

# Sandy Ridge Elementary Covid-19 FAQs

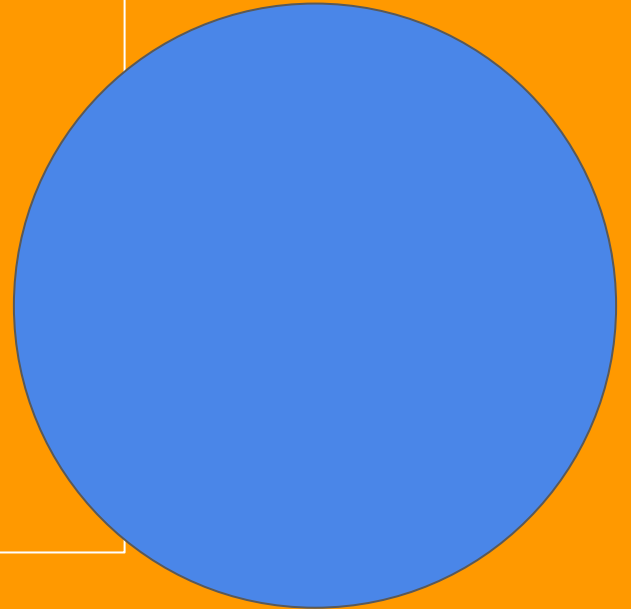
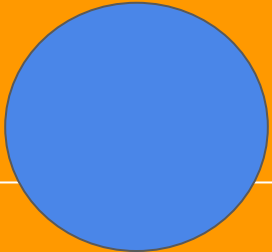


This document is  
under construction and  
will be updated as  
more information  
provides clarity.

# Table of Contents

- [Pre-K to first grade questions](#)
- [Health and Safety](#)
- [General Plan B Instruction](#)
- [General Plan D Instruction](#)
- [School Nutrition](#)
- [Technology](#)
- [UCPS AfterSchool & Childcare](#)
- [AIG, IEPs, 504s](#)
- [MTSS \(Multi Tiered Support System\)](#)
- [Yearbook Updates](#)
- [Attendance](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Grades](#)
- [Miscellaneous](#)

# PreK & 1st Grade Questions



## Pre-K to First Grade Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Will there be evaluations or an orientation of any kind for kindergartners?</p> <p>Will we be able to meet the teachers?</p>	<p>-Assessments will be done on Kindergarten students on their first day of attendance in the building.</p> <p>-Opportunities will exist for parents to meet their teachers, and this may be done through a virtual format.</p>

## Pre-K to First Grade Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Are there hard copies in addition to electronic for Pre-K through first grade?</p>	<p>Hard copies can be provided upon parent request if the family doesn't have an electronic device and/or does not have internet service. You will need to reach out to your child's teacher.</p>

## Pre-K to First Grade Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>I have a rising kindergartner and a first grader. Can we ask for siblings to go to school on different assigned days?</p>	<p>Please contact your school's principal for further guidance on this.</p>

## Pre-K to First Grade Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>What device will 1st grade need for remote since one is not provided? Chromebook, iPad, laptop, kindle...?</p>	<p>A specific device is not required for Kindergarten and 1st grade students, but 1st grade students are familiar with iPads from using them in the classrooms. Kindles will not work with Canvas.</p>



## Pre-K to First Grade Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
How will power/internet outages be handled? Make ups? Marked absent?	These situations will be handled by the classroom teacher on a case by case basis.

