



Frequently Asked Questions: Plan B

What is the difference between Plans C, C+, B, and A?

These are state guidelines:

- Plan C is fully remote learning
- Plan C+ is Exploris's own invention, with small groups of students coming to school for extra support or small social events
- Plan B is a hybrid of in-person and remote learning
- Plan A is all students in school together; minimal social distancing

What is the schedule for in-person learning?

- There are 3 week rotations with one grade on campus at time each week-- one week in person, two weeks virtual. There is also a 2-week at-home virtual learning quarantine for everyone following spring break. You can [see the calendar here](#).
- Each week, 3 grade levels will have on-campus learning.
- In-person learning will take place Mon-Thurs only; Friday will remain virtual
- Carpool lanes may be slower at first as we complete daily screenings. Thank you for your patience.
- Teachers will be with students straight through from arrival to dismissal and then will have team planning time, which has created a need to adjust our dismissal times
- Arrival and dismissal times are changing:
 - Arrival: 8:10-8:30 for elementary, 7:45-8:15 for middle
 - Dismissal: 2:15-2:30 for elementary, 2:00-2:15 for middle

What measures are you taking to keep students safe?

We will be using a number of changes to keep students safe:

- Temperature checks everyday at arrival
- Masks required, covering mouth and nose, for all students and adults
- Hand sanitizer dispensers and air purifiers in every classroom
- Each student has a learning area marked just for them using social distancing requirements and in some rooms, using plastic shields on tables and desks
- High quality air purifiers in each space to turn over and filter the air approximately every 15 minutes
- Students will leave their classroom only for the bathroom or outside time
- Students will spend time outside daily, weather permitting
- All adults and students will maintain physical distance of 6 feet

- Students learn in a cohort model with fewer students per room and do not mix with other groups to minimize contact
- Visitors/Volunteers will not be allowed in the building

Do all students need to wear a face covering?

Yes. Universal and correct use of masks is the most effective strategy for keeping everyone safe. Please talk with your student often about wearing a mask and practice good mask hygiene (covering both mouth and nose, remaining on at all times, removed for eating and drinking by only touching the outside, etc)

What if my student can't wear a mask all day?

Masks are required for every student all day except when actively eating or drinking. If your student can't wear a mask properly all day, they will need to go home and switch to 100% virtual learning.

Who will be cleaning the school and how often?

Our professional janitorial team cleans and sanitizes daily. Students will wipe down their own space after lunch.

What will the arrival screening look like?

Before participating in in-person learning, each family will need to complete the Attestation Form indicating that you are aware of protocols, including which symptoms should keep your child at home. This form only needs to be completed once. At school, students will arrive in their cars in the carpool lane. A staff member will double check that you have none of the indicators identified by the CDC (such as cough, shortness of breath, etc). Then, a staff member will take the student's temperature. At that time, the student may exit the car. If a student has a fever or any other indicators, they will need to be taken back home (that's one reason we are asking the adults to please stay with the student until the screenings are complete).

Will kids be able to walk up to the entrance as usual or do we have to use the carpool lane?

You must use the carpool lane. Walk-ups will not be allowed. If your student bikes to school, please reach out to Amanda or Deb to arrange.

What does the daily schedule look like when my student is on campus?

Students will learn in cohorts. They will stay in one classroom throughout the day, and teachers will rotate to the rooms. There will be frequent bathroom and handwashing breaks, as well as lunch and outside time. Students will participate in both core instruction and Global Arts.

If I opt for 100% remote, what will I do?

During the week that your grade level is on campus, you will continue to work remotely. Most of this will be asynchronous work with staff members available at specific times to

answer questions, have conversations, or just check in with our students in remote learning for those days.

Will teachers be available for support during remote learning?

Yes. Teachers will be accessible via email. Students can also expect some live time with a staff person during the week such as a short check-in.

For families who choose 100% remote, will there still be opportunities for in-person, socially-distant interactions?

If an individual grade level plans a field experience during a virtual week, students in 100% remote would be given the opportunity to participate.

Will the elementary school still have an Asynchronous Day on Wednesdays?

When your grade level is virtual for the week, there will still be an Asynchronous Day on Wednesday. However, when your grade level is in-person there will be no Asynchronous Day that week.

Will there be before and after school care?

Unfortunately, at this time we cannot provide before or after care. We are reducing the number of people each student comes in contact with, and these programs mix multiple grade levels together.

While on campus, will students be able to play with their friends?

We will provide as much outside recess time as possible. Students will be required to observe a “no-touch” rule during outside play.

How can I help my child prepare to wear a mask all day?

Here are a few resources:

- [How to Help Kids Embrace Mask-Wearing](#)
- [How to make Face Masks More Comfortable for Kids](#)
- [Five Ways to Help Your Child Understand Social Distancing](#)

If we begin Plan B in-person, can we switch to 100% at any point?

Yes. Simply email Amanda to request this change at amanda@exploris.org

If we begin Plan B in 100% virtual, can we switch to in-person?

The deadline to switch to the hybrid model is Monday, March 1st. Please email your Amanda amanda@exploris.org teacher if this is a CHANGE from you original option. We will accommodate this request if space is available in that grade level.

Who will need to stay home if a student on campus needs to be quarantined?

This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis dependent on the level of exposure and contact and in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines. We will let you know if your student needs to quarantine at any point.

If my student is home for quarantine or because they don't feel well, will they be counted absent?

If your student is home during their in-person week, they can do the virtual assignments that are provided for the other virtual students. Students who are able to do this will not be marked absent.

Will we be in Plan B for the rest of the year?

We will continue in Plan B for the remainder of the school year following [this calendar](#). The task force will continue to meet regularly and review all the local metrics to determine if conditions have deteriorated or improved, and if we need to revert back to remote learning or can move forward into Plan A (all students on campus, minimal social distancing, masks still required.) The situation is fluid and we will be monitoring closely, especially if a need to quarantine arises that causes us to have a staffing shortage and as more people in our school community become vaccinated.

What if we have questions about our particular student/situation?

Please reach out to your crew teacher.