
Reopening Plans 20.21

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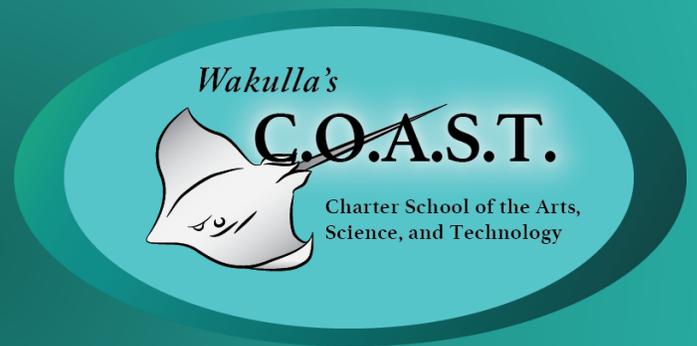
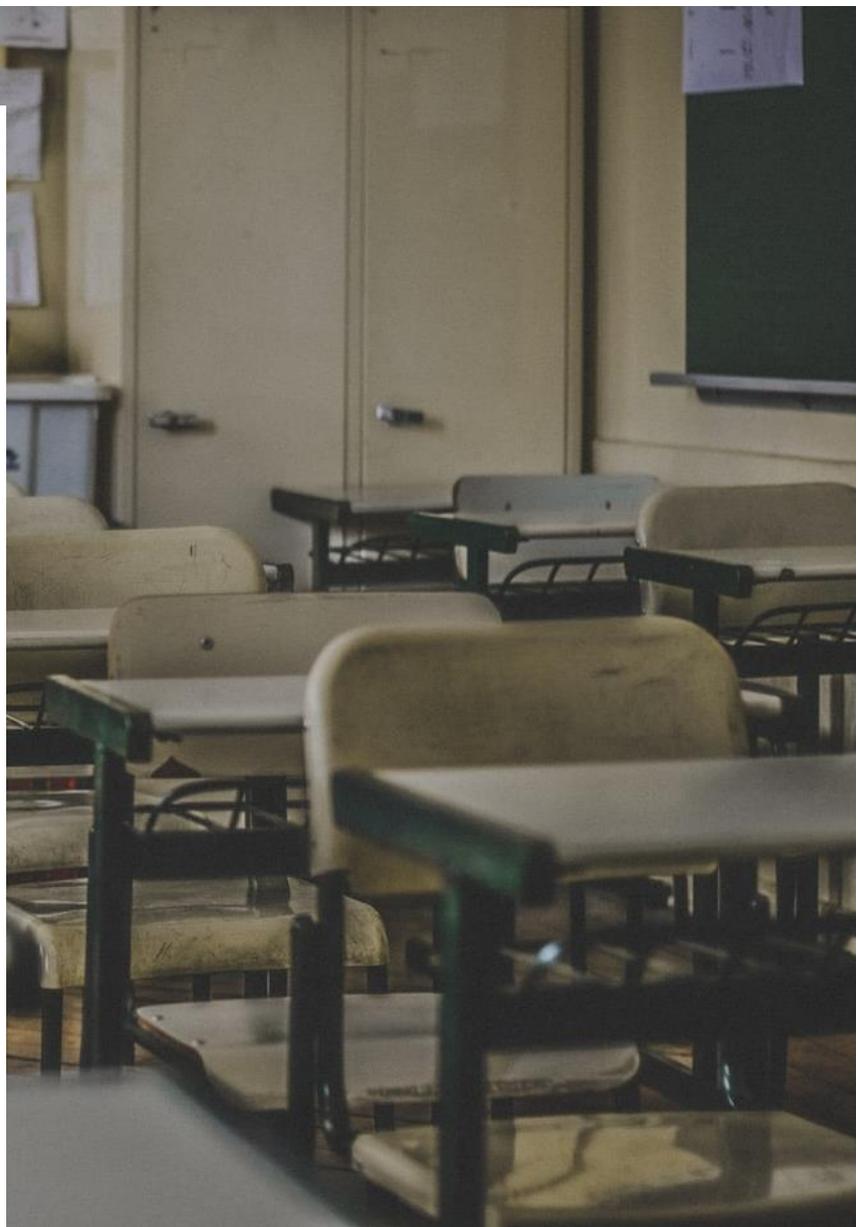


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Introduction

In March, our school was forced to shut down due to a looming pandemic. Almost six months later, we are still faced with a threatening epidemic, along with the reality of how desperately our students need to continue their education.

On July 6, 2020, the Florida Commissioner of Education, Richard Cochran, signed an executive order mandating schools open fully as brick and mortars. As such, COAST will be opening as scheduled on August 13, 2020. Of course, we do so with much thought and planning for the safety of our students, staff, families, and community.