## Pre-K to First Grade Questions:

Question	Answer
<p>Can a rising 1st grader do remote like her 4 siblings in 3rd-12th?</p>	<p>UCPS has deployed a survey to all parents to gain information about interest. The Plan B document states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>PK-1 parents interested in a full-time online experience in lieu of Plan B should contact their school to discuss this as an option.</b></li></ul> <p>Please call or email your school principal directly if you would like to discuss this option.</p>

# **Health and Safety Questions**

## Health and Safety Questions:

Question	Answer
<p>Does my child have to wear a mask on face to face learning days?</p> <p>What if my child cannot wear a mask?</p>	<p>Per the StrongNCSchools toolkit, “all students from Kindergarten through 12th grade, and all teachers and staff, and essential visitors wear face coverings when they are or may be within 6 feet of another person.”</p> <p>Click here to visit the <a href="#"><u>StrongNCSchools toolkit</u></a></p>

## Health and Safety Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>What if my child is sick on a face to face learning day?</p>	<p>Students should not come to school when they are sick. Schools will follow our established protocols for sick students. If the illness is related to Covid-19, please contact the school.</p>

## Health/Safety:

Question	Answer
<p>How will students remain safe around campus? (Ex: cafeteria, playground, etc.)</p>	<p>UCPS will adhere to safety guidelines (social distancing, cleaning of commonly touched/used areas, wearing of face masks, etc.) as set forth by the local, state, and national health guidelines. Parents may visit the <a href="#">StrongSchoolsNC</a> document for further details.</p>

## Health/Safety Question:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Will there be activities outside of their specific day that they will need to be present for?</p>	<p>At this time, under Plan B no extracurricular activities have been planned as directed by Governor Cooper.</p>

## Health/Safety Question:

Question	Answer
<p>Does the school provide masks for students?</p>	<p>Staff and students will be provided 5 reusable masks each.</p>
<p>If desks are 6 feet apart, are kids able to take masks off in class?</p>	<p>Per the StrongNCSchools toolkit, the exceptions to wearing masks include not wearing them while eating, engaged in strenuous physical activity, or able to maintain 6 feet social distancing from others. Click here to visit the <a href="#">StrongNCSchools toolkit</a></p>



## Health/Safety Question:

Question	Answer
<p>What is the frequency of class and hallway cleaning? Is there a schedule for deep cleaning?</p>	<p>Schools will establish a schedule for and perform ongoing and routine environmental cleaning and disinfection of high-touch areas ( e.g. door handles, stair rails, faucet handles, toilet handles, playground equipment, drinking fountains, light switches, desks, tables, chairs, kitchen countertops, cafeteria and service tables, carts, and trays).</p> <p>Parents may visit the <a href="#">StrongSchoolsNC</a> document for further details.</p>

## Health/Safety Question:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Do kids get recess/outside time?	Students will be allowed to have recess. Social distancing and safety measures will be followed while the students are engaged in recess.

## Health/Safety Question:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>If a child or family member tests positive, what is the protocol and notification process?</p>	<p>A document will be coming from UCPS that further outlines the procedures for navigating Covid-19.</p>

General Questions:  
Plan B Instruction  
Moderate Social  
Distancing

## Plan B Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>If our family chooses Plan B, will my child receive instruction from their homeroom teacher on the days they are not in the building?</p>	<p>Each school will share the team structure that is relationship centered. This may be from another teacher on the same grade level or the homeroom teacher.</p>

## Plan B Questions:

Question	Answer
<p>What will a typical day in the school building look like for students who attend in person?</p>	<p>The teacher of record will be in contact with parents prior to the start of school to describe the face to face experience.</p> <p>A sample remote learning schedule is in the UCPS Plan B documents, which can accessed on the last slide <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

## Plan B Questions:

### Question

### Answer

Will students still have specials?

Students will complete activities and assignments for related arts classes.

## Plan B Questions:

### Question

Will they able to borrow or checkout books?

### Answer

Yes, more details will be provided by the the teacher and media specialist.



## Plan B Questions:

### Question

At what point do we find out what day our child will attend?

### Answer

Each school is working on student assignments for the 1 day of face to face instruction. Siblings K-12 will be able to attend on the same assigned day. We will communicate student assignments upon completion.

