

Frequently Asked Questions - 2020-2021 School Year

Bell Schedule and Logistics:

1. How long will the school day be?
 - a. The school day will begin at 7:45AM and end at 3:30PM. This is an increase of 15 minutes from previous years to allow adequate time for students to navigate a new hallway-traffic pattern to include one-way hallways during passing periods, which are being increased from four minutes to six minutes. The extra time will also allow for additional sanitizing of classrooms, handwashing, and other aspects of the new health protocols.

2. When can my student(s) arrive at LCHS in the morning?
 - a. Your student(s) can arrive as early as 7:15AM. The first bell will sound at 7:30AM, at which point your student(s) can enter the building and head straight to their first-period classrooms. The Stoa will no longer be open before school, but your student(s) may wait outside on the sidewalk between 7:15AM and 7:30AM as long as he/she practices physical distancing from other students.

3. Will my student still be assigned a locker this year?
 - a. Yes, absolutely. However, locker assignments will be slightly different this year, with no singular grade-level hallways (i.e., “the senior hallway”). Students in grades 7-9 will be assigned a smaller-sized locker throughout the building according to the first letter of their last name. Students in grades 10-12 will be similarly assigned to a larger-sized locker. Students will have locker access at strategic times throughout the day according to grade level and the first letter of their last name. This will create greater physical distancing between students during passing periods and help to eliminate students congregating at lockers throughout the school day.

4. How will my student get his/her class materials (books, school supplies, etc.) for each class if he/she can't go to his/her locker during every passing period?
 - a. Students will be permitted to carry their backpack from class to class throughout the school day, and they will still be able to access their lockers at assigned times throughout the school day. Additionally, the school supply list has been pared down in order to reduce the number of items students will need to carry to and from classes and home. For example, the school supply list now requests one large “morning/AM” binder and one large “afternoon/PM” binder instead of different binders for each class.

5. Will my student have the same bell schedule this year?
 - a. During the 2020-2021 school year, our traditional eight-period day will remain intact. In addition, our modified block day schedule will still take place every

other week in order to accommodate laboratory experiments in our science courses. Block days are reflected on the school calendar for planning purposes.

6. Will we be pursuing a hybrid model or an in-person model of education next year?
 - a. At this point, we are planning to offer in-person instruction starting in August ("Plan A" as defined in the parent letter sent to families on July 31st). There is also a Plan B and Plan C outlined in the letter that we will move to if required by county and/or state officials.

7. What if my student or someone in our family has a health concern related to COVID-19 and is unable to attend in-person instruction?
 - a. Classes will be simulcast for students to access remotely via Zoom if they are sick, quarantined, or have medically-related issues which preclude in-person attendance. Please contact an LCHS administrator if this condition applies to your student or family.

8. Will 9th Hour be offered next year?
 - a. 9th Hour will still be offered next year, as it is an important time for students to get academic help from their teachers as well as participate in clubs and other school activities. Teachers who are supervising 9th Hour clubs will maintain a daily sign-in sheet and seating chart, both of which are necessary for contact tracing per the Larimer County Health Department.

9. When will 9th Hour take place?
 - a. 9th Hour will take place from 3:06PM to 3:30PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. There will not be 9th Hour on Wednesdays due to faculty meetings that teachers and staff will attend.

10. When will the school day end this year?
 - a. 8th-period will end at 3:00PM, so if your student is in good academic standing, he/she can leave the school building between 3:00PM and 3:06PM (prior to the beginning of 9th Hour), or he/she can opt to stay for a 9th Hour club. If your student has one or more grades below a 70%, he/she will need to stay for Mandatory 9th Hour in order to receive academic help from his/her teachers (Mandatory 9th Hour status is communicated for the upcoming week on Sunday afternoons via email by Mrs. Kearney).

11. Will the Stoa remain open after school?
 - a. Unfortunately not, as we cannot have areas in which students are congregating without a formal seating chart in case contact tracing is required. Please make alternate arrangements for your student(s) when the school day ends, as they will not be able to stay on the LCHS campus if they are not participating in a school-sponsored activity.

12. Will my student still be able to ride the bus?
- a. We will continue to run busses between the elementary and high-school campus at the end of each day. We only transport students who have practice or siblings at the elementary school. Each year, we ask interested families to fill out a request form in order for their children to ride the bus. Since we can only seat one student per seat on the bus (except siblings), families are asked to decline bus use unless absolutely necessary. Students are required to wear masks when riding the bus. Windows are to be open when possible.

