



Here are some of the most asked questions from parents and our community:

Q: What will August 17th, the first day of school, look like for my child?

A: Due to the Governor's directive, Liberty will be closed to all on-campus learning until our county's COVID infection rate decreases. All students will begin the year with online instruction. Teachers will be holding scheduled parent orientation meetings to inform parents of their instructional plans.

Q: On the first day of school will the teachers just start teaching on Zoom the first thing in the morning?

A: Students learn best when they feel safe and have a relationship with their teacher. At Liberty, we believe that positive relationships are a must with students. Instruction will begin on the first day of school, but just like every school year, substantial time is spent during the first two weeks on students getting to know their teacher, their classmates, and navigating technology as we gradually increase the academic portion. It will also be a time to set expectations, procedures, and rules to make sure all students are safe, comfortable, and ready for learning.

Q: I signed my child up for Traditional Learning, what does that mean?

A: When the Governor lifts his closure of Fresno County schools and Clovis Unified has returned to campus plans in place, Traditional students will return to face to face on-campus learning. Safety precautions will be in place for students and employees. For now, all students will begin the year with online instruction.

Q: I signed up my child for Scheduled Online Learning, what does that mean?

A: Your child will be on a school-like schedule 8:30 am to 2:30 pm with a live online Liberty teacher, just like how traditional learning students will start the school year.

Q: I signed up my child for Flexible Online, what does that mean?

A: Your child starting on August 17th will be enrolled in the TK-5th online learning program called Accelerated Education (AE). In 6th grade, the program is called Edgenuity. Both programs use an online program that teaches, reviews and assesses students in all subjects at their specific grade level. A CUSD teacher will monitor and communicate briefly with students daily. This program does not have a set schedule and students can attend on nights and weekends when parents are home to assist and monitor. Your child will still be enrolled at Liberty, just working with a different program. They will not have live instruction conducted by a Liberty teacher.

Q: What if I now want to change my choice between Traditional, Scheduled Online, and Flexible Online?

A: Until the Governor reopens schools, Liberty's Traditional and Scheduled Online will be the same, there is no need to request a change between Traditional and Scheduled Online at this time. When we reopen, parents will have a chance to change. However, Flexible Online registration is now closed.

Q: What if I want to change at a later date?

A: There will be opportunities for parents to change their child's learning program at each quarter and when the Governor/CUSD reopens the schools.

Q: From March to June last year, there wasn't a lot of teaching, it was more of review and fun. Is that what my child will be doing this year?

A: No, this year your child will be taught new concepts at their grade level. Subjects will include reading, writing, language, math, social studies, and science. Lessons will be modified to be taught online and using the grade-level curriculum, standards, and materials. Textbooks, workbooks, and teacher-created materials will be used online and traditional paper/pencil.

Q: I viewed the Clovis Unified Town Hall for parents a couple of weeks ago and the proposed schedule showed three 90 minute learning blocks for students per day in grades 1st-6th and two 90 minute learning blocks in TK-Kindergarten. Is my child really going to be listening/watching their teacher for 90 minutes at a time on the computer?

A: Just like with traditional teaching, no elementary teacher lectures for 90 minutes straight. Teachers will break up those 90-minute blocks by lecturing, modeling, viewing videos, giving independent practice, partner work, small group work, and break out groups so students are engaged and learning. Zoom will be on for those 90 minutes but will often be used as a window between the student and the teacher. Students can work paper/pencil while the teacher checks in or the student can ask a question just like a traditional classroom.

Q: When will I know who my child's teacher is?

A: Expect a welcome email directly from your child's teacher by Thursday, August 13th to welcome your child and you to the school year. Your child's teacher will be scheduling a parent orientation meeting with you and your child for the week of August 17. This orientation meeting will allow your child to pick up his/her textbooks, materials, and school supplies.

Q: When and how will I pick up my child's CUSD laptop and/or Hot Spot that I requested when I did my Annual Information Update?

A: You should have received a schedule for device checkout. You will need to sign a Laptop Loaner Agreement and your child will be given their username and password. If the scheduled time does not work for your family, please contact our school office.

Q: We are new to Liberty. This is all new to me and a bit overwhelming. Do you have help for new parents?

A: Your Administration Team: Mr. Petersen and Mrs. Chance, are always available to answer any additional questions and concerns. Please call the office to set up a time to meet. They would love to meet you and your family, so if you see them in passing, please feel free to stop them and introduce yourselves.

Q: I feel that my child is behind academically, emotionally, and/or socially. I'm worried they are going to struggle this year. What is Liberty going to do to address this?

A: We know many students will be behind and will struggle. We are worried too. Teachers will assess and address these concerns and struggles. We will have intervention teachers that will use small group instruction to fill in holes and reteach concepts that students are struggling with. Administration and Teachers will monitor student data to determine students who need additional intervention. Positivity Project and Second Step programs will be used to address Social and Emotional health, along with other lessons will be used to address emotional and social concerns. School spirit, school pride, and daily Morning Meetings will be continued to give students a sense of normalcy and to have some fun.

Q: My child receives Special Education services. I have questions about their IEP and services?

A: Your child's teacher or case manager will be reaching out to discuss plans and answer your questions. They will discuss how accommodations, IEPs, and minutes will work in this online format.

Q: How are we going to get this to all work?

A: We got this! You got this! Your kids will get this! It will not be a smooth ride at first, but we will adjust and readjust until we meet the needs of students and the community. We can't do this in isolation, we need your help and support. Be active, communicate with us, attend our virtual meetings, and most importantly check in with your child daily to see how this is all going. With communication, patience and a team approach we will get through this together. We got this and you've got us!

Fly High, Fly Proud!