

JICHS Town Hall Meeting 10.6.2020 Q&A

Questions	Answers/Comments
<p>Can students remain remote with zoom?</p>	<p>Yes. Below is the message that explains how we will handle these requests.</p> <p><b>Request to Remain Remote Statement</b>                      We understand these are stressful and uncertain times. During a pandemic, it is a personal decision whether you feel it safe for your child to attend school in-person. Your child may continue to work and attend class remotely. Your child may need to report to school to take proctored assessments or complete class activities that cannot be done virtually.</p> <p>You may want to consider the Virtual Academy for the second semester. Parents will most likely be asked to make that decision in December.</p> <p>For specific questions, please contact your child's teachers or guidance counselor.</p>
<p>Will teachers be teaching both groups (in-person and virtual) simultaneously?</p>	<p>In the hybrid model, yes, that could be the case. Teachers will be teaching students in-person and remote students via video conferencing. Teachers have the flexibility to adjust their lessons as they deem necessary. For a typical lesson where direct instruction is occurring, the teacher may choose to teach all the students at the same time, in-person and remote. However, if students are taking a test or doing a lab, the teacher may choose to repeat that lesson for practical reasons. The students that are remote that day would mostly work on another assignment.</p> <p>There will invariably be technical issues both at school or in students' homes. Teachers and students need to be flexible and adaptable during this unusual time. Students must communicate with their teachers when there are technical issues.</p>
<p>Why are we starting back with a hybrid model (2 days) when other high schools in CCSD started back 10/1 with regular schedules?</p>	<p>JICHS Leadership Team and our Board of Directors voted for a hybrid model with October 12, 2020, as the starting date. As a charter school, we chose this approach over CCSD's approach of gradually increasing the capacity. At the elementary level, this makes some sense because students have one primary teacher. The focus of getting as many</p>

elementary students back in school makes sense because they cannot be left at home by themselves. This causes major childcare issues for parents.

At JICHHS, students have 4 to 6 teachers. When the bell rings in a high school all students change classes. It is critical that each classroom is at a safe capacity each period, generally 14 or less at JICHHS. Scheduling our students into Orange and Blue teams with a 14-seat capacity enables us to create a safe schedule.

The hybrid model allows all students to attend in-person school. With social distancing requirements in place, we could only fit 950 students in the building. We were also required by the state department to offer a virtual option for families, which is our virtual academy. We followed through on that promise to our families. We staffed our virtual academy courses with our teachers, which then reduced our in-person capacity to 770 students. We have approximately 1,050 students/families that selected in-person instruction with a capacity of 770 students. If we followed CCSD's approach for JICHHS 280 students would be waitlisted with no definite end in sight. A hybrid model is an equitable approach given the demand for in-person instruction at JICHHS.

Will you offer a hybrid option through 2020?

As of right now, we will be on a hybrid model through the first semester. See the question below.

When/How should we purchase parking passes?

Parking passes can be purchased now. Tomorrow will be the last day to get your parking pass this week (9 am-3 pm). For the first two weeks of school, parking passes will be distributed on Wednesday from 12 pm-3 pm. The cost of parking passes is \$30. Please contact Jody Doane at [jodyann\\_doane@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:jodyann_doane@charleston.k12.sc.us) or call JICHHS.

What is the plan to bring students back every day?

For us to bring back all students every day will require social distancing requirements to go away or for us to install plexiglass in all classrooms. We are exploring plexiglass options for our classrooms. In CCSD, the installation of plexiglass started at the elementary level for reasons already mentioned. They are now installing plexiglass in middle schools where the demand for in-person instruction exceeds the safe capacity of the school.

Our demand for in-person exceeds our safe capacity. As stated above plexiglass is currently being

	installed in classrooms at CRMS. At other high schools in CCSD, students have been waitlisted for in-person instruction.
Already received email from Josten's. Will there be yearbooks?	Yes, there will be a yearbook.
When will my child be back in school full time?  Are we planning for the possibility of returning to in-person school full time in January?  If we have chosen the Virtual Academy for the year, will we be able to continue virtually once school is back in person?	To bring back more students requires social distancing. We cannot predict when JICHS will be back at full capacity at this time. JICHS leadership as well as our Board of Directors will continue to examine DHEC metrics and local trends to make suitable decisions in the spirit of safety.  More information regarding Virtual Academy placement for the entire school year will be forthcoming once more information is collected in reference to scheduling.
The current online programming is going well. Is there any reason to change our current format before Winter Break? I am concerned that fall is upon us and the typical cold and flu season will only exacerbate any potential COVID 19 outbreaks.	Thank you for sharing your concerns. JICHS has extended the opportunity for families to remain "remote" as long as students are able to come in face to face for assessment purposes.
Where is car rider drop off and pick up?	Car rider drop off and pick up will remain in the front of the school.
How do we apply to keep kids home on zoom (remote)	Contact your student's Assistant Principal.
When we make the shift back, will we keep Canvas as the preferred program? It's much more fluid as a monitoring tool than Google Classroom.	Canvas is here to stay for the foreseeable future.