

Looking Ahead to 2020-21

There is uncertainty about the format of school for the start of the 2020-21 school year in Yorkville CUSD 115. Multiple committees are being organized to determine how to give students and staff the most optimal educational experience, while maintaining an unwavering commitment to safety. Within these discussions will be how to address educational interruptions due to a resurgence of COVID-19 and if there are staff members and/or students who contract the virus.

Plan development over the summer will be very thorough, complex, and fluid based upon the ever-changing orders from the governor and the future guidelines shared by the Illinois State Board of Education.

At this time, the three most likely scenarios for the next school year are as follows:

- 1. In-Person/Traditional Schooling: Guidance established by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education would determine the specific health safeguards.
- 2. Virtual E-learning: This would be similar to the format used during the fourth quarter, but with revisions based on input from the stakeholder surveys to refine/improve e-learning in the district.
- 3. Hybrid Schooling Approach: This would include a blend of in-person schooling and virtual e-learning.

Each scenario will also include contingency plans to adapt to intermittent changes throughout the school year that could force the district to switch directions based upon the health conditions of the state/region.

"I know without reservation that nothing can replace the live interaction between students and adults, and that the quality of learning is the greatest when kids and staff are in our schools," said Superintendent Dr. Tim Shimp. "We will spend our summer months ensuring that we use the feedback from our employees, administrators, and community members to improve all aspects of our schooling options; to support the health and social/emotional well-being of our students and employees; and to ensure any 2020-21 e-learning experience will be effective for teaching and learning in District 115."

Open Registration for Summer School

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Yorkville CUSD 115 is now offering its Summer Experience program for all interested Y115 students who were in kindergarten through grade 7 during the 2019-20 school year. The summer school is designed as an opportunity to keep students on track academically.

The virtual summer school will be in session from June 15-26 and from July 6-24.

Parents and students who opt-in to this program will receive approximately one hour of instruction in English and/or math that consists of a 30-minute virtual lesson and 30 minutes of independent practice daily. Click <u>HERE</u> to register.

Below is a sample summer e-learning schedule:

Monday: Math (1 hour)

Tuesday: English Language Arts (1 hour)

Wednesday: Social Emotional Learning and Health (1 hour)

Thursday: Math (1 hour)

Friday: English Language Arts (1 hour)

Please call Olympia Romano-Zamora at the District Administrative Center with any questions at 630-553-4382.



Citizens Advisory Council Membership

The district's Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) is accepting new member applications at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020cac. Applications are due by June 30. Applicants will be notified of the status of their applications by August 1. Applicant preferences will be considered for one-, two-, and three-year terms.

The council meets the first Thursday of each month during the school year from 6-8 p.m. to improve the education in Yorkville School District 115 by advising the superintendent of educational and other issues facing the district. Additional information is available on the district website at www.y115.org/cac.

Summer Printing Services

District 115 understands the need for families and staff to have access to printed materials to aid in their students' summer learning. Parents/Guardians can click https://forms.gle/nAPXHUD58H3iWk4W9 to submit PDF documents to be printed between June 15 and July 31.

Printed materials will be available for curbside pick-up on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Yorkville High School, 797 Game Farm Road, Door 28 (library access door on the north side of the school).



School Photos & Yearbooks

District officials have been made aware of multiple issues related to the quality and delivery of the photography and yearbook orders through the district's vendor, Lifetouch. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and undue stress this has caused our Y115 families. District administration has been working with Lifetouch officials to bring a resolution to these issues.

During the past couple weeks, intermittent picture and yearbooks deliveries have arrived at the district office and have been distributed to families. If you do not receive your order by June 15, or if your order is incorrect, please email Cathy Anderson at canderson@y115.org with the following information: student's name, school, contact phone/email, and a description of the missing/incorrect items.

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