



**Astoria School District Parents & Families
Parent Q & A - September 15, 2020 Meeting
Concerning Astoria School District 2020-2021 Return to School**

This Q & A was created using the questions from the 9/15/2020 Parent Feedback Meeting. Please check the [District Website](http://www.astoria.k12.or.us) for Parent FAQs and questions asked and answered prior to this meeting.

- 1. I was unable to attend the parent meeting/orientation on September 15th. Was that meeting recorded, and if so, where can I find it? Will there be another opportunity to participate in the parent orientation meeting?**

Answer: Yes, we will post a recording of all parent meetings to the District website, as well as send it out to parents by email and post to Facebook. Parent meeting recordings are posted to the website the day after the meeting.

The District will be having another parent meeting on September 22, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be broken into three different meetings (Elementary 6:00 PM, Secondary 6:45 PM and Spanish Speaking 7:30 PM), in order to accommodate the expected parent turnout. Notice will be sent out to parents via email, Facebook and REMIND.

- 2. Tonight we talked about signing in our students through *Clever* from the District website using the *Remote Learning Portal*. Does my student have a Google account? Can you give the steps for that again? What if I have questions?**

Answer: Yes! All students in the District have a Google account. Here are the steps to sign in to clever using the Remote Learning Portal:

1. Go to the Astoria School District website at <http://www.astoria.k12.or.us/>
2. Click on the *Remote Learning Portal* banner
3. Click the *Login with Google* toolbar
 - a. Student's user id is usually their first initial followed by last name and two-digit grad year @astoriak12.org (example: jsmith20@astoriak12.org)
 - b. Student's password is defaulted to their student ID number with 00 before or after the number (example: 00123456 or 12345600)
 - c. If you do not know your school district Google login information, call your child's school or ask your advisory/classroom teacher.
4. You are now in Class Websites: Here you have access your class websites as well as helpful apps like Google calendar and Edgenuity.

If you have any questions, please call the school office where your child attends.

3. How will my student be invited to class meetings? Will it be different for elementary level students and secondary level students?

Answer: There will be a few different ways that students will be invited to, and be able to access their daily/weekly meetings, varying by grade level:

Elementary Level - Students will login to their class website using the Remote Learning Portal (as explained above). From there, they can access their classroom teacher's class website where they can click on the google meets/live lessons icon at the scheduled time of their meeting, and enter directly into the live session. They will also be learning how to use their Google Calendar, which will allow them to help keep track of their daily/weekly schedules.

Secondary Level - Students will login to their class website using the Remote Learning Portal (as explained above). From there they can access their Class Website, Edgenuity and Google calendar. Secondary level students will be added to all of their live meetings by their teacher, using google calendar, and will be able to keep track of their daily/weekly schedules there. An email notification of the recurring event will be sent to the student and the event will automatically appear on the student's google calendar.

4. How do I return my 7th grade students' instruments from last year?

Answer: Please contact the Middle School office to make arrangements for instrument return.

5. Is there a possibility of establishing a once a week meal pick up time (as it was done during summer) to accommodate for working families?

Answer: We understand that meal delivery does not work for all families, especially those that are away from the home during the day. District staff members will deliver breakfast and lunch using modified school bus routes, Monday through Friday each week. We will evaluate additional family accommodations as necessary. For food delivery times and route information please visit the district website.

6. Can high school students still rent calculators as they have been able to do in the past?

Answer: Please contact the high school office about calculators. The use of calculators will vary by math level. If calculators are needed for a particular class, the high school does have student calculators available.

7. Has the district been advocating for, or working with, the city to provide more childcare resources for working families?

Answer: Child care continues to be an issue in our community. The City of Astoria has moved their child care program back to the Astoria Yacht Club, so they may have additional space for children to sign up.

- 8. As a parent, if I log into Edgenuity, will I be able to see everything for both of my kids (similar to ParentVUE)? Or do you have to use a separate login for each?**

Answer: Parents will be able to login to Edgenuity using their student's individual account information. They will be able to view and monitor their student's progress in individual classes and view assignments and coursework. Additionally, parents and students can still access ParentVue/StudentVue to monitor grades and student progress.

- 9. Are there going to be any restrictions, rules, accountability for kids that participate in these virtual meetings that distract from the ones that are trying to learn?**

Answer: Absolutely. Teachers will be spending time these next few weeks helping students develop and understand school-wide agreements around live sessions. Students who demonstrate behavior that indicates they need additional instruction to understand their responsibilities as a member of the virtual learning community, can be removed from the live session by their teacher, until the teacher is able to follow up individually to provide additional instruction and support for the student, and to communicate with the student's family.

- 10. If we have problems with a student's email or StudentVue, who can we contact for help?**

Answer: Please contact the school office where your child attends for most studentvue and student email questions. If the issue cannot be resolved there, we will refer the question to the appropriate department.

- 11. Classroom start times between my kindergartener and 4 grader are at the same time, will there be any updates on changing that?**

Answer: Most of the whole group live classroom schedules have already been created for our elementary level students. All of the live lessons and morning meeting sessions will be recorded so students can view the lessons at any time. We hope this will alleviate any scheduling issues or limits on technology.

- 12. I get "communications" multiple ways such as REMIND and email, I also have 3 students so I get multiple notifications. Could teachers please include who they are, and what student they are referring to? "Meeting today" doesn't necessarily give me enough info.**

Answer: Yes and thank you. We have asked our teachers to include specific information in their calendar invites, REMIND messages and emails (example: teacher name, class name, type of session). We recognize that it may be difficult for a parent to decipher which meeting is for which student in multi-student families, and we hope this will help to sort it out. Also, as students learn to use their personal google calendar, they will be able to help navigate their day.

13. How do neighboring districts meet the metric for K-12 to go back to school, but Astoria does not?

Answer: Astoria School District continues to review and monitor the County health metrics. The District has chosen not to go back to school onsite at this time for health and safety reasons, as well as the unpredictability of the metrics that allow us to enter onsite learning. Just this week, the health metrics in the County spiked, which is a concern and something we are watching carefully. We are planning for the possibility of onsite education and will reevaluate the situation in early October and communicate this information to families.

14. 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 beginning at 6:00 PM, to discuss the opening of the 2020-2021 school year. Notice and instruction to join the meeting(s) by computer or telephone will be sent to parents prior to the meeting. If you miss the meeting, the recording will be available the following day. As we progress through the school year, the district has developed a communication plan that will include weekly updates to parents.

15. 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.