LISA ACADEMY

DISTRICT SUPPORT PLAN
READY TO LEARN





2021-2022 School Year

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Message from our Superintendent/CEO

Dear LISA Academy Community,

After another year full of learning and growing, we look forward to beginning the 2021-2022 school year with considerably more knowledge regarding best practices for continuing to provide high-quality virtual and onsite education, even amidst adverse and changing circumstance. Moving forward, we aim to return to as normal of a school year as possible, with great options for education including onsite, virtual, and our new LISA Arkansas Hybrid School.

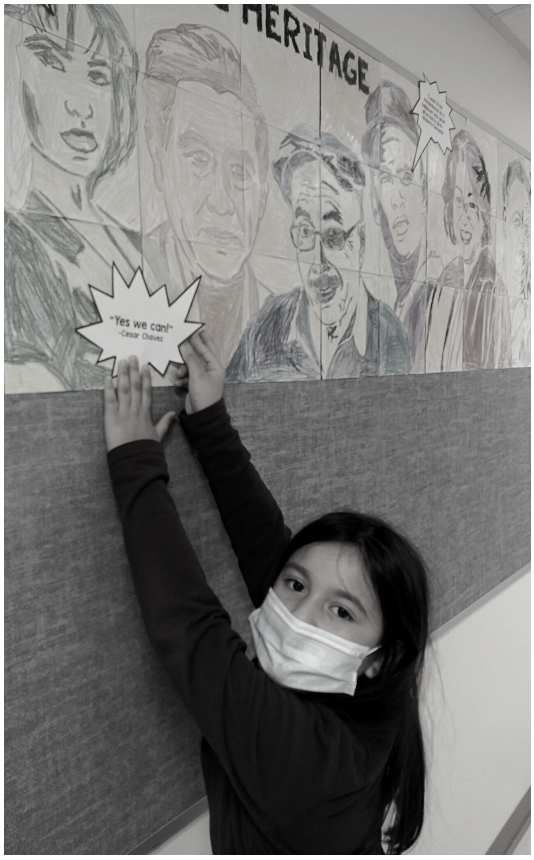
Our team of leaders, with input and guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health, the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, LISA staff, and parents, has developed and updated our procedures and created an essentially new learning system to provide consistent, quality education to all students, whether they are learning on-site, completely virtually, or through our new LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid School.

Please review the contents of the full Ready to Learn document and contact your student's school should you have any questions. We look forward to the upcoming year, and we are excited to **learn, innovate, support, and achieve** alongside all of our students, staff, and families.

Remember, together we are mighty!

Sincerely,

Dr. Fatih Bogrek
Superintendent/CEO





INTRODUCTION

In collaboration with students, families, teachers, medical professionals, safety officers, and counselors LISA Academy has created this Ready to Learn plan to help you better understand the landscape of education for the 2021-2022 school year.

LISA Academy Schools followed Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) guidelines to address the seven Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Ready for Learning expectations in the creation of this plan, which is outlined into two main categories:

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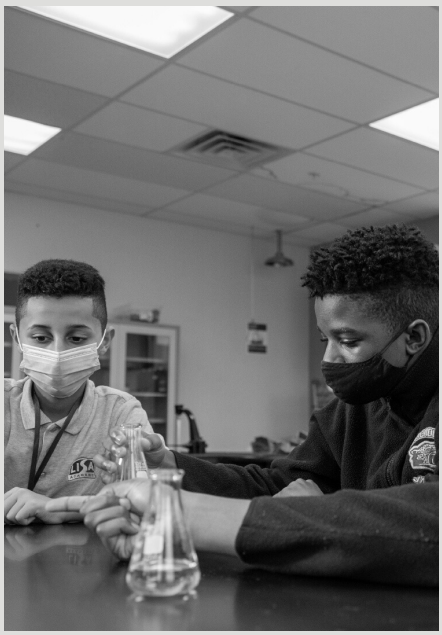
LISA Academy remains committed to ensuring both a rigorous academic standard as well as a high-functioning support system for the students, parents, teachers, and staff who make up our learning community. This Ready to Learn plan aims to allow all members of the LISA community to **learn, innovate, support, and achieve** at their highest levels.

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PART ONE
ACADEMICS





PART ONE: ACADEMICS

For the 2021-22 school year LISA Academy schools will be offering families the choice between three methods of instruction:

ONSITE **VIRTUAL** **HYBRID**

Onsite learners will receive instruction entirely on campus at one of our LISA Academy buildings. Virtual learners will receive completely online, remote instruction through the LISA Academy Hybrid School. The Hybrid school is considered its own unique campus which incorporates virtual instruction with regular campus visits.