We have been committed to making plans that will best serve our families. However, these plans are fluid, and as information changes, we will have to adjust. It is the intention that all the plans outlined in this document are temporary measures.

First, they are present to ensure to all our students, staff, families, and community members that COAST is committed to the safety, wellbeing, and education of our students.

Second, they are present to remind us that we are in troubling times, and during these times, we must come together to plan, create, and do the best we can for all students.

Lastly, they are present to fulfill a requirement pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-52.

Upon approval from both the COAST Board of Directors and Wakulla County Schools, COAST will enact all plans to the fullest for the safety, wellbeing, and education of its students.

General/Misc.

1. **An increased amount of cleaning:**
 - a. **COAST has budgeted nearly three times the average amount specifically for cleaning supplies, sanitizing supplies, and sanitizing dispensers.**
 - b. **We have committed to significantly increasing the amount of time and quality of cleaning and sanitizing, by increasing hours for custodial personnel and hiring additional cleaning staff.**
 - c. **COAST has also been purchasing PPE to help ensure the safety of staff.**
2. **Non-traditional Open House:**
 - a. **We will be completing a virtual open house tour, which will be available online in conjunction with having a scheduled teacher and family meeting before the start of school.**
3. **Students will not be sharing school supplies. Each student will have their own personal supplies.**
 - a. **This year COAST will be supplying all school supplies to reduce the need for our families to purchase or travel for school supplies. Donations will be appreciated and welcomed.**
4. **No backpacks for K-8 students:**
 - a. **VPK students will need backpacks for transporting blankets and other items.**
5. **No water fountains:**
 - a. **Students should bring reusable water bottles with water.**
 - b. **Each classroom will have a water refilling station.**
6. **Art and Music will travel to each classroom instead of the class traveling to the Art/Music room.**

7. Playground times will alternate by day and will be sanitized in-between uses.

- a. Increased field-oriented PE time will be made available to ensure a healthy amount of exercise.**

8. Masks:

- a. Masks will not be mandatory in the classroom but will be heavily recommended.**
- b. Masks are mandatory for common areas such as hallways and buses.**

9. Visitor/Volunteers:

- a. Masks will be mandatory for any visitors or volunteers on campus while these plans are in place.**
- b. Visitors'/Volunteers' time on campus will be severely reduced during the first few weeks of school. This will give time for the school to accurately gauge safety protocols.**

Meal Program

1. Students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms to minimize common areas for students.
 - a. All breakfast and lunch options will be served in disposable containers to help reduce contamination.
2. The cafeteria will be closed to our K-8 students while these plans are in place.
3. Breakfast will be available inside of each student's building instead of the cafeteria.
4. Lunches will be brought to each classroom.
5. Students who bring lunches will have to store lunchboxes separately until lunchtime.
6. While these temporary plans are in place, we are asking families not to bring in outside food or snacks.

Transportation

1. Pick up and Drop off:

- a. A school employee will be monitoring student pick up and drop off.
- b. Students will have a health screening and temperature check before entering the building during drop off.
- c. To minimize visitors in our lobby, a school employee will escort students to vehicles at the end of the school day.
- d. For pick up during the school day, we are asking all parents to call ahead so we can have children ready to minimize visitors coming in and out of buildings.

2. Buses:

a. Hiring Bus Aides

- i. Bus Aides will ride the bus to ensure health screenings and temperature checks are done before students get on the school bus.
- ii. Bus Aides will be responsible for ensuring students wear masks during the bus ride.

b. Masks will be mandatory.

- c. Mask wearing will be a temporary rule added to bus rules and subject to bus discipline.
- d. Students will be seated with family/household members instead of by age.
- e. Bus loading and unloading will be staggered to aid in physical distancing.
- f. Each bus will receive frequent cleaning and sanitizing.

Academic Planning

Given the amount of time that students have been away from school and the unstable nature of this pandemic, COAST has plans to help students succeed.

1. Additional Support Staff

- a. We know that with students being away from the classroom for an extended period, we may have more students who struggle to be “on grade level.” We have personnel in place to help bridge the academic gaps that may have occurred for some of our students.

2. Digital Resources

- a. To aid with students’ distancing, supplemental and remedial education, COAST has expanded its digital curriculum.
- b. Student progress monitoring will be gathered through our vetted and approved programs. This data will be collected through i-Ready, Exact Path, Courseware, and EdOps Academy.
- c. Through grant funding, COAST has been approved for additional Chrome Devices to aid in learning. At the time of this writing, COAST has applied for two other grants to be able to provide 1:1 devices for ALL COAST students.

