

Mandarin Immersion Magnet School

Reopening plan, Q and A

Thursday, 10/8/2020

Question 1:

"[...] What is the total number of returning and staying virtual by grade level?"

"For Pre-K we have 7 in person. For Kindergarten we have 27. For 1st grade we have [...] 32, but keep in mind this is the entire grade level combined. It just so happened that each cluster has 16. It's a coincidence, so each group has 16 in-person students. [...] For the entire 2nd grade level we only have 11 students coming back in person. For 3rd Grade, I have 14 four. For 4th Grade, I have 17. For 5th Grade, I only have 6. For 6th Grade, I have 14. For 7th Grade, I have 8. For 8th grade, I have 5 students. These are the results that we pulled from HISD connect."

Question 2:

Will students have their same teachers?

"Yes, they will have their same teacher."

Question 3:

How this will shift their ABC rotation?

"Ms. Lyon is taken out of ancillary rotation. We talk about starting in person we'll have a 3-way rotation – Music, Art and PE."

Question 4:

Will 4th grade receive instructions

"Yes, all of the 4th graders will see all 4th grade teachers every day. Ms. Liu will be teaching virtually but she will see all three classes every day."

Question 5:

Are rooms adjusted to allow maximum safe spacing?

"Yes, they are adjusted to allow maximum safe spacing. We removed some of the non-essential furniture out the classroom and that really opened up quite a lot of space."

Question 6:

Will hours remain the same?

"Yes, [...] the hours are the same. Our school day begins at 8:30 and dismisses at 4:00."

Question 7:

Will students have to bring devices?

"Yes, student will bring devices to school because teachers are posting their assignments in the HUB and that is why in those small group situations, students might need to get on Imagine Learning or Imagine Math, for example. That's the reason why students need their devices."

Question 8:

Will teachers decide how to proceed, can the current plan accommodate?

“So, our plan does have room for growth we are anticipating that in the next six weeks we'll have more in person students. [...] we have room to grow, to accommodate more in person students. [...] That being said, for the decision you put into HISD connect, we need you to stick with that decision for that 6 weeks. If you choose one, don't do the other because that will change our plan, we won't be able to accommodate if you change your decision in the middle of that six weeks. We definitely need every parent to work with us on that.”

Question 9:

Can you clarify for the 4th grade that has the three-way rotation? Can you give a little more detail on how that will work?

“Sure, so for Ms. Liu, for personal reasons she will be teaching from home. We will have a staff working with her group in person while they learn from Ms. Liu. She will be teaching online virtually, so that's the only exception. [...] Then we'll do the normal rotation.”

“4th grade students are going to stay in the same room and the teachers will rotate through that room throughout the day, so they'll get all three teachers and the same with virtual, they'll get all three teachers throughout the day.”

“The 4th grade situation is a good illustration of how the whole elementary system will work. [...] That's true of pre-K all the way to 5th grade. The kids will stay in the same room the whole day and the teachers will rotate in and out.”

“All the students will be together and that are in person. And then one teacher will be teaching them. They'll stay in their groups, but not necessarily in their homerooms. All the virtual students will be learning virtually together with the other teacher for that group, then they'll rotate.”

Question 7:

How early can you drop off your child?

“7:00 o'clock. We talked to Mr. Sergio and Ms. Silvia. We are ready to do this but once again we need enough students to sign up for morning care. So please do sign up for before an afternoon care. “

Question 8:

How early can you drop off if you are not signed up for ASP?

“That will be the same time as the building opens, which is 8:05. So, what that means for parents is that they can't drop off and have kids hang out. [...] Please don't drop off students unsupervised. It's hard for them to social distance, so for everybody's safety please don't drop them off early”

Question 9:

What kind of filter are you using and how often do you change your filter?

“A HISD facility will take care of that - it's not a campus decision. HISD will replace on a three-month basis and this is based on OSHA's recommendation. There's a specific filter and frequency of replacement. We definitely follow that guideline. “

Question 10:

If a parent needs to pick up their child for a doctor's appointment or something like that, should they keep the child home and do remote that day? What's the process?

“If your child has a doctor appointment, still send your child to school. [...] If you need to check out your child, we'll do that normally. You can come in and we'll get your child.”

Question 11:

What's the process for children who take off their masks?

"So, for students who take off their mask are not creating a safe learning environment. We'll definitely address that we will start by talking to the students, we'll talk to the parents also to enforce keeping your mask on. There will be consequences, if the child continues to violate that rule."

Question 12:

What middle school is like because you said fewer coming back, but they don't have the same kind of rotation that elementary has, so can you share that plan?

"For middle school, in person students are so few at this time and plus, we don't have a partner teacher for middle school so teachers will be teaching virtually and in person at the same time."

Question 13:

Will students be going through the lunch line? Who will be served lunch?

"They won't be going through the lunch line. They lunch will be served to students if they didn't bring their lunch from home."

Question 14:

Will Ms. Cynthia Huang be supporting the whole school or just 4th and 5th grade? And what does that look like?

"Just 4th and 5th. I don't have a schedule for her at this time, but our thinking is we're definitely getting the tier two and tier three students first. Students who are struggling in Mandarin will get one on one time with Ms. Huang."

Question 15:

Are teacher going to be using their own classrooms or they're going to be switching classrooms?

"As much as possible, we try to keep teachers in their own classrooms."

Question 16:

Do kids have to bring their own devices?

"We still want kids to bring their own devices because they may have some assignments that are in the hub."

Question 17:

Can Elementary students bring their own paper and pencil?

"All students can bring their own paper and pencil. To be cleared teachers may make copies and give students materials. They have gloves, so it will be safe to pass out. It's just very important to note that students won't share any pencil or anything with anyone else like they will have their own pencil and paper."

Question 18:

Since it sounds like they're going to be a lot of younger students on the 1st floor and so how are you managing flow of students?

"We're using a lot of the larger spaces in the school now we have some walls that open up and things like that. That's our plan to try to and put the classes with the most kids in the rooms with the most space. The downside to that is that it would cause us to have to make a big change after these six weeks. That's why we're kind of

evaluating that a little bit right now. That's why we're looking closely at space that have the most air flow and room where students can spread out the most."

"This plan is just for now; it can accommodate more students coming in if more choose to in the second six weeks period."

Question 19:

Can parents walk up their students to the front door? Does everybody have to go through the line for drop off?

"Yes, kids that walk to school or parents want to walk the kids to school that still allowed and we have marking there for in the morning. Because it'll take some time for each kid to get their temperature taken."

Question 20:

When students are in person, will they have to log in to get virtual instruction?

"No, they will have face to face instruction. They might have to log on to get the HUB because we want to minimize paper for students and maximize the same experience."

Question 21:

What is the latest time that you can do pick up? What's in the last time that you can come before child is considered late?

"4:30"

Question 22:

Do teachers do come back next week?

"Yes."