In this section you will learn more about what to expect from onsite and virtual learning environments, grading, and additional programming for students with special needs.

LISA Academy will be utilizing high-impact, technology-driven instructional practices in order to provide a consistent, equitable, and high-quality education to all of its students regardless of their learning environment through nationally-recognized learning products to bolster our pre-existing learning resources. These products will allow students to engage with their teachers and fellow students in an interactive environment from wherever they may be learning.





2021-22 INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD OPTIONS

ONSITE

- K-12 students will come to campus every day to receive in-person instruction from LISA Academy instructors.
- All students will come to school 5 days a week and adhere to a typical school schedule
- Daily attendance will be taken as usual.
- Implementation of preventive safety measures
- Teachers will guide students through practice with the online LMS platforms to use in the event of a closure.

VIRTUAL

- In the virtual method of instruction, K-8th grade students will follow online instruction with a LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid School staff member guiding daily lessons utilizing the LMS (see p. 11).
- Daily attendance will be reported by the local campus, but all content will be delivered from Hybrid School teachers.
- Both synchronous and asynchronous learning will be used, and will vary based on the grade-level of the students.
- Students who elect to receive virtual instruction are expected to complete a minimum of 1 semester before requesting to return to on-site instruction.
- Students who excel in this type of environment are self-motivated learners who have support for learning in the home environment.
- The virtual option will be available for the 2021-22 school year and may not be available the following years. Families will still be able to choose between onsite or hybrid learning.

BOTH OPTIONS

- LISA Academy adheres to a 1-1 student-to-device Chromebook policy
- We will continue to provide support to all students through ESOL, Gifted and Talented, RTI, 504, and Special Education programs through either virtual or face-to-face delivery.
- LISA Academy will utilize the Schoology Learning Management System (outlined on the following page) to deliver content to both blended and virtual students.
- Student handbook grading policies will be followed.

LISA ACADEMY ARKANSAS HYBRID SCHOOL

For the first time ever, LISA Academy will offer a stand-alone Hybrid School that blends the best of virtual and onsite instruction. The Hybrid school will allow students to do the majority of their learning virtually while also allowing them to come to campus to receive tutoring, therapies, and/or to participate in afterschool campus clubs and sports.

The main campus for the LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid School will be located at our headquarters office:
21 Corporate Hill Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205

A campus learning center will also be offered at our
LISA Springdale campus:
301 Holcomb Street
Springdale, AR 72764

- Content for the Hybrid school will be delivered virtually, with students coming to campus at least once every two weeks to receive tutoring, enrichment/intervention, and/or to participate in after school campus clubs and sports.
- Hybrid students may participate in lunch when on campus.
- Students will follow online instruction with a LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid School staff member guiding daily lessons utilizing its own Learning Management System.
- Both synchronous and asynchronous learning will be used and will vary based on the grade-level of the students. Students who excel in this type of environment are self-motivated learners who have support for learning in the home environment.
- All health and safety procedures will be followed by students and staff whenever Hybrid students are on campus. If a Hybrid student is currently experiencing symptoms or under isolation or quarantine, students should not come to campus but should notify the school.

For more information, please click here for FAQs

HOW SHOULD STUDENTS PREPARE TO PARTICIPATE IN SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE COURSEWORK?



Camera Use

If using the camera for instruction, students should adhere to the following guidelines:

- The student must maintain school-appropriate behavior even though they are at home.
- Student must be dressed appropriately for class (a shirt/school shirt, and jeans or pants).
- Only the student must be visible (no friends or siblings).



Microphone Off

- Computer microphone must be off unless specifically instructed by teacher. This ensures there is no background noise or outside distraction.



Communicate Through Chat

- Students are expected to interact through the chat function.
- Students must show up on time.
- Students must use appropriate and respectful language at all times.
- Use tools such as “raising your hand” and the chat feature if you have a question or want to answer a question.



Quiet Place

- Remove distractions, such as going where there’s less background noise.
- Use headphones, if possible, for increased privacy and better speaker and microphone quality.
- Put your phone on silent.
- Select a good location with a power supply.



Materials Ready

- Have all required materials for class (books, paper, markers, etc.) nearby before the session begins.