3. Progress Monitoring

- a. Student progress monitoring will be gathered through our vetted and approved programs. This data will be collected through i-Ready, Exact Path, Courseware, and EdOps Academy.
- b. We understand that there may be a certain level of regression of academic success due to closures. COAST will be using these monitoring programs, first to assess where students are and then, second, by setting a new level of academic

achievement. This baseline data will be used to create levels to determine adequate progress.

- c. Students who were receiving interventions prior to the school closures will rejoin school with their previous interventions in place and will receive immediate and expedited interventions to help accelerate progress. This will come in the form of additional supports from staff and other digital programs.

4. About 15% of our parents are not comfortable with their children returning to the classroom. This is a total of about 20 students in 2nd – 8th grades. These families have made it clear that they wish to have their children continue to be Stingrays but want to start the school year in an isolated situation for their safety.

- a. From surveys and discussions, we average 87% comfort as a staff to deliver quality distance learning for the few students who are not comfortable being on campus.
- b. Having seen success with a distance scenario, many of our teachers have become more comfortable with the idea of having students learn at a distance while still making sure that they are receiving a quality education with data-driven instruction.
- c. These plans are not to increase student population numbers beyond classroom capacity.
- d. Plans in section 5 A-B are expected to be temporary. Students may transition back to school at any time.

5. Innovative Reopening Options

- a. COAST will be providing distance education options for the few parents who are unable to send their students to school. This process is upon request and application only. Approved students will work from home with supports in place from COAST and its educators.
- b. 2nd – 5th-grade students will be expected to make a specific amount of progress as determined by the teacher and parent, based on data received from progress

monitoring tools. Students will be expected to complete assignments and meet check-in requirements agreed upon by the teacher and parents.

- i. Students will use Ready, i-Ready, and other work deemed necessary by the classroom teacher to meet State Standards.**
 - ii. Students will receive grades and are expected to meet check-ins for attendance.**
- c. COAST Digital Academy**
- i. 6th – 8th graders will be allowed to take part in our Digital Academy powered by Edmentum. Students will use Exact Path for progress monitoring.**
 - ii. Students will be expected to make a specific amount of progress as determined by the teacher and parent, based on data received from progress monitoring tools.**
 - iii. Students will receive grades, are expected to meet daily check-ins for attendance, and participate in classroom activities through digital means.**
 - iv. Students must apply for this program like the previous year.**
 - v. Students who are not meeting standardized pacing minimums will need to be dropped from the program or they will be unable to pass. Students who descend from the program will be accepted back to the “brick and mortar” school.**
 - vi. Students who are unsuccessful with the Digital Learning Academy may not apply for the program again within a single school year.**

Plan Assurances

☒ Assurance 1 – Pg. 2: Upon reopening in August, COAST Charter will assure that the school will be open at least five days per week for all students per Executive Order No. 20-52. This is subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149, and subsequent executive orders.

☒ Assurance 2 – Pg. 10: COAST Charter will provide the full array of services that are required by law so that families who wish to educate their children in a brick and mortar school have the opportunity to do so. These services include in-person instruction, specialized instruction for students with an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) and those services required for vulnerable populations, such as students from low-income families, students of migrant workers, students who are homeless, students with disabilities, students in foster care, and students who are English language learners (ELLs).

☒ Assurance 3 – Pg. 7-9: COAST Charter will provide robust progress monitoring to all students; tiered support must be provided to all students who are not making adequate progress. If a student is receiving instruction through innovative teaching methods and fails to make sufficient progress, the student will be provided additional support and the opportunity to transition to another teaching method. Progress monitoring data for students receiving instruction through innovative teaching methods will be collected through i-Ready and Exact Path programs. Additional data will be collected through Ready ELA and Math materials and Courseware/EdOps Academy. Additional progress monitoring data will be collected from any State Standardized Testing.

☒ Assurance 4 – Pg. 10: COAST Charter will continue to work with IEP teams to determine needed services, including compensatory services for students with disabilities. We understand we must immediately begin working with IEP teams to identify students who may have regressed during school closures. IEP teams must follow a student-centered approach with a commitment to ensure that the individual needs of each child are met.

☒ Assurance 5 – Pg. 11: COAST Charter will work with ELL Committees to identify ELLs who have regressed and determine if additional or supplemental English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services are needed. COAST will ensure that appropriate identification of

English skills has been noted and that COAST will have the resources to implement additional interventions and strategies.

Assurance 6 – Pg. 11: COAST Charter will have progress monitoring data available to be shared regularly with the Wakulla County School Board, in a manner prescribed by the Department of Education.

It is the responsibility of the COAST Charter Principal to ensure completion, submission, approval, and implementation of these reopening plans.



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