## Plan B Questions:

Question	Answer
Is it really 3-5 hours a day for a kindergartner?	<p><b>K-first grade students</b> will spend <u>approximately 30</u> minutes on activities per core subject each day and <u>approximately 20</u> minutes on each related arts subjects each day.</p> <p><b>Second-fifth grade students</b> will spend <u>approximately 45</u> minutes on activities per core subject each day and <u>approximately 30</u> minutes on each related arts subject each day.</p>

## Plan B Questions:

### Question

What if I don't have their student ID numbers to fill out the survey?

### Answer

-You can call/email the Data Manager at your school...

[rose.karras@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:rose.karras@ucps.k12.nc.us)

-You can check the top of a report card  
-The ID number is the number students use to login to their school laptop. Your student may have it memorized

-If you use [lunchprepay.com](http://lunchprepay.com), you can find the number when you login.

## Plan B Questions:

### Question

Is it correct that students attend school 1 day per week and the rest are online classes like the one at the end of the last school year?

### Answer

Yes. Students will attend school one day a week at this time. The rest of the days will be virtual with access to live, on-demand instruction, a huge upgrade to remote learning in the Spring.

## Plan B Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Can siblings attend school on the same day for face to face instruction?	Yes, Sandy Riske is developing a student assignment plan where siblings can attend face to face learning on the same assigned day.

## Plan B Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>If a single parent will be working during the day, 8-6p, and it's not possible for their child to do schoolwork during the day since they will be unavailable to help them, what do they do?</p>	<p>Under Plan B, on days in which students are not in attendance, they will have access to either live or pre-recorded videos of classroom instruction.</p>

## Plan B Questions:

### Question

Can parents decide how long students work on assignments if they are working at home?

### Answer

A daily schedule will be provided to parents for working at home. UCPS guidelines are for elementary students to work 3-5 hours per day on remote instruction.

## Plan B Questions:

Question	Answer
<p>Also if virus gets under control and schools open can we return to school if we are enrolled in the Virtual Academy?</p>	<p>The decision to return to full time school (Plan A) will be determined by Governor Cooper.</p> <p>Students attending Virtual Academy will not be able to switch to Plan B or Plan A until the second semester, Jan 2021.</p> <p>Plan A may be viewed in the Lighting Our Way Forward document on the last slide <a href="#">here</a>.</p>



## Plan B Questions:

### Question

Does my child only come to school one day a week for instruction?

### Answer

Yes, please see sample below from UCPS forward-facing documents:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group 1 (At School)	Group 1 (Remote Learning)	Group 1 (Remote Learning)	Group 1 (Remote Learning)	Remote Learning for all Students
Group 2 (Remote Learning)	<b>Group 2 (At School)</b>	Group 2 (Remote Learning)	Group 2 (Remote Learning)	
Group 3 (Remote Learning)	Group 3 (Remote Learning)	<b>Group 3 (At school)</b>	Group 3 (Remote Learning)	Teacher Planning
Group 4 (Remote learning)	Group 4 (Remote Learning)	Group 4 (Remote Learning)	<b>Group 4 (At School)</b>	Office Hours

## Plan B Questions:

Question	Answer
<p>Can we choose to keep children at home while choosing plan B option if they still do the work for the day missed?</p>	<p>UCPS has deployed a survey to all parents to gain information about interest. The Plan B document states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>PK-1 parents interested in a full-time online experience in lieu of Plan B should contact their school to discuss this as an option.</b></li></ul> <p>After the survey window has closed and information is available, clarity will come and schools will respond on a case by case basis.</p>

## Plan B Questions:

### Question

Are remote days all live instruction or hybrid of live and pre-recorded?

### Answer



It will be a hybrid of live and on-demand instruction. All live instruction will be recorded so that it can be accessed when it works for the family. Live instruction will not begin immediately.

## Plan B Questions:

### Question

What is the difference between Plan B and the virtual academy?

