



# ECPS

## Reopening Plans for 2020-2021

Dear ECPS Family,

The start of the 2020-2021 school year is approaching quickly and will be here before we know it! After closing the book on a school year unlike any other, district and school leadership have spent months working hard to prepare to return to school for what we know will be a “new normal.” I know you are eager for answers about what your children's routines will look like as our community continues to deal with the many challenges of the coronavirus pandemic. After months of listening to our stakeholders coupled with guidance from educational and medical experts, we are pleased to share East Carroll’s Plan for Reopening. Please rest assured that the East Carroll Parish School System is prepared to welcome your children back with both virtual and in-person flexible options. We will remain flexible in our planning efforts so that we may be able to adapt to any changes caused by the health pandemic.

Because of current local health trends and COVID-19 statistical data for our parish, the district will begin with a deferred approach, with a 100 % virtual option for the first six weeks grading period of the school year. However, our top priority is to safely reopen schools tentatively on August 10 and provide your children with the best education possible. During the 100 % virtual option, we will permit very small groups with specific needs requiring face-to-face instruction. The district will distribute Chromebooks to each student, and MiFi devices to provide internet services to each household as needed. We have partnered with the East Carroll Parish Housing Authority and the Lake Providence Housing Authority. They will also provide MiFi devices to households in their developments with students who attend school in our district.

**If local conditions allow**, starting September 19, 2020, we will move from all virtual instruction. Parents will then have a choice of two models based on the initial feedback collected in our Back-to-School Parent Survey, we have outlined several possible school return models: 100% Virtual Carroll Academy Model, and a hybrid Two-Day Rotation model (a blend of face-to-face and virtual learning). A modified 100% Face- to- Face instruction model may be implemented for the second semester starting January 2021, **only if local conditions allow**. These plans were designed with the most recent guidance from local and national education and health officials in mind.

As a community, we must work together to mitigate risks to our students and teachers as we return to school. Everyone will be required to wear face coverings, schools will perform temperature checks upon arrival, social distancing measures of six feet will be enforced to the greatest extent possible, and enhanced cleaning will take place at all schools, facilities, and buses daily. We will also ask everyone to stay at home if they are sick, exhibiting symptoms, or have close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.

We are aware that preparing for reopening in this "new normal" will not be an easy task. The school closures have tremendously disrupted the lives of families. Educators have been required to adapt to a new way of delivering instruction. Our educators are essential to helping our community move forward in the face of this crisis, and we are committed to doing all we can at ECPS to support them this coming school year.

There is no doubt that this 2020-21 school year will be different, but we must be prepared to adjust and respond as needed at any given moment. We know we are asking more of our educators and families, however with our community's support, cooperation, and shared sacrifice, together we will help our children thrive.

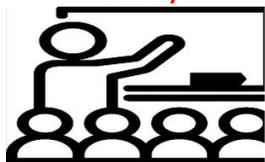
In Partnership,

Meagan Brown  
Superintendent  
East Carroll Parish Schools

**Students will begin 100% Virtually August 10 – September 18  
(First Six Weeks Grading Period)**

## **FLEXIBLE OPTIONS FOR PARENTS**



<p><b>Virtual - The Carroll Academy Option</b> (Entire 20-21 SY)</p> <p><b>Registration begins July 21, 2020</b></p> 	<p><b>Hybrid Model Two- Day Rotation</b></p> <p>September 19, 2020 <b>(If local parameters allow and COVID-19 data shows stable trends)</b></p> 	<p><b>Modified Face- to- Face Model</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Option – January 2021 <b>(Statewide Designation PHASE III-If local parameters allow and COVID-19 data shows stable trends)</b></p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff report to schools daily and provide teacher-led instruction via district-approved education platforms.</li> <li>• Students do not report to school and receive instruction 100% virtually</li> <li>• District will ensure families' technology needs are met</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff report to schools daily and provide teacher-led instruction via district-approved education platforms.</li> <li>• Students attend school two days of the week for face to face instruction; receive live and/or recorded virtual instruction the other days of the week</li> <li>• District will ensure families' technology needs are met             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Maximum class size will be 12</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students attend school four days a week for face to face instruction using additional safety precautions</li> <li>• Staff report to schools daily and provide teacher-led instruction via district-approved education platforms.</li> </ul>