

## **Answers To Your Back To School Questions**

We will add to this document as new information becomes available, so check back periodically for updates.

### **When will Express Check-In open?**

Express Check-In is now open, and you can access it [here](#). Please register each child you have attending PCK for the coming school year through Express Check-In. You will see there is a link to Express Check-In from Douglas County (this includes health information, communication preferences, emergency contact information, etc.), as well as several items unique to PCK, such as paying school fees, carpool registration, milk card purchases, and more. Please make sure you complete every step in the process, including paying school fees, before August 6.

### **Do I have to select in-person or eLearning when I complete Express Check-In?**

No, you will have the opportunity to select REO (PCK's Remote Education Option) in a separate form you will receive soon. You will be directed to a page in Express Check-In that asks if you prefer in-person or eLearning, but this is not for charter schools. Do not make this selection in Express Check-In.

### **Can I change my selection of in-person vs REO once school has started?**

Students participating in REO may return to the classroom for in-person learning following fall break only. This is the one opportunity to return to in-person learning for the 20-21 school year.

### **Who will be required to wear a mask or face covering at PCK?**

All PCK staff will be required to wear a mask or face covering.

In accordance with Governor Polis' state mandate, which went into effect on July 17, students ages 11 and older will be required to wear a face covering or mask while indoors in schools and buildings. Students will not need to wear a mask or face covering while outdoors (as long as appropriate social distancing is maintained) or while eating. Exceptions will be made for those who cannot medically tolerate a face covering, and for individuals who are hearing impaired or otherwise disabled or who are communicating with someone who is hearing impaired or otherwise disabled and where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication. Masks and face coverings are strongly recommended for students age 10 and under unless physical distancing can be maintained, or mitigating circumstances preclude use, however, this could become required if PCK receives further guidance from local health officials and the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

All students, of every age, are asked to bring a mask to school every day. It must be worn during morning and afternoon carpool, when walking in the halls, when working in small groups, and in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained. Students ages 10 and under will be allowed to remove their masks, if they wish to, once they are seated in their classrooms.

No controversial, political, scary, or inappropriate masks will be allowed. Students may not wear bandanas, gators, or ski masks as face coverings.

**What will REO look like at PCK?**

Students will be paired with a designated Remote Education Option (REO) teacher who will check in with each student twice daily to ensure they know what they need to do. Students will work independently at home through a combination of video instruction (PCK staff delivering lessons from the classroom) and independent work. If you are interested in exploring this option, please plan to attend the REO parent meeting Thursday night (tonight) from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. using this Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6340742326?pwd=eU04UDRueGFrY3dNYjIjVnovQUFmdz09>

Meeting ID: 634 074 2326

Passcode: Den460

**Who will teach REO classes?**

PCK is using Covid Relief Funds (CRF) to hire dedicated teachers to deliver PCK's Remote Education Option. Students will not be assigned one of our regular classroom teachers.

**If I select REO will my student lose his/her spot at PCK when I am ready to send my child back to the classroom?**

No, students participating in REO are still PCK students and may return to the classroom in October, following fall break 2020, or next August, 2021.

**Will PCK provide computers for eLearning?**

Parents selecting REO should be able to provide internet access and a dedicated computer and scanner for each student utilizing the program in the household. PCK will have a limited number of loaner computers available to those who absolutely need one, and they will be able to check out the loaner computer for the duration of REO.

**Will specials be available via REO?**

Yes, certain Specials will be available, such as Spanish, Technology and, possibly, Music.

**Will IEPs/ALPs be supported in REO?**

Yes, services will work very similarly to how they were done in the spring. For students who opt for REO, these services will be scheduled both virtually and, in some cases, in-person.

**Will my middle school student be able to take an elective?**

Due to the close-contact nature of our elective classes, they will not be available this fall. Middle School students learning in-person at PCK will have the option of being picked up by a parent at 2:30pm, or attending a study hall.

**What happens if a stay-at-home order is re-enacted?**

If the Governor announces a closure of all school buildings, we will move to 100% remote learning. It will be similar to what we did in the spring, but with some modifications based on things we learned from our last experience. We will provide additional details about remote learning if it becomes a necessity.

**Can I still volunteer at school?**

We will start the year with limited volunteer opportunities, with the hope of expanding them as the year progresses. We will still have Safety Dads, as well as boards such as the PCK Board, the PTA, the Foundation, and the SAC. Please watch the Volunteer page of the PCK website for volunteer opportunities. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have lunchroom volunteers at the beginning of the year. We are also unable to have parents eat lunch with their children in the lunchroom. If you bring lunch to your child, you can drop it off at the front desk and we will deliver it to your child. Additionally, we will not have Thursday Folder volunteers. Students will fill their own folders and bring them home each week. We love our volunteers, and will add volunteer opportunities as soon as we safely can.