

Q & A from our parent and guardian informational meetings:

Choice 1.

Brick and Mortar – traditional setting students sitting in class in front of teacher

Do students wear mask all day? *No...students wear a mask to and from school and during transitions away from the classroom. It is a parent choice if student wears the mask all day. Please note that your child will be given a shield to wear during the day.*

Is there a restriction on the mask? Can a student wear Disney or something like that? *Yes... A mask can be any color with any design. The design must be school appropriate. No buffs allowed.*

The school has purchased a shield for every student and staff member to wear in place of the mask.

Choice 2.

Reading Edge Academy/Samsula Academy Live Streaming: Student remains at home but follows the same daily class schedule as their classmates who are at school. Your child is already registered in our school.

What is the school day? **7:50 -2:30** *Your student must log in no later than 7:50 each day. Students are in school 5 days a week. Your student will be expected to participate during class. Attendance is taken daily. Tardies, early check outs, and absences are recorded as usual. Your student may log out at 2:30. Your student will attend all special areas. We will have the details worked out on this. PE will not be live streamed. Coach will have the lesson downloaded in Google classroom for your student's access during the scheduled PE time. **Teacher will be available till 3:30.***

What will the day look like? *Your student will see their teacher teaching. The teacher will ask your student questions during the lessons. They will be able to participate in small groups.*

My child has an IEP, how will that work? *Your student will be provided services according to their IEP. They will see and work with the ESE or Speech teachers. We will be working out the details for this transition during preplanning.*

Does my child need to wear their uniform if staying home?... *Yes but only their uniform shirt unless the parent wants them to wear the complete uniform. The reason is to have the mindset: that **they are in school**, just as you dress for work. They may wear their spirit shirt on Fridays.*

Will there be test a run for live streaming? *Yes... this will occur during preplanning. We are fortunate to have 3 weeks of preplanning this year to prepare.*

If I choose live streaming and decide I want my child back in school, how does that work? *The beauty of choosing our Academy Live Streaming is simply call the office and let us know you want your student back in school. They come back on the next school day. They will sit in their assigned classroom with the teacher they have been working with all along. It is that simple.*

Can I switch my child to Live Streaming at any time after school starts? *Yes... Every student will be given an active school google account to use. Just please let the office and the teacher know your wishes.*

Can our child come to Curriculum night and meet the teacher if we have decided to go with Live Streaming? *Yes... It is important for all students and parents to meet the teacher.*

Please see the specific dates posted on your school website and PTA face book page.

Kindly call the school office if you decide to go with the Academy Live Streaming by Aug. 7th for Samsula Academy and August 10th for Reading Edge Academy. *If we do not hear from you we will assume you have chosen the Traditional school setting of face to face.*

Choice 3 Enhanced Online Virtual: **this is a Volusia County program.**

Can we choose this option? *Yes... however please be aware of the following: Funding follows the student. Therefore the Academy loses that funding and support. Your child is now part of the Volusia county school system and no longer is in your previously chosen school of choice our "Academy". The Academy cannot guarantee your child a spot to return and potentially will be placed on a waiting list. Should you enroll your student in this program they are committed to remain there for the school year. The deadline to enroll is July 30th at noon.*

Will there be FSA testing this year? *This is unknown at this time.*

Do I need to register on line with VCS? **NO, Your child is already registered at the Academy.** *Nothing else is required except to let the office know the choice you have made for your student(s) Streaming or Brick & Mortar. Please note that by registering online with VCS you are placing your student in their zoned VCS school and are leaving our Academy.*

Can my child carry their own sanitizer? *Yes... Please teach them how to use a small amount. Nothing with a strong fragrance please.*

Will teachers encourage hand washing? *Yes... Please practice at home with your student. They can sing the ABC song or something else (to themselves) for the timing aspect. Please teach them to wash between the fingers and wash their wrists. This will be a taught and practiced procedure in each classroom.*

What health and safety precaution is the school taking? *The Academy has purchased safe products to sanitize everything. We have purchased an Electrostatic mister for each Academy. This will be used by the cleaning company after they have cleaned and sanitized each room nightly. Teachers will have a kit with supplies to wipe down tables and areas of transition in the classroom. The product is safe for all surfaces and for humans. Face shields have been purchased for every student and staff member. Social distancing will be practiced. Only K, 1 & 2 will eat in the café. Grades 3, 4 & 5 will pick up their hot lunch and eat in their classrooms.*

Will my child meet the teacher before school starts? *Yes.... This year the Academy is combining Curriculum Night and Meet the Teacher in one evening. Please refer to our PTA page for specific dates the time will be 6:00pm. Please bring students supplies at that time. PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING. There will be no sharing of supplies this year.*

Please provide the following for your student: *Extra masks placed in labeled zip lock bags marked clean and 1 marked dirty; lanyard to hook to mask (breakaway if possible)*

Please read Parent responsibilities carefully. *You must have a plan for immediate pick up; be sure your contact information is up to date in the office and with the teacher.*

Will the school year be extended due to the later start date? *No... school will end for students on June 4, 2021.*

If I choose Choice 1 and my child is sick and stays home, can they use live streaming? *Yes... they will have their Google account and will log in to be in class therefore not missing instruction.*

Can my child bring/use a backpack? *No.... this year no backpacks allowed. They have the potential to carry germs and bacteria.*

Can my child use a lunch box? *Yes.... Please be sure to sanitize nightly.*

If we choose Live Streaming will my child be provided books to follow along with the teacher during class time? *Yes.... Student books necessary for **Live Streaming** will be ready and on their desk during meet the teacher for parents to pick up and take home.*

Parents Responsibility

- 🐾 We need your help in keeping all our students, families and staff healthy!
- 🐾 Before leaving the home, please ensure your student does not have a temperature or is not displaying symptoms of illness (fever, cough, etc). Students will have their temperature taken as they exit the car and must remain with their vehicle, if their temperature exceeds 100.3, the student will get back into the vehicle. Students that are sick or have a fever shall stay home and see their family medical provider before returning to school.
- 🐾 Please keep your child home if they had close contact with someone positive for COVID19.
- 🐾 Please make sure your student brings their face mask (no buffs) daily.
- 🐾 Please encourage frequent hand washing/sanitizing and social distancing whenever possible as this will be expected while at school.
- 🐾 Please update contact information as often as necessary and have a plan to pick up your student immediately if you are called due to illness.
- 🐾 Please note that you will be contacted by your student's school if the student displays symptoms that would require them to be picked up from school.