

Frequently Asked Questions

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Is there a way for parents/guardians to learn more about McGuffey cyber school prior to making a choice?

Parents/guardians may visit the district website to see the recording and FAQs for McGuffey Cyber from our Town Hall meeting on 7/28/20.

May
parents/guardians
give a preference
for either M/T or
Th/F in the hybrid
model?

If a parent has a request for certain days, we will try our hardest to accommodate. As of right now, we aren't promising but will try our hardest. Please make your request known to the building principal(s).

If parents choose the McGuffey cyber school, does McGuffey still provide the Chromebooks?

Students will be provided the needed technology through McGuffey.

If a parent wants to choose the McGuffey cyber school option but has poor internet connectivity, can McGuffey provide them a Jetpak?

As above, the cyber option will provide the complete technology setup including the internet if necessary. The MiFi device will be utilized. However, internet service may still be an issue in areas where cellular connectivity is an issue.

What are the new mask requirements as of Thursday July 16, 2020 ?

Individuals must wear a face covering (mask or face shield) unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, **documented** in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school.

Children two years and older are required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, **documented** in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student's health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team.

If a student cannot wear a mask, please contact our Supervisor of Special Education, Charissa Rychcik, at rychcic@mcguffey.k12.pa.us or 724-663-5364 to discuss your child's specific situation and the required documentation.

If my child enrolls in the McGuffey Online Program, can my child participate in FFA?

To participate in the FFA program, a student must be enrolled in our Agriculture Education courses at the MS/HS. A student enrolled in an outside cyber program cannot participate in the FFA Program at McGuffey. We currently are looking to have agriculture courses developed for the McGuffey Cyber option for the start of the 2020-2021 school year that will enable students to participate in the McGuffey FFA Program.

Can a cyber student participate in the Career and Technical Program?

McGuffey Cyber Students will be able to attend the CTC Program at WACTC.

Students enrolled in outside cyber programs will need to work with the cyber school of choice. The cyber school of choice will need to approve your child to attend a CTC program. The cyber school will need to work with the CTC to provide the educational program.

Can HS students choosing the cyber option still receive honors credit for a course?

The McGuffey Cyber option for MS and HS students is a partnership with the IU1 Fusion Flex program. There are currently a number of courses in that program which offer honors credit. Fusion Flex courses will be aligned to the McGuffey High School Academic Program of Studies concerning the awarding of honors credit. The school district will be developing courses over time to ensure McGuffey's Cyber curriculum aligns with our in-school McGuffey curriculum to the greatest extent possible.

**Will there be a
waiver to attend
school similar to
athletics?**

Not at this time. Athletics are optional, which is why there is a waiver to participate in sports. Students are required to attend school.

I haven't been able
to schedule
appointments for
immunizations.
Can my student still
begin school?

Yes. As long as the student has had one round of each immunization, they may begin school with a medical provision. Additionally, we are working at scheduling an immunization clinic to be held at Claysville Elementary in August.

If you have further questions about immunizations, please contact your child's school nurse.

- Grades K-5: butterfieldd@mcguffey.k12.pa.us
- Grades 6-12: ealyk@mcguffey.k12.pa.us

Will the school district participate in contact tracing?

The school district will not be completing contact tracing alone. However, the school district will consult with the health department and will provide assistance to the health department as requested by them. All privacy laws pertaining to FERPA and HIPAA will be complied with.

**Will students only
be learning new
content on the two
days they are in
school?**

No. The distance education days will count towards the required 180 days of instruction. Although instruction may look differently in the face-to-face and remote environments, students will be learning new content in both environments.