Lexington Restart FAQ

*Please check back on a regular basis as this document will be updated as necessary.

1. **When will the final plan for the start of school be announced?** The Richland County Framework was released on July 22 and Lexington is working on unique policies and procedures for each building within the framework. The overall district plan is being worked on currently and will be presented to the board for approval on August 19. Buildings are working on digital orientations, which will include how the days will operate, and policies and procedures. School starts for PreK-12 on September 8th.

2. **What will busing look like?**
Students will be required to wear face coverings while on the bus and will maintain maximum physical distances while waiting at the bus stop and while entering the building. Assigned seats will be required with siblings sitting as close together as much as possible. If there is a need to seat more than 2 students that are not siblings together, the 3rd student will be placed into the seat as late into the bus route as possible (preferably for less than a 15-minute bus ride). Buses will be loaded by filling the back seats first and moving forward. The buses will be emptied by dismissing front seats first and moving backward. We will leave the front seats empty, if possible, to allow for physical distancing from the driver. Buses will be sanitized before each route. We will provide hand sanitizer for students so they can apply it themselves upon entering the bus. We will allow for fresh air (crack windows) during routes when weather permits.

3. **Does each parent have a choice on the type of learning: In-person or LDA?**
Yes, sign ups for our Digital Academy (LDA) are available on our school website or through this link. The deadline for enrollment is August 14, and after that they will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

4. **If I choose In-person learning what happens in Level 4 Purple?**
We will also move forward with incorporating best practices for Remote Learning in the event we reach Level 4 Purple and are unable to bring students into the building. Applications such as Schoology, Google Classroom, and Edgenuity will be used for In-person instruction to allow a smoother transition if remote learning is necessary. We appreciate the work of students and staff in the spring, but are aware we must improve instruction during a period of remote learning.

5. **How does Level 4 Purple impact LDA students?**
It will have no impact. LDA students will continue their coursework through the Edgenuity platform, as they have made a semester commitment.

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6. **What is the Lexington Digital Academy (LDA)?**
   The LDA is in its 6th year of operation. Students will utilize the LDA instructional software platform (Edgenuity K-12) to access their all courses.

   All courses for K-5 are completed through Edgenuity and daily pacing guides are provided so parents can help their children stay on pace with their daily learning goals. Lexington staff members will provide support for students and check in on a scheduled basis.

   Courses are individually paced for each student. This includes prescriptive testing in grades 6-12 which allows students to test out of content in which they already have mastery. Courses are also completed independently. Students are not part of a larger cohort and are able to complete coursework early. Students are able to move onto additional courses if/when ready.

7. **What kind of courses does the LDA offer?**
   All courses offered in Lexington buildings are offered in the LDA. These courses have been vetted by Lexington educators and are appropriately rigorous.

   Credit Acceleration, Credit Recovery, and additional elective courses not offered in the district (American Sign Language, German, Coding, etc.) are available as well. This excludes College Credit Plus (CCP) and dual enrollment courses at the High School.

8. **What will an IEP look like for the LDA?**
   Support and services for students with disabilities will be provided but in a digital format. Accommodations and modifications are provided through the platform.

9. **How often will LDA students be in contact with a Lexington teacher?**
   Teacher interaction only when needed. A Lexington teacher will be assigned to each student and will work with 7-12 students when necessary for intervention or remediation. Parent/student guides instruction. It is expected that each LDA student will log in daily and work one hour per course or maintain pacing for all courses.

   Students in grades K-3 will be administered the state required reading diagnostic and reading assessments each quarter through a digital format. This is to meet the requirements of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee which is still in effect for all K-3 students.

   Students in grades 3-12 are required to participate in all state testing requirements unless cancelled by the Ohio Department of Education.

   Students with an IEP will have more frequent contact with their intervention specialist.

10. **If students choose Lexington Digital Academy can they still participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics and after school clubs?** Yes, students can participate in extracurricular activities and athletics that meet after school hours. They will not be able to participate in band, orchestra, choir, symphonic band, and Una Voce as these take place during the school day. However, marching band is an extracurricular activity at the High School that LDA students can participate in.

11. **What is the commitment to LDA?** We are requiring a semester commitment. The semester ends for PreK-6 on January 15, 2021. The semester ends for 7-12 on December 22, 2020.

12. **What happens if a student chooses the Lexington Digital Academy and then wants to move back to In-Person learning?** We are asking for a semester commitment to LDA and a renewed commitment to the 2nd semester will be made available in November.

13. **When do families need to make a decision with respect to the options? What is the process for registering a student for the Lexington Digital Academy?** The enrollment deadline for LDA is August 14th. The LDA enrollment form can be found by clicking on this link. After August 14th enrollment will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

14. **What happens if a student chooses In-Person Learning and then wants to move to the Lexington Digital Academy?** Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

15. **Will Lexington offer physical education, band, and choir for In-Person learning this year?** We will offer these courses but are still reviewing how to do so with increased safety measures.

16. **Will desks and other shared equipment be cleaned between classes/use?** Yes, all classrooms will be stocked with supplies needed for daily cleaning and frequent wiping of surfaces and shared equipment. Buildings will review schedules to limit the amount of transitions. Every building will be disinfected nightly.

17. **Will there be transportation to Pioneer (PCTC)?** Yes, transportation to Pioneer is available every day but Wednesday this school year. This will be a digital day for Pioneer students.

18. **How will students on an IEP receive services and therapies?** Services and therapies will be similar to what they have been in prior school years for In-Person attendance. Facial coverings may be required for in person therapies. We will hold remote IEP meetings when possible and Lexington Digital Academy services/therapies will be adjusted as needed.

19. **Should I buy school supplies, or not?** If you are planning to send your student for In- Person instruction you should purchase supplies. Principals will post supply lists by the first week of August.

20. **Will doors be permitted to be open?** Per the County Framework rooms that are not air conditioned should have their doors open to allow for better circulation.

21. **Will there be air conditioning?** Utilizing Permanent Improvement (PI) Funds Western and Central will have window air conditioners installed prior to the school year. There were a limited amount of PI Funds still available after the 2019-20 school year, and these funds are being utilized to make these upgrades. PI funds may be used for infrastructure and maintenance only, for example, fixing parking lots, roofs, HVAC, and technology. Because our PreK-6 building will not be built for at least five years, the district felt it was important to make this upgrade now. The 7-12 building will be open in less than two years, so we are not purchasing air conditioning for these two buildings.

22. **Under any circumstances will masks be required at all for 10 and under?**
Per the Governor's mandate (8/4/2020), all students K-12 must wear a facial covering at all times during the school day.

23. **Will students be provided with facial covering breaks during the school day?** Yes, face covering breaks will be utilized during the day.

24. **Does Lexington provide the computers for the Lexington Digital Academy?** Computers are available per request. Please see the enrollment form for this purpose. Please purchase basic school supplies (paper, pencil, pens, etc) for your child.

25. **What technology is available?**
Starting this fall, Lexington Local will be a 1:1 district. Individual hotspots will also be available dependent on need. Lexington is utilizing Edgenuity, Schoology, Google Classroom as its learning platforms for all modes of instruction.

26. **Are there textbooks/workbooks to go along with the LDA, or is everything completed 100% online?**
All content is provided online through the Edgenuity platform.

27. **Can students signed up for LDA still sign up for on campus choir, band, and strings?**
These requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

28. **Does Edgenuity have video components for learning?** There are short instructional videos included at each grade level.