



**Astoria School District Parents & Families  
Parent Q & A - August 25, 2020 Meeting  
Concerning Astoria School District 2020-2021 Return to School**

*This Q & A was created using the questions from the 8/25/2020 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. Is the Question and Answer document updated periodically? I reviewed the document a couple of weeks ago, so wondered if it is updated as more information becomes available.**

Answer: Yes, the Parent Q & A document is updated each week after the Tuesday Parent meeting, using questions asked during the meeting. The Q & A document is sent out to parents the following Monday attached to the Parent Meeting notice. All the Parent Meeting videos and Q & A documents are also available on the District website or using the following link: [http://www.astoria.k12.or.us/news/coronavirus\\_covid-19\\_updates/2020-2021\\_school\\_year\\_updates](http://www.astoria.k12.or.us/news/coronavirus_covid-19_updates/2020-2021_school_year_updates)

- 2. I'd love to know what a typical day will look like for a K-3 student. What time/times will they need to be on for synchronous lessons? Trying to build a childcare/work schedule that best supports my elementary student.**

Answer: We are still working on what a normal day will look like for students. The plan is to present a “typical” grade level remote learning school day during the weekly Tuesday parent meeting within the next few weeks. As of now, elementary students will have a virtual morning meeting for about 20 minutes, followed by a content lesson for 30 minutes. We expect both of these meetings to happen (with a break in between) before 10 AM. Students may also have small group reading times during the day.

- 3. Will all homework be submitted through the Remote Learning program?**

Answer: Yes, students will submit their work directly through Edgenuity.

- 4. With the new program will there be an evaluation to make sure they students are right where they need to be? What will the first week's assessments look like?**

Answer: Edgenuity has a built-in student assessment tool to assist the classroom teachers in placement. Teachers will also be meeting virtually with students and families in order to assess reading comprehension.

The first week of assessments will include an online screener through Edgenuity for elementary students, and the STAR assessment in reading and math for kids in K-9. In

addition, K-5 teachers will be scheduling virtual appointments with their students for further skill assessment. As the year progresses, parents will be able access their students' progress and monitor how their student is progressing.

- 5. When will the FFA kids get to meet? I know that some sports are able to practice but our livestock judging teams have to be coached via zoom.**

Answer: At this point, the District has to follow the Health Metrics for on-site groups according to the Oregon Department of Education. Sports is governed by a different organization. The District will try to get guidance on this, as it would make sense for groups like FFA to meet especially outside.

- 6. Can you tell me more about the learning hubs? Who will staff the hubs? Will certified teachers be able to meet with students using the hubs?**

Answer: Astoria School District is assembling four learning hubs across the school district. These hubs will be accessed by students that live in a close proximity to the school building, and ASD will provide transportation to and from the hubs. The hubs will be used by students of all levels that need technology or connectivity assistance. At this time, Classified staff members will staff the hubs.

- 7. Will each student at the high school have a live lesson for each class daily?**

Answer: Students will have a set block of time each day for each class. That time may consist of a live lesson, an office hour, or asynchronous learning. Students will generally have two live content sessions per class each week.

- 8. Will the lessons also be recorded, so if you miss a live lesson, you can watch the recording?**

Answer: Yes, the live lessons will be recorded so that students may access the lesson if they are unable to attend it live.

- 9. I understand school supplies are being provided by the District this year. Does this include AP Lit books that must be purchased (they will be written in by each student per teacher's instruction).**

Answer: Yes, all school supplies are being provided by the District this school year. AP Books, as noted in the question, are utilized intensively by the student and are then kept at the conclusion of the class as the student's property due to the amount of highlighting and annotating in the books. As such, they are purchased by the students. There is a scholarship program through the counseling office to support students who may request financial assistance in the purchase of the books.

- 10. 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.

**11. 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 every 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 each week. The district has developed a communication plan that will include weekly updates to parents, once the school year has begun.

**12. 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.