



**Astoria School District Parents & Families  
Parent Q & A - September 8, 2020 Meeting  
Concerning Astoria School District 2020-2021 Return to School**

*This Q & A was created using the questions from the 9/08/2020 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. Today you presented on a Strong Start for students. Will I receive a copy of this presentation to review?**

Answer: Yes, we will post tonight's presentation to the District website and facebook. Please remember, this is a general idea of what the first week of school will look like. Individual plans may be different depending on a student's needs.

- 2. 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 with teachers. There will also be virtual student orientation throughout the day on September 14, 2020, by grade level - Notice was sent out to all parents in the District. The parent meeting and orientation is on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:30PM - Notice will be sent on Monday afternoon through social media, email and text.

- 3. You mention a call from the classroom teacher/advisory teacher during the first week of school. Is this a call with both the parents and student? If so, will they be occurring at night when we are home from work and our children are with us?**

Answer: The meetings will be by appointment and scheduled to accommodate both the teacher's and the family's schedule. The conference appointments are meant to introduce the student to the teacher and start a dialogue, and will occur on the phone or virtually. Conferences are for both parents and students and may vary depending on grade level.

- 4. How are we supposed to talk to 5-6 teachers in an hour, when 100+ other parents are also trying to do so?**

Answer: Middle and High school students will have an advisory teacher that will meet with them to discuss their class schedules, as a whole. Elementary students will be contacted by their classroom teacher.

**5. Are we still planning on bringing elementary kids back in October? I fear my kindergartener will have difficulty navigating Remote Learning on her own, and my husband and I work full time.**

Answer: The District will be reevaluating the situation of the pandemic at the beginning of October in order to decide the feasibility of bringing students back to school onsite in a hybrid model. We understand the importance of early childhood education and will be making decisions based on the health and safety of our community, as well as the educational needs of our students. State guidance has created exceptions for Kindergarten through 3rd grade students and Limited Onsite Education, which we are currently evaluating.

**6. 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, schedules were posted on September 9, 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.

**7. My HS student spoke to a teacher today who said they won't be having school on Friday's, is this true?**

Answer: Students will have school Monday through Friday. The only live lesson that will occur on Fridays is class advisory, which earns elective credits this year at the high school level. The remainder of the day for students will be used for the completion of that weeks' assigned content and activities.

**8. When will access be granted to Edgenuity?**

Answer: We hope that access will be granted to students and families by the end of this week. Login information for Edgenuity will be the same as the District Google login information. If needed, teachers should be able to give students their Edgenuity login information and passwords during conferences the first week of school.

**9. Specifically regarding chromebooks: I've submitted my survey but do not recall whether I've requested assistance with acquiring one. I've since obtained a chromebook for my child. Who do I contact to let them know I no longer need a device?**

Answer: The District is delivering chromebooks to families on the 10th and 11th of September. If you requested a chromebook, but no longer need it, please contact [techhelp@astoriak12.org](mailto:techhelp@astoriak12.org) as soon as possible.

The District is working to get technology into the hands of students that need them. We are waiting for additional devices to arrive that are backordered due to the extreme demand for technology. Any unneeded devices should be returned to the District as soon as possible, so that we can get them to students that need technology.

Please see the District's Technology/Connectivity Q & A located on the District website for other technology and learning hub questions.

**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. Does my middle school child have an email to use?**

Answer: Yes, all students in Astoria School District are given a Google account. All students should have access to Google Calendar, Google Docs, Google Meets, and other Google Apps, which will aid in navigating their daily/weekly virtual class meetings.

At grade 6, students are able to access their District Google email address and use it to communicate with their teachers. If you need help with your child's email address, please contact the school your child attends.

**12. Is there a plan set in place should there be an outage or downed internet?**

Answer: We have considered this situation in our planning discussions. Currently, we are focused on connecting teachers to our students in a way that is meaningful and conducive of learning. As we move forward, we will evaluate situations as they arise and deal with them as appropriate.

**13. How will student assessments look this year? Are any test scores/assessments etc. from last year being used as a starting point for this year?**

Answer: Most of the assessments students take will occur through their coursework activities and assessments within Edgenuity. We will also be utilizing our district Student assessments tools through Renaissance (STAR Reading, STAR Math). In addition, K-5 teachers will be scheduling individual assessment conferences for later in September to assess students' reading and literacy skills. The last assessment we have for all students was in January of last school year, and although teachers will have access to past

assessments as a baseline, they will likely use current assessment information in order to customize their instruction to target students' needs.

**14. When will students get school supplies this year? Non-chrome books.**

Answer: The District is providing school supplies to all students this year. Paper/pencil school supplies will be distributed on the 17th and 18th of September. The first round of supply distribution will be a mass pickup opportunity.

There will be two pickup opportunities at the Transportation Department (35062 Hwy 101 Business): a drive-up on Thursday, September 17th from 11AM - 6 PM, and drive-up on Friday, September 18, from 8AM - 3 PM. **This pickup is for paper/pencil school supplies ONLY; chromebooks will not be available for pickup.**

**15. Will upperclassmen still be receiving college credit for AP and Honors classes?**

Answer: College credit access is still being coordinated with Clatsop Community College. Plans will still need to be finalized with Clatsop CC, as well as the Oregon Department of Education. We will keep students updated on the progress of this goal.

**16. Will the grading system be alphabet grading scale? A B C etc..**

Answer: At the Middle School level, grades will be on an A through C grading scale, with any percentage under 70% being notated as an incomplete. Students will be given the opportunity to remedy incomplete classes.

At the High School level, grades will be transcribed according to a traditional A-F scale, unless otherwise indicated as a P/NP course. Students will be provided opportunities to improve their academic standing throughout the course of each semester.

**17. Will elementary students still have weekly meetings with the school counselor?**

Answer: Elementary level schools are putting schedules together to incorporate regular meetings with the school counselor. We don't know yet what the timing and frequency will be for those meetings.

**18. When will school meal delivery begin? Where can I find the schedule for meal delivery?**

Answer: The School district will begin delivering meals to students on September 14, 2020. The method of delivery will be similar to last year in the spring. Delivery schedules can be found on the district website and will be sent out to parents this week.

**19. If our transportation needs changed from the last time we took our survey can we retake the survey or is there someone we should be contacting?**

Answer: If your transportation needs have changed, please contact the school that your child attends to let them know as soon as possible.

**20. I do not recall if I marked down that I will be needing a chrome book for my child, where can I make sure that I will be able to use one?**

Answer: The District will be delivering Chromebooks to families that requested them on Thursday and Friday of this week. Please see the Technology Q & A for more information regarding technology and tech hubs.

**21. 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.

**22. 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.