Mind On

- Be ready to engage in learning.
- Students can be called to answer a question or join a discussion anytime.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS): SCHOOLOGY

Onsite and virtual methods will utilize our Learning Management System (LMS) called Schoology for delivery of content. Schoology provides a social networking service and a virtual learning environment for education institutions. It allows users to create, manage, and share academic content.

The cloud-based platform provides tools needed to manage an online classroom. Schoology can help teachers deliver content by messaging students and parents, managing the assignment calendar, sending reminders, and posting new assignments for both virtual and on-site learners.

Curriculum for onsite and virtual methods will be designed by and delivered by LISA Academy teachers. Schools and teachers may use other software as needed (ex. Zoom video conferencing, Lincoln Learning, etc.) to enrich the learning experience.

The Hybrid School will use a separate LMS and curriculum to deliver instruction.

ADDRESSING UNFINISHED LEARNING FROM THE PRIOR YEAR

Students will be assessed using diagnostic assessments. The results of these will inform teachers what level students are currently performing on and what interventions are needed to fill in learning gaps.

Assessments may include NWEA MAPS (K-10), ACT (11th), PSAT (10th), and NWEA Reading Fluency (K-1). Identified needs will be addressed in classrooms and during intervention sessions.

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PART TWO
OPERATIONS





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LISA Academy schools are committed to enacting procedures that ensure student safety, learning, and overall success. In this section, we will outline the operations set in place for both blended and virtual instructional delivery methods.

ONSITE

- Attendance will be recorded daily and will adhere to normal handbook policies.
- Students will be required to wear uniforms to class and dress according to their school handbook's dress code.
- Middle and High Schools will allow students to use lockers but each campus will develop a locker schedule to reduce inter-class student interaction.
- Elementary students will be able to use cubbies and bring backpacks.
- Meals will be served in campus cafeterias or classrooms if needed for social distancing, and will be offered at no cost to families for the 2021-22 school year.
- Daily schedules vary on each campus. Please check your student's school website or contact the school for schedule information.

VIRTUAL

- Learning will be provided through both synchronous (live instruction through online portals) or asynchronous methods (pre-recorded content that can be watched at any time).
- All students will be required to attend synchronous or asynchronous lessons based on their individual schedules. Attendance will be based on student's completion of assigned classwork.
- Attendance for students with 504s or IEPs will follow their approved plans.
- Students will not be required to wear uniforms to participate in virtual learning.
- Meals will be made available to virtual students for pickup during certain times and days of the week at designated campuses. All meals will be offered at no cost to families for the 2021-22 school year.

ON-SITE OPERATIONS

The following guidelines outline the specific plans regarding those attending on-site instruction as of March 16, 2022. It will be updated as new guidelines are issued by the Centers for Disease Control and the Arkansas Department of Health.

FACE COVERINGS OPTIONAL

Masks are now optional in LISA Academy schools, but are recommended when the CDC COVID-19 by County level is high for the county where the school is located. Those with underlying health conditions should consult their healthcare provider for guidance on masking. Masks may be required in health rooms to protect others.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Clubs and after school activities will resume in Fall 2021 but may be limited in the number of participants to promote distancing.

Aftercare will be available, including on early dismissal days. Please register with your campus.

VISITORS

Campus visitors will be limited and must be approved in advance.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

There will be early dismissal on Wednesdays for onsite students. Specific schedules for each campus will be listed on that campus' website. Please monitor the district's website social media, emails and text alerts for the latest information.

FOOD & DRINK

Meals will be served in campus cafeterias, classrooms, or other designated area. There may be assigned seating in cafeterias to ensure student safety. Students are encouraged to bring a clean, clear, full water bottle to school to use as needed. Each campus will have a water bottle filling station available for refilling water bottles.

RECESS/PE

K- 5th grade students will still be provided recess time/outdoor play time. Normal recess and PE schedules will resume in the fall of 2021.

CLEANING

LISA Academy, since the beginning of the pandemic, has prioritized the health and safety of our students, staff, and buildings by ensuring that CDC-approved proper sanitation and cleaning procedures and practices are in place. We will continue with these regular cleanings and periodic "360 cleanings". Our janitorial staff is prepared to continuously monitor restrooms, high-touch areas, etc. throughout the school day. LISA has made a substantial investment in HEPA and MERV13 filters, as well as a UV filtration process to address air quality in all school buildings.

TEMPERATURE SCREENING

If any student exhibits symptoms or is referred to the nurse, temperature will be checked at that time, and the student may be sent home.