Lunch Procedures:

1. When will lunch be served?
 - a. Junior-high lunch will take place from 11:11-11:36AM on non-block days and from 10:50-11:24AM on block days. High-school lunch will take place from 12:02-12:27PM on non-block days and from 10:50-11:24AM on block days.
2. Where will students be eating lunch?
 - a. There will be 4-5 dining areas distributed throughout the larger common areas, both inside the school and outside. This will minimize large numbers of students congregating in one area and will also allow for contact tracing if needed.
3. How will students know which area to go to at lunch?
 - a. Dining areas will be selected by individual students during the first two days of school, rosters and “seating charts” will be made, and students will eat in those locations until further notice.
4. Will students still be able to use the microwaves during lunch?
 - a. No, the microwaves will not be available for student use due to physical distancing requirements during lunch.
5. Will hot lunch be an option as it has been in past years?
 - a. Unfortunately not. Due to a variety of food service and physical distancing requirements, this will not be possible until further notice. We will communicate with the school community if this changes throughout the school year.

Safety Protocols:

1. Will students be required to wear masks while in the building?
 - a. Students will be required to wear masks while in areas where physical distancing is impossible. This includes passing periods, Lyceums, entering or exiting the building, going to and from lunch, etc.
 - b. Students may remove their masks while eating or once they are seated in an area where the polycarbonate desk shields are installed.

2. How will this requirement be enforced?
 - a. Failure to wear a mask will not be considered a dress code violation. Instead, insubordination, such as refusing to put on a mask or not wearing a mask consistent with the LCHS dress code, could be subject to administrative discipline and potential inability to attend in-person instruction.
3. In addition to requiring masks, what other protective devices are being installed in the building to limit exposure to coronavirus?
 - a. Classroom layouts are being rearranged so that physical distancing is maximized.
 - b. Desk shields will be installed on every student desk and table to act as “sneeze guards.”
 - c. Students will be directed to sanitize their desks and desk shields at the end of each class period.
 - d. A new air-sanitization system ([Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization](#)) is being installed.
 - e. The rooftop air-handling units are being reconfigured to increase the amount of fresh air being brought into the building.
 - f. The filters in the rooftop air-handling units are also being upgraded to capture smaller particulates.
4. Will my student be able to use the water fountain?
 - a. All traditional water fountains in the building will be disabled to allow for no-touch filling of water bottles only. Students may bring their own water bottles to school and may fill them from the no-touch water bottle fountain.

Student Life:

1. Will House and Order time take place this year?
 - a. The House and Order system, being integral to the mission of Liberty Common High School, will remain largely intact with some changes implemented as outlined below.
2. What changes will occur for high-school Lyceums?
 - a. During high-school Lyceums (assemblies), four of the five Houses will attend the Lyceum in the Colosseum. Two of the four Houses will sit in folding chairs on the floor of the Colosseum, while the other two will be physically distanced on the bleachers. Students from the fifth House will view the Lyceum remotely with their House mentor groups. A House rotation schedule is being developed so that each House will view only one Lyceum remotely.
3. What changes will occur for junior-high Lyceums?
 - a. To allow for greater physical distancing, both sides of the bleachers will be used for junior-high Lyceums. Students will still sit with their Orders.

4. What changes are necessary for all-school Lyceums?
 - a. There will be no all-school Lyceums this year. Instead, all-school Lyceums will be split into two separate Lyceums, one for junior-high students on one day and one for high-school students on the following day.

5. What changes have been made to the Torch Trek?
 - a. All 7th graders and 12th graders will meet at the elementary school and will walk to the high school. No other students will be able to attend this year due to limitations on attendees. We will make every effort to broadcast the actual ceremony via Zoom so others can watch the event remotely.

6. Since many students are not able to attend the Torch Trek, will there be another opportunity for students to drop off their school supplies prior to the first day of school?
 - a. Yes, a schedule is being developed for students to drop off school supplies during the week of August 17th.

7. Will dances and other extracurricular events still occur this year?
 - a. We will make every effort to still offer extracurricular events for our students this school year when it is practical and prudent to do so. Every event will be considered on a case-by-case basis and adjusted if possible to still take place in some capacity.
 - b. For example, the high-school Autograph Dance that usually takes place on the first Friday after school starts has been converted into an Autograph BBQ event outdoors, where students will remain physically distanced and take part in outdoor summer activities such as cornhole and making smores.
 - c. We will communicate the status of scheduled events through the Liberty Common Sense as well as morning announcements.

If you have any other questions or concerns that have not yet been answered, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your support, patience, and flexibility during this unprecedented time.