



LYCÉE FRANÇAIS
DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

2020 - 2021 FALL REENTRY FAQ

Q: Will PreK Classes happen virtually? If not how does reimbursement work?

A: Yes, PreK-4 classes will be conducted virtually. Tuition-based families will be contacted directly as information becomes available.

Q: Is my child required to participate in virtual learning?

A: Student participation is required for all students. Attendance will be taken online daily and reported to the state. Teachers and school leaders will support families to overcome challenges preventing students from participating virtually, including devices and connectivity needs. Communication with teachers is key in regards to attendance.

Q: What is the first day of school?

A: The first full day of virtual school is **Thursday, August 20th**. However, CODOFIL teachers will not be formally working until September 1st. Please expect some variations to the normal plans for the beginning of classes.

Q: Are there any school calendar or schedule changes?

A: At this time, there aren't any changes to the school calendar. Any changes will be announced in a timely manner.

Q: Will we have a Meet & Greet before the start of school?

Patton Campus: PreK4 - 2nd Grade Virtual sessions on Tuesday, August 18th in the evening.

Johnson Campus: Upper Elementary (3rd-5th grade).

Virtual sessions will be held on Wednesday, August 12th in the evening.

In-person sessions will be held on Thursday, August 13th, in the evening.

Johnson Campus: Middle/High (6th-10th grade).

Virtual sessions will be held on Friday, August 14th in the evening.

In-person sessions will be held on Monday, August 17th, in the evening.

Q: How much live instructional time will be provided?

A: Live instruction will be between 2.5 hours and 4.5 hours a day, based on development levels of each grade level band. Please refer to the [Fall ReEntry Plan PPT](#) for sample schedules.

Q: Will beginning of the year benchmark assessments take place?

A: Communications regarding the details of benchmark assessments were sent to families on Thursday, August 6th. Patton Assessment Information, [Click Here](#). Johnson Assessment Information, [Click Here](#).

Q: How can I access my child's benchmark assessment results?

A: Our system for accessing benchmark assessment results on temporary hiatus due to other start of school priorities; the datarequest@ifno.org email address will not be monitored at this time. We anticipate being able to make score reports available soon; additional information will be communicated.

Q: What school supplies are necessary for 100% virtual learning?

A: All students need: a computer (iPad for preK4) with camera and speaker capability and internet connection at home. Headphones are recommended. Specific school supplies needed for virtual learning will be communicated by the teacher but will not supersede the posted supply lists. Any school supplies already purchased will be used during virtual learning and/or once we return in-person instruction.

Q: What, if anything, will happen with Thinking Outside the Classroom during virtual schooling?

A: We have worked with our partners to ensure continuity of TOC experiences which had to adapt due to partners' availability and the virtual environment. TOC will be structured as follows:

- Patton Campus (1st and 2nd grades):** The rotating elective schedule will include TOC learning.
- Upper Elementary, 3rd-5th grades:** On Wednesdays, students will have a mix of synchronous and asynchronous TOC classes, given the resources available.
- Middle/High, 6th-10th grades:** Curricular elements of the TOC program will continue as normal, and select TOC experiences will occur as we are able to coordinate.

Q: Will uniforms be mandatory for virtual or hybrid instruction?

A: Uniforms are not mandatory during virtual learning, however students must dress appropriately for virtual sessions as outlined on the [virtual reentry plan](#). During hybrid instruction (on campus), students will be required to wear uniforms.

Q. How is the school supporting technology needs?

A: Guidance is posted on www.lfno.org including a library of recorded videos to troubleshoot technology needs.

All students who need a device will be able to borrow a Chromebook from the school (pre-K will receive iPads). Families may choose to use their own device if compatible with school instructional platforms.

If you haven't yet, please complete this [technology survey link](#) - if your need has changed since you completed registration, please complete this survey again, we will follow the most recent survey response. **SURVEY CLOSES MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH.**

The email for help with online classroom instruction and internet assistance is still **SUPPORT@LFNO.ORG.**

Q: . What kind of computer does my child need?

A: We recommend a device similar to the one provided by the school, HP 11 G7 (11-inch screen) Chromebooks that are touchscreen. The touchscreen is not a requirement, but may be relevant for future uses. Our Chromebooks are purchased with 4GB RAM, and 16GB local storage. As needed and requested, all students will have access to an LFNO Chromebook (iPads for PreK-4 students) for the 2020 -2021 School Year.

Q: What are the most important changes that have been made to improve the virtual teaching approach?

A: The schedule was thoughtfully built to maximize synchronous learning while also providing an opportunity for students to keep up with their class if joining the live class is not always possible. We have added a number of digital services and training for our staff to better maximize the virtual learning environment, while also streamlining the online platforms we expect students and parents to navigate. Unlike in the spring, our schedule now includes daily opportunities for small group support, tailored to students' developmental levels. Additionally, we have made a massive investment in technology and technology support to help students and families access the virtual classrooms that are being set up.

Q: How will virtual tutoring work?

A: The French tutoring program is free for **1st through 10th grade students**. Sessions of 30 minutes will be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays between 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

Criteria to qualify for the French tutoring program:

1. 75% of seats reserved to students who receive free or reduced lunch in addition to teacher's recommendation
1. 25% of seats reserved to students do **NOT** free or reduced lunch but have extenuating circumstances and teacher's recommendation

Start date and notification of student participation will be forthcoming.

Q: Will meals continue to be provided during virtual schooling?

A: Our meal service provider is prepared to continue meal service in the event of COVID-19 related school closures and will adapt to the academic model we will be implementing. Beginning August 20th, meals will be available for pick up. Details coming soon. *Per the LDOE, LFNO will not be able to provide free meals to all students like we did during "Community Feeding" (March-June).* **Only LFNO students qualifying for free lunch will receive meals free of charge.**

2020-21 LFNO Lunch Application

Completion of the lunch application by every family, every year, starting July 1st is strongly encouraged. Follow the link below for instructions. [LFNO 2020-21 Lunch Application Directions](#)

Q: Will all school work be consistent within one grade level?

A: General content and class times will be the same for each grade level. Exact daily assignments may vary from teacher to teacher within a grade level.

Q: How are class placements different this year from years past?

A: Due to parent requests, multiple siblings (twins, triplettes, etc.) were placed in the same class. Other requests were honored as was possible. The integrity of well balanced classes is essential to a high quality and equitable education. We do everything we can to maintain this balance based on our educators' expertise.

Q: What is the school's grading policy?

A: Grading policies per campus and grade level band will be communicated by the first day of school, August 20th, as we continue to gain feedback from the state and teachers.

Q: What is the school's attendance policy?

A: School attendance policy will be communicated by the first day of school, August 20th, as we continue to gain feedback from the state and teachers.

Would you like to submit a different question? [CLICK HERE](#)