

# SLCSE Strategies for Fall 2020

## School-Specific Updates

### Dear families and friends,

We wanted to let you know about all the hard work and planning that has been happening this summer at SLCSE. Our primary goal is the health and safety of students, teachers, and families and so to mitigate the spread of the virus, school will be structured differently. Our secondary goal is to provide an excellent education that ensures student success.

Salt Lake City is currently in the **Orange** (Moderate Risk) phase of Utah's COVID-19 recovery plan. If we remain in this phase or move backward to the **Red** (High Risk) phase, all instruction will be conducted only remotely. In the **Yellow** (Low Risk) phase, our schools will be able to operate on a Modified Schedule, where students will spend time each week learning in class and time learning remotely. The modified schedule will allow us to reduce the number of students in a classroom and in the school building.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A	Group A in school	Group A Digital Day	Digital Support-Remote learning	Group A in school	Group A Digital Day
Group B	Group B Digital Day	Group B in school	Digital Support-Remote learning	Group B Digital Day	Group B in school

### Implementation to ensure safety and excellence

- A modified schedule where most students will attend school 2 days a week and complete coursework at home 3 days a week
- An option to engage in fully online school
- Reduction in class size, most classes will be capped at 15-20 students
- Creation and utilization of outdoor learning spaces
- A faculty mentor for every student and their family
- Enrichment activities for students on digital days (by appointment)
- Additional academic in person support on digital days

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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. Also, most of these questions apply to in-person learning, which is not guaranteed. Decisions about whether students will learn completely online, completely in-person, or a hybrid model will come from SLC School District.

**Q** Will my student be in school everyday?

**A** Currently, we are not planning to have all students in class everyday. Half of our students would attend on 'A' days (Monday and Thursday), and the other half on 'B' days (Tuesday and Friday). The days students are not in the school building, they will have online learning requirements designed by their team of teachers.

**Q** Which days will my student come to school? Do I have a choice? When will I know?

**A** Assignment of students to either A or B days will happen in August. Students with siblings attending elementary schools will be given preference priority.

**Q** What sanitation measures will be taken in the school building?

**A** Custodians will sanitize frequent touch points and restrooms throughout the day. Plexiglass barriers are being installed in front offices, libraries and other areas. Staff and students will have access to hand sanitizer and sanitizing solution. The building has also been deep cleaned over the summer break and will continue to be throughout the year. The custodians will have additional time dedicated to disinfect the building after the school day. All custodial work will be done in accordance to CDC guidelines.

**Q** Will my student be required to wear a mask? Are they provided by the school?

**A** Yes. Current mandates from the Governor's office require face masks. Therefore, all people in our school building would be required to wear a face mask. We do not have masks available for students and families. We direct families in need of masks to the Utah State Coronavirus website (<https://coronavirus.utah.gov/mask/>) where you can get at least one free mask for every family member. This may take a few weeks to process, so we would recommend requesting your mask early. Alternatively, there are many instructional [videos](#) for making your own mask.

## Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

**Q** Have the hours of the school day changed?

**A** There is discussion at the district level about the length of the school day. Teacher workload, alignment with elementary school schedules, and transportation are all considerations that impact the length of the school day under this modified schedule. We will keep you informed as decisions are made.

**Q** What changes have been made to the SLCSE bus?

**A** Current guidelines allow for one student per seat (26 students/bus). Assignment to either A day or B day will result in approximately half of the students who ride the bus to be in school on any given day. Masks will be required while students are on the bus and Greg will clean and sanitize the bus after each route. It will be important to know the ridership needs of our students for both morning and afternoon routes prior to the start of school.

Bus transportation will also be available on Wednesdays if students need access to academic help in-person or want to participate in an enrichment activity.

**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: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iFl4W1nRVkKZxmR0oGlvE49wHzj28zxPuvp1pewVdmFUNVRCSTBUUEw0MUw1RFpYN09UWDNVWTBSUi4u>

**Q** What technology help is available to students?

**A** We are working hard to ensure that all students will have access to a digital device. Systems are being put in place to connect families to technology support and internet access. Students can bring their own devices to school; it will be helpful for us to know how many of our students are able to bring a personal computer to school for learning.

## Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

**Q** Besides smaller class sizes and masks, what else will be different about school?

**A**

- To minimize gatherings and the number of surfaces that students touch, we will not be assigning student lockers.
- Drinking fountains will be turned off and students will have access to water bottle-filling stations
- Traffic flow in the hallways will be altered to increase safety
- Outdoor spaces will be utilized more frequently for classroom instruction

**Q** What if I have further questions?

**A**

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.