

Welcome back FCS Families!

Next Monday August 17th marks the first day of school for the majority of our families. Our Early College High School successfully started back last week at their new location in building 5 of the VGCC campus.

To state the obvious, this is not the typical way that we start a school year. There are no throngs of people at open house, back to school shopping for new supplies, opportunity to shake hands with your child's new teacher and exchange friendly smiles.

These rituals are replaced with chromebook pickups, virtual open houses and drive-through meet and greets.

What things are the same?

- The importance of meeting the individual needs of each of our students
- The commitment of our teachers and staff to building relationships and providing high-quality instruction
- The support system that is in place to make sure that this is a successful school year, regardless of whether we are operating under Plan A, Plan B or Plan C

How will we make this happen?

- By providing students with access to instruction each day, in a variety of ways that will meet the needs of our families. The preferred method is that each student will be logged in for direct instruction throughout the day, but where this is not feasible we want to provide alternatives to our students so that they can succeed.
- By reaching out to families in a variety of ways to monitor engagement and provide support
- By working with families with internet challenges through individual hot spots, bus wifi, school parking lot access, and community partner and business access

What can we expect?

- You should have received communication from your child's school regarding virtual open house. Important information is coming your way, including how to access instruction, what your child's schedule will look like, etc.
- If you haven't received any communication from your school by phone or email, please reach out to make sure that they have the correct contact information.
- Visit the Franklin County Schools website at [www.fcschools.net](http://www.fcschools.net) and check out the "Back to School" tab. Here you will find detailed information about our return under Plan C-remote learning, and additional information on Plans A and B for when we return face-to-face.
- Test out your device and make sure that you are ready to access instruction Monday morning.

- We will hit the ground running on Monday with instruction based upon the schedule you receive from the school.
- Be patient with us as we work through any challenges during the first week. Some districts are waiting to begin instruction, but we feel strongly that our students need to engage in learning as quickly as possible.
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's school.

This is a partnership and we are in this together

Thanks for being a part of the Franklin County Schools family!