

Dear CPS Families:

Tonight, a COVID-19 update was provided to the Board of Education. We've been working on multiple scenarios for the fall and have gathered feedback from families, staff and the community. We wanted to share with you what our plan is as of June 8 for school in the fall:

1. We are going to offer our families a choice of **regular, five days a week, in-person learning OR online learning**.
 - a. **Elementary** online learning will be taught by CPS teachers using curriculum written and supported by the University of Missouri, which we are calling CPS@Mizzou.
 1. If there is a school closure because of COVID-19, elementary in-person courses will move to online learning with their classroom teacher. This will be a continuation of the curriculum they were receiving in person.
 2. If there is a school closure because of COVID-19, nothing changes for elementary students who were enrolled in CPS@Mizzou. They will remain in this program, and continue as normal with the same CPS teacher they started with.
 - b. **Secondary** online learning will be taught by CPS teachers using CPS Online coursework.
 1. If there is a school closure because of COVID-19, secondary, in-person courses will move to online learning taught by their classroom teachers. This will be a continuation of the curriculum they were receiving in person.
 - c. All **Elementary** and **Secondary in-person** teachers and students will be actively preparing for online learning, ensuring effective instruction should a closure be necessary.
2. **By June 22**, parents/guardians will receive an email containing informational materials explaining what in-person and online learning will look like for the 2020-21 school year.
3. Parents/Guardians will also be asked to complete a questionnaire to select their choice of in-person **OR** online education for their student. This information will be key as the district implements plans for the fall.
4. Secondary will use an A-F grading scale. Elementary will stay with its current grading practices.
5. CPS will continue to follow Health Department guidelines and recommendations. As of June 8, the Health Department anticipates in-person classes to be possible in August. Specifically, Step 4 of the [Columbia/Boone County Plan for Response and a Road Map to Reopening](#) changes from mandatory social distancing rules to a recommendation of practicing social distancing.

As of June 8, this is our plan. As the summer progresses, we will continue to stay in close contact with the Columbia/Boone County Health Department. If our plan for the 2020-21 school year needs to change, we will communicate these changes with you.

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