

Frequently Asked Questions

Excelsior Academy Reopening Plan

Are we coming back to school, full time, and in-person all together, in August?	We intend to have all students back in school together following Excelsior's traditional model. However, Excelsior is required to follow the recommendation of the local health department (TCHD) and state mandates. If restrictions increase, Excelsior will follow our designated plan.
Will there be an online option?	<p>Parents will be given the choice of sending their students to school or having them learn from home virtually. It will include their tuning in online and viewing live classes. They will be given the same instruction, assignments, and opportunities to learn that their peers have.</p> <p>In our online elementary option, there is a tiered schedule according to grade. This schedule shows the minimum requirements. (See schedule below)</p> <p>Middle school students will tune in to the regular schedule of 8:10 am-3:25 pm M-Th, 8:10 am-12:30 pm on Fridays. Students at home and at school will have breaks between each class, and lunch break.</p>
What if the state requires that we have fewer students on campus at one time?	We have prepared a block schedule with two groups, a red group and a blue group, in case we could not have all students at school at the same time. Students would come to the school either Mon/Wed and alternating Fridays, or Tue/Thurs and alternating Fridays. On the non-campus days, students would learn from home by way of live online classes. (See schedule below)
Is there an online option for the block schedule?	<p>Parents will be given the choice of sending their students to school or having them learn from home virtually if we go to a block schedule (See schedule below). Online will include their tuning in and viewing live classes. Students will be given the same instruction, assignments, and opportunities to learn that their peers are given.</p> <p>If we are using the block schedule, instruction will start at 8:15 am (8:10 am middle school) and end at 2:00 pm M-F. The online elementary tiered schedule (below) will be followed. Students at home and at school will have breaks between each class, recess, and lunch.</p>
What if nobody can come back in person to Excelsior?	If this is the case, all students will learn at home, online, in live-session classes. The elementary online tiered schedule will be followed (schedule below).
Can my student just do packets instead?	Packets will be offered on a case by case basis for students on an IEP and/or 504.
Can we choose to keep our students home and still be enrolled at Excelsior?	Parents will be given the choice of sending their students to school or have them participate from home virtually. These options keep your place (keep you enrolled) at Excelsior. If you <i>withdraw</i> your student from Excelsior, you will need to enter the lottery again for the next school year if you would like to attend Excelsior.

Will my student be required to wear a mask at all times?	The state is requiring students to wear masks at school. All staff and students will be required to wear a face covering that covers the mouth and nose, or a face shield. In addition to face coverings, physical distancing of a minimum of six feet will be used when possible. Accommodations will be made for staff and students who have a medical directive from a medical professional, a health plan, a 504, or an IEP.
How will Excelsior help to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus?	We are focusing on "The Top Five." These include hygiene etiquette, staying home when sick, face masks, physical distancing, and clean & disinfect. Please see our reopening plan for a more detailed look.

This block schedule plan will be followed only if TCHD and the state require fewer students on campus at one time.

BLOCK SCHEDULE Dividing student population (classes) into 2 groups	Red Group 8:10 or 8:15 am-2:00 pm M/W & alternating Fridays	Blue Group 8:10 or 8:15 am-2:00 pm T/Th & alternating Fridays
Monday	In-person at school	Watch live-online at home
Tuesday	Watch live-online at home	In-person at school
Wednesday	In-person at school	Watch live-online at home
Thursday	Watch live-online at home	In-person at school
Friday	In-person alternating Fridays with the blue group	In-person alternating Fridays with the red group

All students come to school 2 to 3 days a week, three days if it is their Friday rotation.

All students watch/participate live from home 2 days a week, three if it is their "home" Friday.

Elementary Online Tiered Schedule	Monday-Thursday Classes and time frame	Friday Classes and time frame
Kindergarten	2 classes/2 hours Leveled reading and math.	2 classes/2 hours Leveled reading and math
1st Grade	4 classes/3 hours Leveled reading, math, Spalding. Science. (All leveled)	2 classes/2 hours Leveled reading and math only
2nd Grade	5 classes/3.5 hours Leveled reading, math, Spalding. Shurley, science.	2 classes/2 hours Leveled reading and math only

3rd Grade	6 classes/4 hours Leveled reading, math, Spalding. Shurley, science, core math.	2 classes/2 hours Leveled reading and math only
4th Grade	7 classes/4.5 hours Leveled reading, math, Spalding. Shurley, science, core math, writing.	2 classes/2 hours Leveled reading and math only
5th Grade	8 classes/5 hours Leveled reading, math, Spalding. Shurley, science, core math, writing, literature.	2 classes/2 hours Leveled reading and math only