### Answer

Differences Between Virtual Learning (Plan D) and Plan B with Remote Learning

Option	Daily Schedule	Bus Service	Meal Service	Internet and Device	Application	Parental Academic Support	Print Materials Available
Plan B	At school one day Remote learning 4 days/wk Follow class pacing Access to Canvas	Provided by UCPS	Provided by UCPS	Supported by UCPS	Not required	Recommended	Yes (upon request)
Virtual Academy (Plan D)	All online 5 days/wk Self-paced Access to Canvas	Not provided	Not provided	Supported by UCPS	Required	Required	No

## Plan B Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>What if we try Plan B and then want to change to the virtual academy? Can this be done and will my child remain with the same teacher?</p>	<p>A commitment to Plan B extends through the first semester. A switch to the Virtual Academy would be available the second semester. Plan B would ensure that your student would remain with the same teacher of record. Enrollment in the Virtual Academy would mean that your child could have a different teacher than the one assigned for Plan B.</p>

**General Questions:  
Plan D Instruction  
Virtual Academy**

## Plan D Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>If our family chooses Plan D, will we get a teacher from my child's home school?</p>	<p>Each individual home school is working to make sure students are assigned a teacher of record from their home school or within our Marvin Cluster. However, this depends on survey results.</p>

## Plan D Questions:

### Question

If a single parent will be working during the day, 8-6p, and it's not possible for their child to do schoolwork during the day since they will be unavailable to help them, what do they do?

### Answer

Students enrolled in Plan D, Virtual Academy, will have flexibility to work at their own pace and schedule over the course of the day depending on family needs.



## Plan D Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Will remote learning be an option for K-1 students and how we will be notified either way?</p>	<p>At this time, Virtual Academy is available to 2nd-12th grade students. UCPS has deployed a survey to all parents to gain information about interest in Plan D. Please contact your child's school for interest in this option.</p>

## Plan D Questions:

Question	Answer
What curriculum will be followed?	<p>UCPS teachers will follow the appropriate content standards for each grade level as determined by NCDPI.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>NCDPI Standard Course of Study</u></a></p>

## Plan D Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Will virtual academy students be able to ask questions and have live meetings with a teacher? Will they get to know their teacher and classmates?</p>	<p>Yes, live classes will be interactive. (Anticipated to begin after the 1st six weeks)</p>

# **School Nutrition**

## School Nutrition Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Will breakfast and lunch meal pickups be available for students on free and reduced lunch that choose the virtual academy option?</p>	<p>UCPS meal service is not provided for students in the Virtual Academy (plan D).</p>

## School Nutrition Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Will breakfast and lunch meal pickups be available for students on non-school days?</p>	<p>Per UCPS, meal service will be provided for students enrolled in Plan B.</p> <p>Per UCPS, meal service will not be provided for students enrolled in Plan D, the Virtual Learning Academy.</p>

## School Nutrition Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Can my child still bring a lunch from home? Are their guidelines about what they can or cannot bring (peanut butter, disposable items only, etc.)?</p>	<p>Students may bring their lunch to school. We are waiting on further guidance from UCPS regarding allergy protocols.</p>

**Technology**



## Technology/Devices Question:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Will devices be provided for PreK-1st grade students for virtual learning?	At this time, as per the UCPS documents, UCPS will issue devices to students 2nd - 12th grades.

## Technology/Devices Question:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>We have an old laptop that is very slow. Will the school be allowing students to pick up and use their chromebook at home?</p>	<p>At this time, as per the UCPS documents, UCPS will issue devices to students 2nd - 12th grades.</p>

# **UCPS Afterschool & Childcare**

## After school/Childcare Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Will the afterschool program still run on assigned days? Will an all day program be offered for after school students on remote learning days for two working parents?</p>	<p>Answer is under construction pending more information from UCPS &amp; The After School Program.</p> <p>TBD</p>

## After School/Child care Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Will the UCPS AfterSchool program be offered this year?	Answer is under construction pending more information from UCPS & The After School Program.  TBD

## After School/Child care Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
What after care options are available?	Answer is under construction pending more information from UCPS & The After School Program.  TBD