SPORTS & FINE ARTS

The LISA school district will follow the guidance from the Arkansas Activities Association and ADH regarding protocols for athletics. Students who participate in virtual Instruction and the Hybrid School are able to participate in the LISA school district's athletic program. Fine Arts classes will be reinstated and participants will follow the latest guidance from the ADH regarding vocal and instrumental music. Elementary and Secondary art instruction will be offered on-site and virtually.

SICK STUDENTS

Students should stay home if they are sick in any way. If a student comes to school sick, the school nurse will screen the student for symptoms and check their temperature. If the temperature is over the ADH guidelines, the student will be sent home and will need to be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school. When the child returns to school they will check in with the school nurse.

Please remember, students should not attend school having taken fever reducing medicine. Students should be fever free when attending school.

ACTIVE COVID-19 CASE PROTOCOL

Positive Test Result: In an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our staff and student body we are asking all parents/guardians of students and all employees to notify the school or our designated Point of Contact immediately when the following occurs:

- Student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Contact tracing is no longer required, so probable close contacts of someone who tests positive will no longer be notified

Impacted families may call their campus or contact the District Point of Contact, Luanne Baroni, at 501-529-9236 or email information to baroni@lisaacademy.org. Families may also self-report a COVID-19 case here.

Symptoms while on campus: If a student or staff member becomes sick while on campus, he/she will be isolated until able to leave the campus.

Pending Test Result: If a student or staff member has been tested due to suspected COVID-19, he/she should quarantine until test results are received and then follow ADH/CDC guidance for isolation.

Learning Method: Onsite students who are required to quarantine due to possible exposure or to isolate due to a positive diagnosis should contact their campus teacher for assignments. Schoology platforms should be kept up-to-date so a student can access all classroom work online or arrange to get necessary materials from the school. Onsite students will not pivot to the virtual or hybrid schools during quarantine or isolation periods. Virtual and Hybrid students will continue to learn remotely in the event of a quarantine or isolation.

2021-2022 Academic Calendar

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Important Dates

JUL	21-23	Student Check-in Days
AUG	11	First Day of Fall Semester
SEP	6	Labor Day
SEP	17	Parent-Teacher Conferences
OCT	14-15	Fall Break
NOV	22-26	Thanksgiving Break
DEC	20-31	Winter Break
JAN	4	First Day of Spring Semester
JAN	17	Martin L. King Jr. Day
FEB	17	Parent-Teacher Conferences
FEB	18	No School
MAR	21-25	Spring Break
APR	15	No School
MAY	26	Last Day of School
MAY	27-31	Inclement Weather Days
JUN	1-3	Inclement Weather Days

Legend

- Student Check-in Days
- No School
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- [ ] Quarter Start and End Days
- * Inclement Weather Day

Quarters

1st	Aug 11 - Oct 8	41 days
2nd	Oct 11 - Dec 17	43 days
3rd	Jan 4 - Mar 11	46 days
4th	Mar 14 - May 26	48 days

PARENT COMMUNICATION

This year, as always, communication between the school and students' families will be critical to ensure a safe and successful year. The schools will continue sending out weekly newsletters, posting important information on school websites, posting on social media, and emailing important information to families.

In addition, if there is a need for a crisis response to any case of COVID-19, schools will utilize phone and text messages, as well as email, to reach out to families with instructions and updates. Families need to be sure that contact information is up to date with the student's school to ensure that communications are received.

If your student is diagnosed with COVID-19, contact your student's school to notify the school of the details regarding the diagnosis. Privacy will be an important consideration in all communications regarding any positive case of COVID-19. Parents will be given only information that is essential and necessary to promote safety of students and staff.

If it becomes necessary for a school closure, families will be notified through phone, text, email, social media and websites.






FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO VIRTUAL STUDENTS HAVE TO WEAR UNIFORMS?

No, they do not have to wear a LISA academy uniform, though appropriate dress is strongly encouraged.

CAN VIRTUAL STUDENTS RECEIVE MEALS FROM THE SCHOOL?

Yes, meals will be made available to virtual students. These meals will be available for families during certain times and days of the week at designated campuses.
See our websites and social media for more information.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

If a student receives a positive COVID-19 test result, the student's parent/guardian should notify the school as soon as possible and should isolate following current ADH/CDC guidance.



