

Parent Information Specific to the UCS School Year 2020-2021

This is as of 7/17/2020 and is Subject to Change

Schedule:

- Students will be returning to UCS with full in-school learning five days per week.

Drop Off:

- If using before care: 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m., your student will be met at the cafeteria door or PreK 1 door. His/her temperature will be taken and hand sanitizer will be given. Your student will need to have his/her mask on and will be expected to keep socially distant from other students. Students that are siblings will be allowed to sit together.
- If dropping off between 7:45 a.m. and 8:05 a.m., your student will be met at your car in front of the building, and the same procedure will be in place. Your student will have his/her temperature taken, will be given hand sanitizer, and will have to have his/her mask on. Once your student enters the building, he/she will be going directly to his/her classroom, where the teacher will be waiting on the students. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building.
- Things to note:
 - Students will need to bring a reusable water bottle daily. Bottle filling stations will be used instead of water fountains.
 - Students MUST bring their own mask. We will have masks available, each student will be given one free mask if they forget theirs from home, but the cost of each subsequent mask will be added to your account.

During the Day:

- Students will primarily be in their classroom with their masks on.
- Students will be at individual desks all facing the same direction and as socially distant as space allows. Teachers have worked hard to remove any excess furniture from their rooms to allow for this social distancing.
- Students will be allowed to participate in PE, recess, and depending on their year of school, technology. Students will be out of their classroom at those times. Masks will be optional during PE and recess.
- Students will be allowed to participate in music, but the music teacher will come to them instead of the students sharing that space.
- Students will eat lunch in their classroom before going to recess and will be monitored by their teacher.

- Indoor recess will be closely monitored and will be an organized exercise time as opposed to free play to keep students as distanced as possible. *We will need recess staff, since these recess staff are paid hourly in tuition reduction, they are permissible and needed. However, if you are working at the school in any capacity you will be screened as are our teachers and students with a temperature check every time you enter the building and you will be required to wear a mask.*
- Students will have their temperature taken before lunch, as an extra precaution.

Dismissal:

- Students will dismiss from their classrooms as we have in the past.
- Teachers without a class to dismiss (PE, Technology, etc.) will be in the hallways to encourage students out the door, so they do not congregate.

Anticipated Parent Questions:

- Will there be a chapel? *At this time, that is undecided as we are prayerfully considering the impact of chapel vs. an extra classroom Bible study.*
- Can I come into the building? *No, parents will not be allowed into the building to volunteer, visit, etc. ALL parent/teacher meetings or meetings with administration MUST be scheduled in advance through the office. If you have a meeting, you will have your temperature taken before entering the building and will be required to wear a mask.*
- What if my student forgets his/her lunchbox or other necessary materials? *If your student forgets his/her lunchbox or other necessary materials, you will be met at the door by office staff to hand it to them and they will deliver the items to the classroom.*
- What if my child refuses to wear a mask? *If your student is having a particularly difficult time with his/her mask, they will be sent home for the day and will be allowed to try for a better day the next day. If it becomes a persistent problem, please see the handbook for more information. *Tip: Practice proper mask wearing now, so they are used to it by the start of school. The mask must cover both their nose and mouth.*
- What if a student in my child's class presents with COVID symptoms: fever, cough, etc.? *The student will be quarantined and sent home immediately. As far as returning to school, you will be getting information on that policy at the start of school. We are consulting with medical professionals to make the best policy possible. This question is included on this form without a complete answer, but to make you aware we are trying to cover all of our bases for the best possible education and health of our students and staff.*

- Will there be class experts visiting: historians, community helpers, celebrity readers, etc. or field trips? *No, there will be no extra adults in the building other than staff and no field trips at this time.*
- Will I be notified if a student in my child's class is sent home ill? *There will be no notification from the school, as we are bound by HIPPA. The IDPH will be doing contact tracing and notification.*

We have every confidence that this can be done and that we will have a blessed school year - we are all in this together!