## After School/Childcare Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Will the after school program still be available to students on their assigned day throughout the week whose parents have signed up and paid the registration?</p> <p>Or has the after school program been cancelled and we will have to pick up our children at the end of the day?</p>	<p>Answer is under construction pending more information from UCPS &amp; The After School Program.</p> <p>TBD</p>

**AIG, IEP's, 504's**



## AIG, IEP's, & 504 Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>How will 504 plans be implemented with virtual academy option?</p>	<p>Please contact your school's 504 coordinator for specifics regarding 504 accommodations.</p> <p><u>Alison Parkhurst</u></p>

## AIG, IEP's, & 504 Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>If my student has a 504 Plan or an IEP, will he/she have the opportunity to attend more than one day per week in the classroom?</p>	<p>We are exploring our options and ways to expand in-building offerings to the special needs population under current conditions. We will be communicating any change with our Plan B attendance structure in the near future.</p>

## AIG, IEP's, & 504 Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>What will happen with IEP student who receive multiple therapies and are pulled out daily for individual help?</p>	<p>Answer is under construction pending more information from UCPS.</p> <p>TBD</p>

## AIG, IEP's, & 504 Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Will my child who receives EC services be able to attend more than 1 day per week?</p>	<p>Answer is under construction pending more information from UCPS.</p>
<p>If the ACC classroom only has a small number of students, would they be able to attend school M-TH ?</p>	<p>TBD</p>

# **MTSS (Multi Tiered Support System)**

## AIG, IEP's, & 504 Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>How will multi-tiered support be offered? Will remote work be a combination of printed materials and computer work?</p>	<p>Answer is under construction pending more information from UCPS.</p> <p>TBD</p>

# **Yearbook Updates**

## Yearbook Question:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>When can I pick up the yearbook I ordered for my child?</p>	<p>Lifetouch, our yearbook publisher, was closed for many weeks due to Covid-19. Yearbooks are in publication now. As soon as we know a delivery date, we will communicate out our drive thru pick up date. We apologize for your inconvenience.</p>



**Attendance**

## Attendance Question:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Will attendance be taken during Plan B and Plan D?	Yes. Attendance will be taken for both learning options.

**Transportation**

## Transportation Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
What are parents doing about transportation?	UCPS will offer transportation for students.

**Grades**

## Grading Questions:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Will assignments be graded?	There will continue to be variety of assessments (quizzes, written answers, projects, etc.) that will be graded. Teachers will determine the method of grading the assignments (ex: rubrics, numerical grades, etc.)

**Miscellaneous**

## Miscellaneous Question:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>Will supply lists be readjusted or remain the same? What do students do with the supplies if they only come 1 day a week?</p>	<p>The supply lists have been designed for the entire school year. They are posted on the school website, Facebook and Instagram. For further, specific questions please contact your child's teacher.</p> <p>Students can take supplies between home and school if needed at home or they have the option to leave them in their individual space at school.</p>



## Miscellaneous Question:

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p>How do we go about un-enrolling a student for the 2020-2021 school year if they are attending a different school?</p>	<p>Please contact the data manager at your school.</p> <p><a href="mailto:rose.karras@ucps.k12.nc.us">rose.karras@ucps.k12.nc.us</a></p>

# Resources

## Resource Links Below:

[NC Lighting Our Way Forward](#)

[StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit](#)

UCPS Plan B

- [UCPS Plan B Instruction Model](#)

UCPS Plan D

- [UCPS Virtual Academy](#)

## #RisingStrongerTogether

Thank you for supporting us on this 2020-21 journey! Feel free to reach out to us via email:

Ms. Kerstetter [tracey.kerstetter@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tracey.kerstetter@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Mrs. Yetter [tricia.yetter@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tricia.yetter@ucps.k12.nc.us)

UCPS website [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us)

Sandy Ridge Website <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/40>

Sandy Ridge Facebook

Sandy Ridge InstaGram