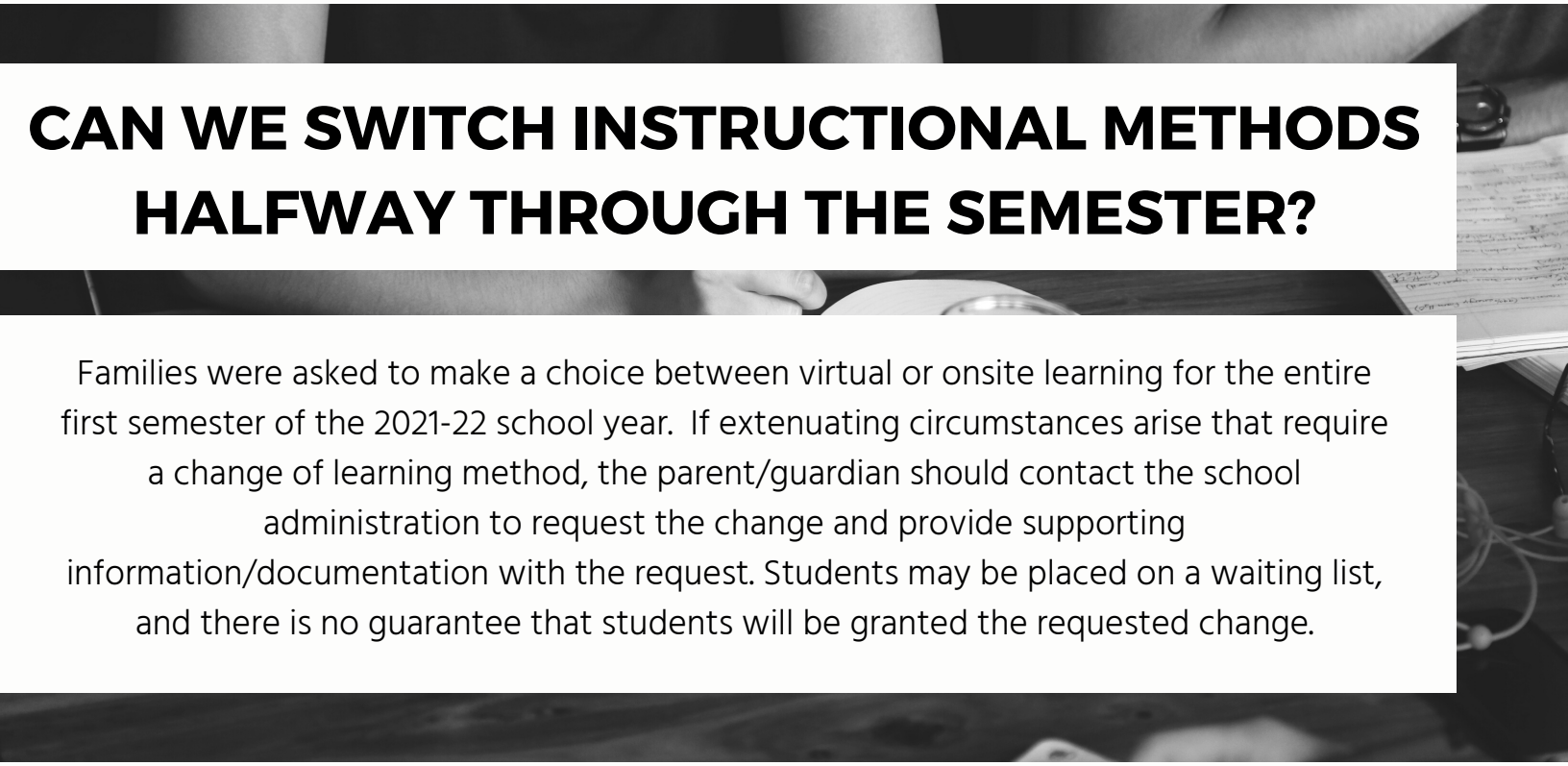
WHAT SUPPORT WILL BE OFFERED REGARDING SOCIO-EMOTIONAL HEALTH?

