

## **FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **If I register for Parent Choice Off-Site Learning, will I still need to enroll in USD 489?**

Yes. Every student will need to be enrolled. The Parent Choice will be selected through the on-line enrollment process.

### **What choices do I have for enrolling my child(ren) with USD 489?**

Parents/Families will have two options:

- 1.) attend school on-site, hybrid, or remote learning according to the learning phases determined by the district and community COVID risk factors and as outlined in the reopening plan
- 2.) register for Parent Choice Off-Site Learning, a remote/virtual learning option provided by USD 489

### **How is the remote learning phase outlined in the plan different from Parent Choice Off-Site Learning?**

The remote learning phase of the plan will be activated based on the level of community restrictions or building/district needs. If the community is experiencing high levels of community restrictions, the district would transition to the remote learning environment. Instruction would be led remotely by USD 489 staff with student issued devices.

With Parent Choice Off-Site Learning students will receive instruction from an outside online learning platform, Edgenuity (K-12). This learning will be administered by a USD 489 staff member and will allow for a flexible learning schedule.

### **What if I am considering enrolling my child in a virtual, online program I've seen advertised?**

We encourage parents to consider enrolling their child(ren) in USD 489's Parent Choice Off-Site Learning option before enrolling elsewhere. The off-site option offered through USD 489 will be a personalized learning curriculum with teacher-led instruction. The program used will be Edgenuity (K-12). For an overview of this program, please see the district website's Reopening Schools page.

## **How will Parent Choice Off-Site Learning compare to the Continuous Learning in the spring of 2020?**

Parent Choice Off-Site Learning will be provided by Edgenuity (K-12) and involve a comprehensive curriculum of online, kinesthetic and offline activities. Student issued devices and workbook materials will be provided for the four core subject areas (Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies). Elective classes will be offered (Physical Education, Art, Technology, Music). A student's progress will be monitored by a USD 489 teacher. Parents will have the flexibility to return their student to on-site learning understanding that school assignment and class selection will be determined based on availability. Students will be learning from home and not entering the school building.

- 1.) Families will identify that their student will be doing Parent Choice Off-Site Learning through the enrollment process.
- 2.) Students enrolled will demonstrate learning by maintaining activity logs with parent review.
- 3.) Learning will occur with daily contact from a teacher utilizing interactive conferencing.
- 4.) Individual learning interaction for feedback and guided learning will be available throughout the day.
- 5.) Students would not participate in any in-person school opportunities/activities, but may attend school activities.

## **Will staff be required to wear masks?**

Yes, staff will be required to wear masks, with the exemptions listed in the Governor's Executive Order 20-59 (face covering mandate).

## **Will students be required to wear masks?**

Yes, students will be required to wear masks on the bus and in school with the exemptions listed in the Governor's Executive Order 20-59 (face covering mandate)

## **How will on-site learning look compared to previous years?**

On-site learning will look and feel different from previous years when it comes to teaching and learning. There will be some modifications to schedules and other items to reduce the spread of COVID. Some measures include the following:

- Water fountains will be closed. Water bottle fillers will remain in use. Students will be asked to bring a personal water bottle for daily use.
- Lunch times may be extended to accommodate smaller groups of kids eating together and additional lunch spaces may be added.
- Staff and students will be required to wash/sanitize their hands prior to coming to lunch.

- Classrooms will limit the sharing of materials and school supplies.
- Students and staff will be asked to sanitize/wash their hands upon entrance of buildings, cafeteria, and at regular intervals throughout the school day, no less than once every hour.

### **What measures will the district implement in an effort to keep students and staff safe?**

Cleaning and sanitation are critical to a healthy and safe learning environment for our students and staff. Some of these additional safety items include the following:

- Students and staff will have their temperature taken prior to loading the bus and/or entering their school building.
- Parents will be expected to assess their student's health before sending them to school every day. Parents are encouraged to keep their child at home if showing any signs of illness.
- Ongoing cleaning and sanitation will occur during school day with an emphasis on high traffic and high touch zones; deep cleaning/disinfecting will occur outside school hours.
- Child-safe disinfectant will be used by the district.
- Buses will be thoroughly disinfected in between each route.
- While on the bus and at school, students will be required to wear a face covering.
- Outside visitors, including parents, will be limited.

### **How will I know if the district is moving to a different phase /learning environment of the plan?**

The district will inform parents/guardians as soon as possible when the decision has been made to move from the on-site learning environment to either hybrid or remote learning. This will be done through the district's emergency notification process. All websites will display the current learning environment phase on their home page with additional COVID/Reopening information as well.

### **What will the school lunch program look like in each phase of the plan?**

School lunch and breakfast will be served for students enrolled through USD 489 in each aspect of the plan. The cost will be based on Free/Reduced/Full lunch eligibility. Meal service will be provided in all phases of the plan. Phase 1 will have meals served on-site; Phases 2 & 3 will be served curbside at designated locations. Information pertaining to food service will be communicated to families as the various phases are implemented.

**My child is enrolled in the Parent Choice Off-Site Learning. Do they qualify for school lunches?**

Yes, any child enrolled through USD 489 will be eligible for meals. The cost will be assessed based on eligibility for Free/Reduced/Full payment and will be served curbside at a designated location.