Franklin County Virtual Learning
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is there a cost for my child to do virtual learning? No, there is no charge to enroll in virtual learning with Franklin County Schools

2. Will students be provided with a device on which they can participate in virtual learning? Yes, students will have the opportunity to check out a chromebook.

3. Can virtual students participate in school extracurricular activities/ clubs for social skills? This decision will be made on a case by case basis in coordination with the home school and will be dependent on the requested activity. Students must contact the principal to request to participate by August 15.

4. What if students start school on the virtual platform and decide they want to return physically to school? Students enrolled in virtual learning will have the opportunity to return to school in October, January, and March at the beginning of each grading period.

5. What if a student chooses to attend school physically but the need arises for him or her to transition to virtual learning? Should the need arise due to a COVID diagnosis or exposure, students will be permitted to transition to virtual learning.

6. Will students choosing to learn virtually have set times that they will have to be logged in to the virtual platform? Only occasionally - Virtual students and virtual teachers can access the virtual courses and participate at various times and need not be online simultaneously. We are not a synchronous virtual school with virtual students and virtual teachers logging into the virtual course and interacting at the same time. Even though our program is mostly asynchronous in nature, we plan to offer some synchronistic lessons, activities, and tutoring opportunities. The majority of the work can be completed on a flexible schedule.

7. Will there be teachers available to support and assist students who choose virtual learning? There will be teachers available to assist students who choose virtual learning. Teachers will make every attempt to respond as needed by students, but return communication may, in some cases, be the following school day.

8. How will tests be given? Will they be virtual or given at the school in a proctored situation? They will be given virtually. Details of the format will depend on the teacher, subject, and grade level.

9. Will virtual students be using physical textbooks? We anticipate students will be using textbooks for some assignments, but at the middle grades and high school level, many assignments will be completed primarily using the computer based *Courseware* program.

11. Will parents be given training on the virtual learning platforms that middle school students will be using? Yes, both in person and virtual training options on all of the programs students may be using will be available to parents.

12. Will students need to have a home printer? Scanner? or will printed materials be available for pick up at school? Students will not need a printer or scanner. Printed materials will only be available for pick-up in extreme situations.

13. Will students be given a tour of the new middle schools even if they are virtual learning so they can associate a physical location with their schooling? This hasn't been discussed, but I am sure this can be arranged with the principals of both North and South.

14. Will there be an orientation for virtual learning? There will be a virtual learning orientation for all grade levels.

15. Can virtual students participate in guest speakers, etc. at their schools virtually? Yes, we plan to videotape any programs the school may have and include them in the weekly curriculum so that virtual learners can also benefit from those events.

16. How will attendance be recorded for virtual learning? Will there be truancy guidelines? Will there be a protocol for when virtual students are sick? Attendance will be recorded based on assignments completed. Truancy guidelines will mirror those for the regular school program. Parents of students who do not complete their program for three days or don't have an excuse for their absence will be contacted about truancy. There will be a protocol for when virtual students are sick. This information will be shared in the handbook at the beginning of the school year.

17. We have an only child will there be online discussion/group interactions opportunities for virtual learning for social skills? We plan to have regular weekly group interactions via Zoom or Google Meet.

This will be added to daily, so check back for additional information.