes in their schedule and they will attend virtual classes much like they would move from classroom to classroom in a physical building. To avoid having students sit in front of a computer for the entire day, we have split the day into two sections. One half of the day students will attend three of their classes with their teachers and classmates. The second half of the day they will be working independently on assignments.

**Q** When does a school day begin and end?

**A** First period begins at 8:30am, each class is 45 minutes long. Students will have a 15 minute break before the next class begins. The last class of the day ends at 3:15pm. Students attend 3 live classes during the school day. They may also participate in tutoring sessions and social activities via Zoom.

**Q** Are there things my student and I should be doing now to prepare for school?

**A**

- At least a week before school starts students should begin building a routine by getting up early, eating breakfast, reading for 30 mins etc.
- We recommend preparing a learning space in your home, it doesn't have to be anything fancy. Somewhere comfortable with minimal distractions, especially electronics.
- Ask your student how you can support them as a student, then make a plan together, communicate your expectations clearly; and tell them you believe they can handle whatever situation we are in when school starts.

**Q** What should I buy in terms of school supplies?

**A** We will be creating "school supply kits" for each student! Your student's kit will be stocked with the specific tools teachers have requested that every student have available to them. These kits will include the supplies needed for remote learning as well as those needed when in-person in the classroom to ensure safe Covid safety practices. With this in mind, please don't purchase school supplies, as we will have the necessary materials available for each student to pick-up prior to the first day of school.

"School supply kits" are free to every student, but if you are able to make a financial donation to offset the cost of these kits for your student or other students, that would be a most helpful way of supporting our school community.

## Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

**Q** How will student learning groups be assigned?

**A** Assignment of students to classes will happen in August. There are many factors that go into making these assignments and we will try our best to accommodate requests. Please complete the [survey](#).

**Q** Can you explain the transition process if schools are able to reopen?

**A** Safety of students and staff is our number one priority. The School District is currently studying the positive test percentages and daily new cases in Salt Lake County. If Salt Lake County has a positive test percentage below 5 for seven consecutive days and the number of daily cases is less than 10 per 100,000 individuals, the District including SLCSE will transition to a hybrid model (in-person and online). Any transition will occur at a mid-term or end of quarter.

**Q** What happens if I decide to keep my student at home everyday?

**A** While we are doing everything we can to mitigate the risks of spreading the virus, we recognize that there are a variety of reasons why you may not want to send your student to school at this time. We are committed to working with every student and family to ensure access to a quality education regardless of whether it is online or through the proposed modified schedule. Please complete this [form](#) in order to indicate whether your child will be attending two days per week in person or fully online when SLCSE transitions to hybrid model.

**Q** When school opens with the modified hybrid model can I choose to keep my student at home doing only online? Can they return to physical school if the situation improves?

**A** Yes you can opt to keep your student at home if the school reopens for in person learning. If after some point you would like for your student to join their classmates at school, that is also possible.

**Q** Is registration different if I want my student to be fully online?

**A** No. The registration process will be the same for all students. The year will begin with remote learning for all students. When/If schools re-open we would gather data at that transition point on students who would like to remain learning remotely.

**Q** What safety precautions will be in place when students return to school?

**A** We are finalizing safety procedures and protocols and will include those in future communications.

## Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

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Will the district pay for my student to be tested for COVID-19 if there is a positive case at school?

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No. The district would refer the parent to their primary care provider and/or free community COVID testing.

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My student does not have a computer at home to participate in online learning, can the school help?

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Yes, we will be sending out a survey shortly to assess what technology needs families have.

Q

What if I have further questions?

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Please add your questions [here](#). To be efficient and address questions in a timely manner, we have created a centralized spot to submit questions rather than emailing individuals with questions. We will send out updated FAQ as we receive questions.