



## 2020-2021 School Reopening FAQ

- How will my child be able to complete the Virtual Learning Option if we do not have access to internet at home? **When school begins, students will be able to access free internet at Hotspot Locations throughout Nicholas County (See below). Their school provided Chromebook will connect to these hotspots without having to leave a vehicle. Also, there are Hotspot locations at the Nicholas Co. Elementary and Nicholas Co. Middle/High School. There is a map of school hotspot locations at [www.nicholas.kyschools.us/isp](http://www.nicholas.kyschools.us/isp). In addition to the School provided hotspots, additional public internet access is available at the Nicholas Co. Public Library and Blue Licks State Park Lodge.**
- Do we have to sign up for Virtual Learning Option (VLO)? **Yes**
- What is the difference in Virtual Learning and In-Person Instruction? **The curriculum content is the same for both Virtual Learning Only and for in-person instruction. Both are based on Kentucky Academic Standards. The major difference is that students will receive immediate teacher feedback in the in-person instruction and the opportunity for more class discussions and personal assistance.**
- What is the cost to do Virtual Learning? **\$30 Chromebook loan fee**
- What if we have a computer or device at home already; do we need to pay the Chromebook fee, or can we use our own device? **Students can use their own devices and there will be no fee.**
- When will we be receiving our Chromebook? **Virtual Learning Only students (those who applied and were accepted into the VLO program) will receive a Chromebook at the Back to School Orientation meetings scheduled for August 31-September 4. If our shipment of Chromebooks does not arrive prior to August 28, then VLO student families with 1-2 VLO students will receive 1 Chromebook and VLO student families with 3 or more VLO students will receive 2 Chromebooks (grades 3-12). Additional Chromebooks will be distributed when they arrive.**
- What are the locations of the School Provided Hotspots in the county? **Once you have your Chromebook, you can access free Wi-Fi on your school provided device at the following locations: Sexton's Grocery, Blue Licks Christian Church, Headquarters Methodist Church, East Union Christian Church, Sugar and Spice Daycare, Clay Farm WMA Check-in Station, Myers Station Grocery Market. We are working on more locations around the county, and will update our list as we go. Please continue to check our website for updates.**
- Will all students have access to a Chromebook? **Yes; all Nicholas Co. Students will have access to a Chromebook for instruction.**



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- **When and how can my child interact with their teacher?** Interaction with students will be conducted by phone and video meetings throughout the week, as well as by email. Teachers and parents or guardians also will connect using Remind 101, and other communication apps. Teachers will communicate and respond to questions within 24 hours during the school week.
- **Will we still be able to receive our breakfast and lunch meals, while we are not having In-Person Class?** All students receiving virtual instruction will be able to pick up meals weekly, starting September 4th. Meal pick up will be in the bus loop at NCES from 11:00-1:00 each Friday beginning on September 4th. Signups for meal pick up will be August 24th thru August 28th. Please call the Food Service Hotline at 859-473-0804 or email [amy.switzer@nicholas.kyschools.us](mailto:amy.switzer@nicholas.kyschools.us)
- **What are the plans for Sports and Clubs? Will there be either if we have no school?** At this time, all Sports and Clubs are available. All must comply with the Public Health Guidelines in place by our state, district and local health authorities. This is subject to change due to the ever-changing regulations, guidelines and recommendations provided by the Governor's Office, Kentucky Department of Public Health, Wedco Health District, Kentucky Department of Education, and Kentucky High School Athletic Association and local authority.
- **What are the plans for Pre-School and reopening?** Preschool services will begin on September 8th. Screenings and opportunity to meet your teacher will be August 31st thru September 3rd. Your teacher will be contacting you to set up an appointment for the screenings
- **If my child requires special services, or has an IEP, how will you provide these services that they need?** Students that have an Individual Education Plan will receive services from the teacher that has been assigned to them. Related services will also be provided virtually. If you have any questions about special education services, please call Amy Switzer at 859-289-3770
- **Will the school offer tutoring or other help, if my child is struggling in a subject?** Nicholas Co. Schools Staff will be available for extra services and extra help as needed and for extended hours in the evening.
- **If we are completing non-traditional paper packets in the beginning, when will my child receive their packets?** Non-traditional paper packets will be passed out during Back to School Orientation the week of August 31st-September 3rd. The schedule and times for each grade are located on our webpage at [www.nicholas.kyschools.us](http://www.nicholas.kyschools.us).