



# ***LABRAE LOCAL SCHOOLS***

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## LaBrae 2020-2021 Restart FAQ's

1. Will the school conduct health assessments on students?

Answer: Student health assessments must begin at home. LaBrae needs all parents to assess the wellness of their children before sending them to school. If a child has a fever or exhibits other symptoms of illness, parents need to keep the child home.

All students will receive a temperature scan as they enter the building. If a fever is indicated, the child will be directed to the office/nurse for further assessment, i.e. an individual temperature reading and assessment of other symptoms.

2. What happens if my child has a fever when they are assessed at school?

Answer: Students will be assessed for other symptoms to determine if the child has COVID-19 symptoms. Students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be placed in an isolation room per Ohio Department of Health requirements. As is typical procedure with an ill child, a phone call will be placed with the parent or emergency contact to come to school and pick-up the student and take them home.

3. If my child is home ill under the blended learning model, how will they get their school work, or homework?

Answer: Normal procedures are in place for parents to request homework when students have met consecutive days of absence. Parents should continue to contact the building secretary and place those requests by building to get the work a child missed on in-person days of instruction. Additionally, some of the work will be available in Google Classroom.

4. Since LaBrae is requiring masks, will the school provide masks to students?

Answer: LaBrae will provide a mask to each student and staff member free of charge. If a student loses a mask and the family would like another LaBrae spirit mask, then the cost of the mask is \$10. Families are encouraged to have additional masks for their students, but there is no obligation to purchase additional spirit masks. Disposable masks will be available on buses and each building office.

5. In the blended learning model, why not have students attend on consecutive days?

Answer: Different arrangements for student days of attendance were considered, but it was determined that consecutive days weren't viable as the number of consecutive days out of school was too lengthy to be a viable option.

6. Is the students' first day of school still scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>?

Answer: No. At the August meeting, the Board will ratify a revised school calendar for the coming school year that moves the first student day from August 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

7. Can I register my child for the virtual learning now and opt for the in-person learning if I change my mind later?

Answer: Yes. The commitment to the virtual learning program is for a minimum of one semester. The first semester ends on January 22, 2021. At the semester end, a student can leave the virtual program and return to in-person instruction at LaBrae. Also, the virtual enrollment can be renewed for the second semester.

8. Will my child have LaBrae teachers if our family chooses the eLearning/Virtual Learning opt-out?

Answer: No. Children enrolled in the virtual learning program will get their education through an online learning platform. LaBrae teachers will not provide instruction or support.

9. What is the virtual learning platform the District will use?

Answer: LaBrae is providing access to FuelEd software through our affiliation with Trumbull County ESC. Use the following links to watch an overview video.

[Student Dashboard Overview](#)

[Student Overview for Grades 6-12](#)

[Student Overview for Grades K-5](#)

10. Is live instruction provided in the virtual learning platform?

Answer: No. The program is computer based instruction. However, the Trumbull ESC has certified teachers assigned to the courses provided through FuelEd. These teachers will monitor student learning and provide support to students enrolled in the program.

11. If my child is enrolled in the eLearning/Virtual Learning option are they considered a LaBrae student?

Answer: Yes. Children enrolled in the virtual learning program are enrolled at LaBrae and considered a LaBrae student.

12. Will my student be able to get the same courses on their LaBrae schedule in the virtual learning program?

Answer: The FuelEd program offers all of the core coursework for each grade level and the program is standards based and very robust in content. The program offers many electives, but there is no guarantee that the electives will match LaBrae's. It is probable that many of the courses offered in the secondary grades will be

available in the virtual program. FuelEd may offer different courses not offered at LaBrae. For students in the virtual program who earn credit for a course LaBrae doesn't offer, the guidance department will ensure that the course and credit are accounted for on the LaBrae transcript.

13. If I enroll my child in the virtual learning option, can they still participate in extra-curricular activities such as band and athletics?

Answer: Students can still participate in athletics and club activities that occur after school as they are still LaBrae students. However, band is a co-curricular activity that practices during the school day and will not be accessible for students who are enrolled in the virtual learning option.

14. If my child is enrolled in the eLearning/Virtual Learning program, when is his/her first day of school?

Answer: The first day of school is August 31<sup>st</sup>. However, the District is working to get the virtual learning curriculum initiated and ready for use for the first day, and should that not be possible, there might be a delay of a few days before students can begin.

15. When will a decision about fall sports be made?

Answer: Schools are awaiting the determination from the Governor's office on whether fall sports will be permitted. That decision is expected to be announced on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> during the Governor's press conference.

16. Will the school take checks for student meals?

Answer: LaBrae is working to be cashless at the register in the cafeteria, and in the collection of student fees. Parents are strongly encouraged to create a PaySchools account so parents can seamlessly add money to the lunch account or pay school fees. Nonetheless, the District will still take checks and cash in the school offices to load to student accounts and pay for fees.

17. How were the student cohorts determined?

Answer: Student cohorts were based on ensuring that students residing at the same address were on the same schedule. Once all of our sibling groups were assigned a cohort, individual students without other siblings enrolled in school were assigned a cohort according to class size and adhering to the goal of ensuring the cohorts were equal in size.

18. What if I don't like the cohort my child is in, can I get it changed?

Answer: Requests to a student's cohort can be made to child's school office, but there are no guarantees that a change will occur. Decisions on cohorts were made with respect to reducing class sizes for each day of attendance with the goal being to split the classes in half allowing the District to better social distance our students.