



RETURN TO LEARN PARMA

TOP TEN QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

July 23, 2020

Q. What is the PVLA Schedule? Start time, end time? Are students logged in all day?

A. We are still working to determine the actual schedule and will not be able to publish it in full until enrollment concludes (August 3). However, we have established that we will be flexible with regard to when students will be able to participate. So, if a working parent cannot help their child during the day, they will be able to log in to PVLA at night and access lessons.

Q. What will happen for students enrolled in CTE programs?

A. We will be operating all Career Technical Education programs for 2020-2021 school year. The Department of Strategic Initiatives oversees CTE operations and is working with ODE, industry professionals, State Boards (as applicable), and CTE staff to provide ODE standards/industry content to support certifications, obtainment of college credits, and workforce development. The Career and Technical Education programs will follow the same delivery format as indicated by Parma City School District traditional reopening schedule.

Q. What is happening for First Step students, both peer models as well as students with special needs?

A. We are still working through this program and will soon publish more information. We appreciate the patience of our First Step families.

Q. What happens if a teacher or student is tested positive with COVID-19? What is the procedure?

A. We will employ our 3C model:

- Call the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to determine most appropriate next steps.
- Clean (again) all areas through which the infected person traveled.
- Communicate to relevant families all information within legal parameters.

Q. Will technology be provided?

A. Yes, all students will receive an iPad (grades K-1) or Chromebook (grades 2-12) that they can take to and from school for their educational needs.

Q. Will EDC still operate?

A. We are still working to establish procedures and protocols for EDC and will publish these soon.

Q. Will “space available” be possible for transportation?

A. Yes, but we will need to be very judicious in allowing this consideration to ensure that we are still minimizing the number of students on buses to the extent possible.

Q. What is the plan for fall sports?

A. We will continue to follow guidance that the Ohio High School Athletic Association provides. We will provide an update before the season officially begins on August 1.

Q. What about students who play in the band or sing in choir?

A. These courses will still meet during the school day and teachers will employ enhanced social distancing measures to ensure student safety. We will publish these no later than September 1.

Quick Facts



- The first day of school is
 - September 8: Cohort A for KG/ 5th Grade/ 8th Grade
 - September 9: All of Cohort A
 - September 10: Cohort B for KG/ 5th Grade/ 8th Grade
 - September 11: All of Cohort B
- The first two weeks will be hybrid REGARDLESS of county color/risk level determined by the state.
- Students have two options for schooling (1) Traditional (in-person) or (2) Parma Virtual Learning Academy (PVLA).
- Career and Technical Education classes will only be offered in the traditional setting and cannot be part of PVLA.
- We asked families to state their intentions by August so that we can appropriately staff all of our classrooms for both virtual and traditional.
- We will have virtual orientations for new students and students transitioning to new buildings. This information will come directly from the school building as we get closer to September.
- Reserving a spot in PVLA DOES NOT “remove you from a school” or a program.
- If you signed up for PVLA you will not receive a confirmation until after August 3, 2020. Many families are changing their decisions on a day to day basis, so we are waiting until after the lock-in deadline to provide further information.
- A semester is two quarters. The end of the first semester will be January 15, 2021.
- STEM spots are not being given away.
- Families who plan to send their students to our brick and mortar buildings and not PVLA do not need to take any additional steps at this point.
- Families who wish to reserve a spot in PVLA can find the sign up on our website www.parmacityschools.org.
- Special Education (IEP’s and 504 plans) are all unique which is why we haven’t released anything as they will be handled on an individual basis.
- EVERY DAY is cleaning day. We are committed to keeping our buildings as clean and safe as possible.