

ABC Academy/Adams County Regional Safe School Return to School Plan

Dear ABC and ACRSS students and families,

Below is information regarding the start of the 20-21 school year. It is important to note that the plan may change as the situation in Adams County and the rest of the State of Illinois develops over the coming weeks. In preparing for the return to school we have three main goals:

1. Keep our students and staff safe
2. Disrupt learning as little as possible
3. Provide flexibility and options

If you have questions, please feel to reach out to me. You may call the school and leave a message (228-7175), call my cell (217-316-1770), or send a message through the ABC/ACRSS Facebook group.

Sincerely,

Lori Miles

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ABC/ACRSS Director

2020-2021 Registration

Online registration through the Skyward Parent Portal will begin on July 22nd. We will have onsite help and computers available for your use (information below), but we would encourage you to complete this online at home if possible.

ABC/ACRSS Registration Help-Please wear face masks and practice social distancing while in the building.

Date: Monday, August 10th

Time: 8:00 am-2:00 pm

Location: ABC/ACRSS Main Office

Intake Meetings

ABC/ACRSS will still hold mandatory intake meetings for all students and families but will shift how and when they are completed.

Returning Students: An ABC/ACRSS staff member will meet with students the first two weeks of school either in person or remotely and AEP goals will be sent to parents.

New students: An in-person meeting will be held prior to school beginning. ABC/ACRSS staff will contact families to set up a date and time.

Bell Schedule

The 20-21 bell schedule is following last year's Wednesday early release schedule.

ABC Academy

Breakfast: 7:30-7:45

1st Block: 7:45-9:05

2nd Block: 9:07-10:22

3rd Lunch: 10:24-10:54

4th Block: 10:55-12:15

5th Block: 12:17-1:30

ACRSS

Breakfast: 7:45-8:00

1st Block: 8:00-9:15

2nd Block: 9:19-10:34

3rd Lunch: 10:38-12:26

(A Lunch 11:00-11:30 B Lunch 11:40-12:10)

4th Block: 12:30-1:45

Lunch/Breakfast

- Individual desks/tables will be added to the cafeteria to ensure social distancing requirements

Classroom/Building Safety

- As Superintendent Webb previously communicated, the current plan is that while in the building, masks or face shields will be required of all students, staff, and visitors. A doctor's note specifically stating a medical need to not wear a facemask or shield will be required to be excused from this requirement.
- As Superintendent Webb previously communicated, the current plan is that all students who ride a bus will have their temperature taken prior to boarding, Students who walk or get dropped off will have their temperatures checked before entering the building. Students who have a temperature in excess of 100.0 will be walked to the nurse's office at QJHS. If the temperature remains over 100.0 they will be sent home.
- Students will not be allowed to enter the building before the following:
ABC: 7:25 am
ACRSS: 7:40 am
- Social distancing will be maintained in classrooms to the extent possible based on classroom size.
 - Eliminate unnecessary furniture
 - Students will all face the same direction
 - Limit small group interaction. Use technology to collaborate among students
- Electronic devices will not be shared. A laptop or Chromebook will be assigned to each student.
- Use Schoology for handouts and assessments as much as possible to decrease amount of paper going back and forth between students and teachers.
- Provide teachers with writing utensils/earbuds for students to keep as needed.
- Encourage the use of outdoor spaces around ABC/ACRSS
- Use of floor markings and signage to separate traffic flowing in opposite directions
- Signage will remind students of helpful hygiene practices, traffic patterns, and other safety information.
- Students will not be allowed to wait in offices for appointments with social worker, SSFL's, and/or administrators. They will be called out of class when the staff member is ready for them. The only exception to this will be students who are sent out of class for severe disciplinary reasons.

Visitors

All visitors must wear face coverings. All visitors need to have an appointment. Security will verify appointment by calling the staff member before sending them to the ABC/ACRSS main office. All visitors will only be allowed in the ABC/ACRSS main office. All visitors will have their temperature checked by security.

Potential Transition to Remote Learning

Our hope is that we do not have to transition to all remote learning this school year, but we feel need to have a plan in place in case we are forced to go remote.

- A remote learning schedule (if needed) will be determined soon and communicated to all students and families.
- Remote Learning Expectations
 - All students with internet access required to attend each class period

- Assignments will be graded

In-Person Learning:

Due to the small number of students enrolled at the ABC Academy and Adams County Regional Safe School, in-person learning will be business as usual. Class sizes will not be over 12 students and social distancing will always be enforced.

ABC Academy/ACRSS Edgenuity Online from Home:

Overview

ABC/ACRSS students may opt to take all required courses online using Edgenuity from home. Students enrolled in the **Edgenuity Online from Home Program** would not attend classes on campus at ABC/ACRSS, though evening tutoring and computer lab time will be offered. The **Edgenuity Online from Home Program** is self-paced and independent. While ABC/ACRSS staff will monitor progress and be available for questions, students will largely work independently. Students will be enrolled in 2-3 courses at a time. To make satisfactory progress, students should devote 5 or more hours daily (25 or more weekly) to online coursework. Most semester courses require 50 hours of screen time to complete. A student who regularly spend 5 hours a day should complete a semester course in two-4 weeks.

Extra-Curricular Eligibility

Students enrolled in the **Edgenuity Online from Home Program** are eligible for extra-curricular activities. They will be subject to the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct and weekly grade eligibility checks.

Graduation/Diploma

Credits earned in the **Edgenuity Online from Home Program** count toward Graduation. Students who complete all coursework through the **Edgenuity Online from Home Program** will earn a diploma from their home school.

Partial Enrollment

Edgenuity Online from Home Program students may elect to enroll in on-site courses at ABC/ACRSS at the finish of a quarter. Blended (home and school) learning will be decided on an individual basis.

Requirements

- Must be an ABC/ACRSS student
- Have access to the Internet
- Have a device (laptop). A device may be borrowed from ABC/ACRSS.
- Signed **Edgenuity Online from Home Program** Contract
- Sign up for a free Remind account.
- Students may only transition back to on site learning at the beginning of each quarter.
- A parent meeting will be held if a student does not show satisfactory engagement and/or progress.

Edgenuity

Edgenuity offers standards-aligned video-based curriculum for middle and high school blended learning environments. The program allows educators to customize the curriculum for their students, who monitor their own progress while completing lessons, assessments, and interactive activities. The Edgenuity Core Curriculum program offers primary and supplemental instruction as well as credit recovery. The curriculum aligns with Common Core State

Standards, International Association for K-12 Online Learning guidelines and some state standards. The courses integrate with assessments including the Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) MAP and Scantron's Performance Series. The NCAA, University of California and College Board's Advancement Placement division have approved select courses for their programs.

More information may be found here: <https://www.edgenuity.com/student-experience/>

Enrollment Process

- 1) Student/Parent will complete the Beginning of the 20-21 School Year survey to choose either in-person or at home online learning.
- 2) Student and Parent will complete the **Edgenuity Online from Home Program contract**.

Recommended Courses

9th Grade: English I, Biology, World History, Algebra I, Consumer Education, Independent PE

10th Grade: English II, Intro to Chem/Physics, U.S. History, Geometry, Health, Independent PE

11th Grade: English III, Environmental Science/Chemistry/Physics, Government, Algebra II, Independent PE

12th Grade: English IV/World Lit/Speech, Applications to Computer, Independent PE

Electives: Art, Foreign Language, ACT/SAT Prep, Purpose Prep SEL, Career courses, Psychology, Sociology