



Dear Vaughn Parents,

We are planning for a full reopening of school on August 3 to welcome all students and staff back to our campuses. However, we recognize that some of our students have medical, social-emotional, or other concerns with an in-person return. Per Assembly Bill 130 Vaughn will be offering an independent study program for those students in the coming 2021-22 school year.

In regards to in person instruction, Vaughn will continue to maintain multiple high levels of safety measures in the 21-22 school year. Please see the attached document that outlines the safety measures that will be in place for in person instruction. All measures meet or exceed state and local guidelines for COVID-19 and have been very successful in preventing any community outbreaks at our school sites throughout the last year.

In our independent study program, students will receive limited live online instruction (see below), and will complete independent work when not learning directly with a teacher. This program will be run through an outside provider, meaning students will not be learning from teachers at our school but will be learning from credentialed online teachers who will cover the content standards.

We strongly feel that in person instruction is the most effective method of instruction for all of our students as we move forward.

Independent Study Overview

Independent study is a form of educational activity undertaken by an individual student with limited supervision. This is not the same as the virtual instruction provided during the 2020-21 school year. Significant parent support will be required as part of this program. Additionally, the school calendar for independent study students will be different from our in person calendar.

- (1) For pupils in transitional kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive, there will be opportunities for daily synchronous instruction. *Daily synchronous instruction may be only a short period of time daily. The remainder of the day, students would need to complete work independently without additional support.*
- (2) For pupils in grades 4 to 8, there will be opportunities for both daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction for all pupils throughout the school year. *Live interaction is likely to be brief and students would be spending the majority of the day each day working independently without additional support.*
- (3) For pupils in grades 9 to 12, there will be at least weekly synchronous instruction for all pupils throughout the school year. *The majority of a students' time would be independent work time and students would need to learn and complete work with little to no oversight of a teacher.*

DEFINITIONS:

Synchronous instruction: virtual instruction that is provided when both the teacher and the student are online at the same time

Live interaction: a connection over the phone, internet or in person that may be brief in nature to establish attendance, check in or other need

Please ONLY complete the short survey below if you feel your child's health would be put at risk by attending school in-person and respond no later than MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021. If we do not hear from you by Monday, July 26, we will plan to see your child in person for face-to-face instruction on August 3. You can expect follow up information from your school site prior to opening if you complete the survey.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/LUjJXtDpBHj56LRE9>

Thank you,