Students will be supported with Social Emotional Learning through online platforms and telehealth services. Students or parents/guardians may contact the school to request information regarding counseling services. Any Arkansan may also contact the Ready for School Resource Call Center provided by DESE at: 1-833-353-6050



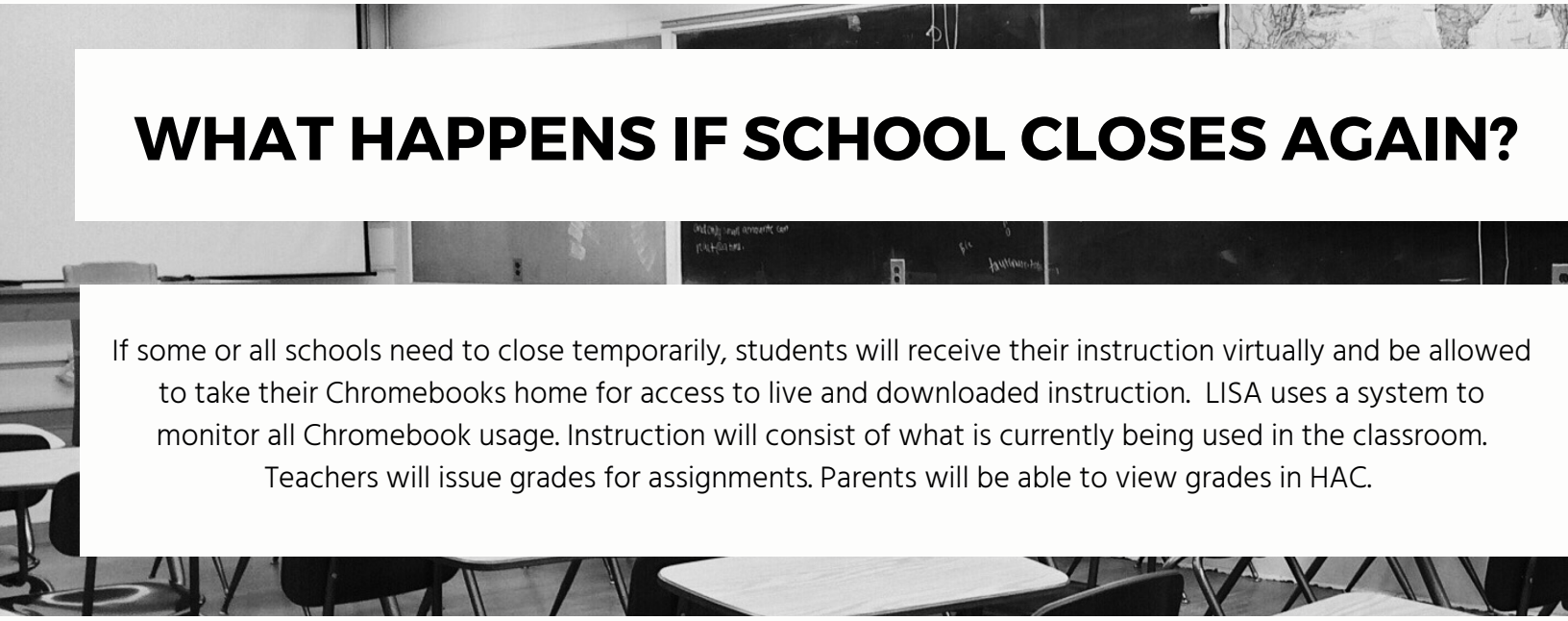
WHAT SUPPORTS WILL BE OFFERED TO STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION OR DYSLEXIA SERVICES?

Virtual students who receive Special Education services, related therapy services, or dyslexia services will be provided those services through onsite or virtual instruction as indicated by the student's IEP or 504 plan.



CAN WE SWITCH INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS HALFWAY THROUGH THE SEMESTER?

Families were asked to make a choice between virtual or onsite learning for the entire first semester of the 2021-22 school year. If extenuating circumstances arise that require a change of learning method, the parent/guardian should contact the school administration to request the change and provide supporting information/documentation with the request. Students may be placed on a waiting list, and there is no guarantee that students will be granted the requested change.



WHAT HAPPENS IF SCHOOL CLOSES AGAIN?

If some or all schools need to close temporarily, students will receive their instruction virtually and be allowed to take their Chromebooks home for access to live and downloaded instruction. LISA uses a system to monitor all Chromebook usage. Instruction will consist of what is currently being used in the classroom. Teachers will issue grades for assignments. Parents will be able to view grades in HAC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For questions regarding your student's academics, student services, or technology needs, please first contact your student's school. For questions regarding policy or other matters you may contact the district office at 501-916-9450.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Arkansas Department of Education
Division of Elementary and
Secondary Education:
dese.ade.arkansas.gov

Arkansas Department of Health:
Healthy.Arkansas.gov

Lisa Academy District Website:
Lisaacademy.org

