



**Astoria School District Parents & Families
Parent Q & A - September 1, 2020 Meeting
Concerning Astoria School District 2020-2021 Return to School**

This Q & A was created using the questions from the 9/01/2020 Parent Feedback Meeting. Please check the [District Website](#) for Parent FAQs and questions asked and answered prior to this meeting.

- 1. Today you presented on what a typical day would look like for students during remote learning. It is a lot to process. Will I receive a copy of this presentation to review?**

Answer: Yes, we will post tonight's presentation to the District website and Facebook, and send it out to parents via email. Please remember, this is a general idea of what a day will look like by grade level. Individual plans may be different depending on a student's needs.

- 2. The online platform that we are using, do I need to download it to his computer. Will we receive a username and password?**

Answer: The online platform Edgenuity is a web-based application that does not need to be downloaded. It can be accessed using technology (tablet, PC, Mac) with an internet connection and web browser. Students will receive their login information during the first week of school from their homeroom/advisory teacher.

- 3. How can a child do the class meeting without a camera or a microphone?**

Answer: The District is offering students in the District the opportunity to use a District owned Chromebook during remote learning. Many students utilized this service during the Spring and are still in possession of the needed technology. If your family has technology and connectivity needs, please email techhelp@astoriak12.org

The District plans to get Chromebooks into the hands of students by the 11th of September. District staff will deliver Chromebooks on September 10 and 11. The District will be contacting parents on September 9 with delivery details.

- 4. I'm new to the district. By filling out the survey we will be able to get access to computers, correct?**

Answer: Yes, that is correct. The information from this survey will allow us to assess our students' needs for technology and connectivity. If you are new to the District, please

contact the school that your child will be attending in order to complete the registration process and submit the necessary paperwork.

5. When will we find out our student's teachers? What day do you plan to release class schedules?

Answer: For elementary level schools, parents will be able to log into ParentVue to find their child's teacher after September 10th. Names and teachers will not be posted on school doors. If parents need help logging into their account, please call the school office. ParentVue is the same location that parents access to update their child's information.

For Middle Level students, once lists are finalized based on the survey information, they will go live in ParentVue and StudentVue. This work should be complete late this week or early next week.

For high school level students, we are striving to have schedules posted by September 7, 2020, the week prior to school opening. This timeframe is comparable to previous school years. Students will then have the opportunity to communicate with the counseling office via Google Forms to submit any schedule change requests.

School will begin on September 14, 2020 in Remote Learning.

6. Can we set up ParentVue now? Or do we need a username and password to sign up, I have never used it before.

Answer: ParentVue/StudentVue is an online application that the District uses for student and family information, including schedules and grades. If you have never accessed ParentVue, please call the office of the school your child will attend. School office staff will give you a username and access code. You will only need one ParentVue account, which will allow you to access all of your children in the District.

7. The first week will primarily be conferences? Can you tell me what to expect on September 14, 2020?

Answer: The first week of school will be designed to make sure that our students and families have what they need to be successful during Remote Learning. There will be some instructional activities that week, as well as individual student meetings.

8. What about the single moms/dads that have to work? Are there resources that can help?

Answer: The District knows that each of our students come from a unique situation. In order to help support our students during Remote Learning, we are organizing Learning Hubs in each of our four school buildings. Beginning next week, we will begin to assess student and family needs in order to place students in hubs. Preference will be given to students without a home internet connection, and students in need of additional support. The District will provide transportation to and from the Learning Hubs and will staff the hubs with classified staff members. Students will be able to access the internet, technology and support in order to be successful during Remote Learning. We are using the data we received from the parent survey to assess our student's technology and

connectivity needs. Parents can also communicate with their advisory teacher regarding any needs they may have during Remote Learning.

9. How is the District managing the school supplies? When will they be delivered?

Answer: As many parents know, all school supplies are being provided by the District this school year. The District plans to get needed school supplies and Chromebooks into the hands of students by the 11th of September. We will be contacting families who have requested technology or school supplies in order to schedule delivery dates and times.

10. When might we hear from our case managers for our children with an IEP?

Answer: Case managers will be reaching out to families this week to make initial connections. We would like to give parents and case managers an opportunity to meet and talk before the school year begins. Special Education is still working on schedules and will be updating families as information is known. You can access the Special Education department by phone at 503-325-0476 for more information.

11. When will the school board next be meeting to discuss information about school opening?

Answer: The Astoria School Board meets the second Wednesday of each month. The agenda for the meeting will be posted to the District website the Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. Information about how to listen to the meeting by phone will be on the Agenda.

12. How will you continue to keep parents and families informed about the reopening of the 2020-2021 school year?

Answer: In addition to email and social media communication, the District will be conducting a Virtual Parent Meeting next Tuesday at 6:30 PM, to discuss the opening of the 2020-2021 school year. Notice and instruction to join the meeting by computer or telephone will be sent to parents prior to the meeting. Once school starts, the district has developed a communication plan that will include weekly updates to parents.

13. Who can I contact if I have any school related questions?

Answer: Please call (503) 325-6441 and District Office staff will provide you with assistance. You can also call the school that your child attends for more information.