

Summer Greeting Bronco Families,

I hope that this message finds all of you safe, healthy, and staying cool in this summer heat! As you have seen and heard over the past few days, we have been given a general structure to start school on August 17. Much of what I share with you in this special edition of the Bronco Times is published, but I wanted all of our families to have a little more clarity so you can plan what is best for your family as we move through the next few weeks. I have attached two documents for your review: Full Remote Academy FAQ and CMS Reopening options clarity. Please take a few minutes to review both of these documents so you understand the options for your student. If you choose to enroll your student in the Full Remote Academy, you must do so using this link by next Sunday, July 26 -

<https://www.cms.k12.nc.us/News/Pages/FullRemoteAcademyInfo.aspx>

CMS Board of Education members voted to adopt Plan B+ Remote for the start of the 2020-21 school year. Plan B+ Remote breaks our student body into three equally sized cohorts - Track A, Track B, and Track C. These groups are pre-determined by CMS and cannot be changed. For those families that were registered prior to June 22nd, siblings will be grouped together. The groupings will be one-third of each grade level per cohort. As soon as we have finalized groupings, and permission from CMS, we will share them with you (hopefully by late July). Students in each of these tracks will come to school in-person for one of the three or four day orientation groups - see the schedule below for specific dates during the first two weeks of school:

- Track A students will come to school on Monday August 17th, Tuesday August 18th, and Wednesday August 19th
- Track B students will come to school on Thursday August 20th, Friday August 21st, Monday August 24th, and Tuesday August 25th
- Track C students will come to school on Wednesday August 26th, Thursday August 27th, and Friday August 28th
- Virtual/Remote learning will begin for all students on Monday August 31st

## Instructional Structure and Clarity

In both Plan B+ and Full Remote, your child will be taking all four core classes (Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Science) on a schedule with peers taking the same courses, including all levels of classes to meet the individual needs of our Broncos. All children will also take electives in both Plan B+ and Full Remote. Both plans will have a set bell schedule and your children will be expected to sign on to each block at a designated time. Attendance will be taken, as will grades be given for assignments and tests. In both Plan B+ and Full Remote, a portion of each block will be synchronous/live with a teacher via Zoom or Canvas video chat. And, a portion of each block will be working asynchronously on assignments aligned to the lesson taught...again, via Canvas. This asynchronous/independent work can be completed in the evening if that works better for your family.

For those of you concerned about the three days in the building, let me address that we have designed a plan so that children do not move throughout the building, but stay in one classroom for the majority of the day. Teachers and students will be required to wear masks. Scheduled bathroom and hand-washing breaks will occur and breakfast and lunch will take place in the classroom. Every classroom will be sanitized at the end of the day. The largest class size in the building will be 16 and no bus will carry more than 24 children. The main purpose of these in-person days is to acclimate the children to what online learning will look like as is it significantly more robust and comprehensive than what students and parents experienced this past spring. Additionally, it allows the children to actually meet face-to-face with their four core teachers and to meet some of the other students that are in their main classes.

I hope that this information helps you make an informed decision for your child. We are here to support you regardless of what you decide is best for your family. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to email me. Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful day.

Thanks,  
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