

Latin Café - June 29, 2021

Continuous Education Plan 2021-22





Welcome, Latin Families!

Thank you for being here!

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Goal today – discuss 2021-22 school plans & at-risk preference

Please ask your questions in the chat. We will answer them at the end **LIVE** so all can hear. Any remaining will be answered in a follow-up doc.





Today's forum

Washington Latin's Continuous Education Plan

- What is it?
- What are the key elements?
- What is the plan for returning to in-person learning?

Distance Learning for limited circumstances

- Short-term virtual learning
- Longer-term medical exemption - Process & Deadline

Questions & Answers



What is a Continuous Education Plan?



What is Continuous Education?

COVID has changed how schools operate, requiring new plans and approaches – and changes throughout the year in 2020-21.

DC authorities must ensure *schools are continuing to provide education* through the pandemic, maintaining quality and equity.

Continuous Education Plans outline how each school will operate and educate its students in the upcoming school year.

- Summer 2020: plan outlined our distance learning program
- Summer 2021: plan outlines program for reopening and recovery

The expectation is that all DC public schools reopen with full-time in-person learning for 2021-22, Monday – Friday each week.



Return to in-person at Latin

There are many benefits of in-person schooling.

- Academic – better for student learning at all levels
- Social-emotional – especially at Latin, the relational is central to learning. Zoom cannot compete with the real classroom!
- Extra-curricular activities will be back!
 - *Athletics* – still in process, but there will be sports
 - *MAGIS* afterschool programming under discussion
 - *Arts activities & performances* – LIVE! Not just livestreamed

We plan to incorporate some innovations to reopening in 2021-22.

- Some students thrived at home, and others benefitted from particular elements of distance learning.
- Concepts we are considering – parent Zoom meetings, Wellness Wednesdays, one-on-one tutorials, and more



Guiding Principles of Plan

OSSE (Office of the State Superintendent of Education) outlined three priorities or guiding principles for 2021-22 school year.

Safe Reopening

Ensure a safe reopening of school buildings for all students and staff

Student & Staff Well-Being

Support the physical, social-emotional, mental, and behavioral health of our school communities

Accelerated Learning

Assess impact of interrupted instruction and accelerate learning, at home and in person, for all students

Latin's plan based on these Principles *and*:

- The Latin model - both academic and community
- Lessons & feedback from Distance Learning and Hybrid



Latin Plan - Highlights



Safety Plan Highlights

- **Continue with established safety protocols**
 - Masks on campus (but not double)
 - **HealthCheck** symptom checker upon entry
 - Social distancing – 3 to 6 feet
 - Personal and building hygiene
- **Testing or vaccination – Everyone on campus will:**
 - Show vaccination status OR
 - Test weekly on campus with Curative (or show results from elsewhere)
- **Positive case protocols**
 - Isolate anyone showing symptoms
 - Work with DC Health to trace anyone with contact

NB! Circumstances will shift, guidance and rules will change – and Latin will adapt our policies and practices accordingly!



Health & Well-Being Highlights

Supporting students' social-emotional, mental and behavioral health

- Continue with Latin's core relationship- and community-building focus
- Increased emphasis on student mental health – e.g., universal health screener, access to counselors, and wellness activities (including some form of our Wellness Wednesdays!)
- More training for faculty in recognizing and supporting student mental health – both individuals and as a part of the classroom routine

Reaching our families as well as students

- Family engagement is a priority → variety of in-person programming
- But regular Zoom parent meetings will continue!
- Support for families in need, such as providing food assistance, connecting with other social services, etc., will continue.



Accelerated Learning Highlights

- **What is accelerated learning?**
 - While some students thrived with distance learning, others struggled and did not keep pace with peers' learning
 - Accelerated learning means closing learning gaps next year, even as students continue to learn new material in current grade
- **Latin's plan adds support for all, focused on greatest need.**
 - *Continue*: classical model with discussion, addressing moral issues, etc.; broad curriculum;
 - *Add*: diagnostic tests to determine student progress in core subjects; more academic supports, such as in-school tutoring and more opportunities for one-on-one teacher tutorial
 - *No change*: to our basic schedule or calendar (not later start nor longer school year)



Distance Learning in 21-22

*Limited to specific circumstances
for brief periods*



Distance Learning 2021-22

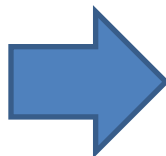
3 Possible Distance Learning Scenarios

Short-term DL for individual students (due to COVID quarantine, for example)



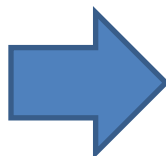
Student works asynchronously with regular classes, resumes in-person instruction when possible

Temporary DL for a group (due to COVID outbreak in a grade or DC-wide, for example)



Resume 2020-21 Distance Learning model for group until in-person instruction permitted

Semester- or year-long DL for individual with medical exemption



Latin tentatively planning on partnering with Friendship PCS

Per DC authorities, exemption from in-person school due to a physical or mental health condition requires documentation and a physician's signature.

We ask families to let us know ASAP and no later than 7/15/21!



At-Risk Preference in MySchoolDC



Questions?

Ask in chat or aloud