

Return to 2020 - Student and Family FAQ

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This FAQ provides the most updated information that we have for students and their families about the upcoming school year. As always, please remember to visit our website every day for updates, links, forms and resources.

1. When will school start?
 - a. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 16, but it will be ONLINE only. All students will work from home from Wednesday, September 16 to Wednesday, September 30. You should expect your child to have asynchronous (independent) work and possibly some synchronous (Zoom meetings) on those days.
 - b. On Thursday, October 1, Cohort A students will come to the building. Cohort B students will stay home. Cohort B students will come to the building, for the first time on Friday, October 2. Please visit our website at www.aviationhs.net for the complete Calendar of Live Instruction.
 - c. Full remote students will not come to the building at all. They will complete all of their work remotely.
2. When my child comes to the building, which classes will my child attend?
 - a. All students will take their aircraft maintenance classes (shop) during the periods on their schedule at the times listed on our [Bell Schedule for 2020](#). After clicking on the link, look only at the bell schedule on the left side.
 - b. Some students will receive additional instruction as per these guidelines:
 - i. Students with Disabilities - All students (all grade levels) who are scheduled to receive self-contained or ICT accommodations will receive two additional hours of support for their academic courses.

Students whose shop classes are early in the day will receive the additional academic support immediately after shop. Students whose shop classes are later in the day will receive the academic support immediately before shop.

- ii. Freshmen students who do not meet the criteria above - Freshmen who do not receive SWD support will receive one additional period of academic support daily. The additional support will be immediately after class for all freshmen except students who have shop periods 7 and 8. They will receive the support immediately before shop (period 6).
 - iii. Sophomores through fifth year - All other students will only come to the building for shop. They will be dismissed as soon as their shop class ends.
3. How many students will be in the building on any given day?
- a. We have approximately 2,100 students on register with approximately 600 electing for remote instruction.
 - b. Of the remaining 1,500 students, 750 are in each cohort. This means that we expect to have 750 students in their shop classes every day.
 - c. Approximately 350 of our students receive self-contained or ICT services. Approximately 100 of these students have elected for remote only instruction. This means that approximately 115 students (per week) will receive the live academic support.
 - d. We also expect about 125 freshmen to receive the extra one period of academic support daily.
4. What safety measures are being taken to keep students and staff safe?
- a. We are following all NYC DOE safety regulations and have had city inspectors regularly visit our school.
 - b. We have implemented social distance measures. Teams composed of members from administration, the teachers, parents and city inspectors have concluded that our shop classes can safely house 14 students, plus one teacher. Our academic classrooms can house 12 students, plus one teacher.
 - c. Hand sanitizer dispensers are being placed in classrooms and disinfecting wipes have been distributed.

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- d. Our school has been able to acquire six electrostatic sprayers that will disinfect all rooms daily.
 - e. Students will enter the building through one of four entrances to minimize crowding.
 - f. One way signage has been posted through the hallways.
 - g. All students and staff are required to wear masks at all times except while they are actively eating.
 - h. All student bathrooms will be staffed and will be utilized as gender neutral, single person occupancy bathrooms.
5. Will staff and students be tested for COVID-19?
- a. All adults **and students** entering the building must self-certify that they are healthy and that they have not been knowingly exposed to COVID-19.
 - i. The Health Screening Survey can be found at <https://healthscreening.schools.nyc/>.
 - b. The Chancellor also announced that starting in October, 10-20% of students and staff will be tested for COVID-19, but we have not received any further guidance on this yet.
 - c. We have a full-time nurse on duty and will randomly screen students for a fever.
 - d. We have also set up an isolation room for anybody showing symptoms.
6. How do I know which Cohort my child is in?
- a. Log into Pupil Path and view your child's schedule. Their cohort is listed under their period 12 class. This is not a real class, just the place we have available to share this information with you.
7. Can I change my preference between full remote and blended?
- a. If you wish to elect your child for remote only instruction, please visit our [website](#) and complete the Learning Preference Survey. Additionally, please email your child's counselor. The freshman counselor is Ms. Gutierrez. Her email is wgutierrez4@schools.nyc.gov.
 - b. Any parent can elect to switch their child to full remote at any time.
 - c. If you would like to elect for blended learning, please email your counselor. Your child will have to stay on full remote until the DOE announces the method by which students can elect to return to blended learning.
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- i. The city has stated that you can only switch to blended from full remote four times a year.
 - ii. The next time period to switch to blended learning is November 1.
 8. If you need access to Pupil Path, [click here](#).
 9. How will my child eat breakfast and lunch?
 - a. All students will be handed a grab and go breakfast and lunch as they enter the building. Students who arrive late in the day will only be given lunch. Students will eat their breakfast at their desk in class, socially distant from others, during instructional time. Students who will only stay in the building for a few periods will be encouraged to take their lunch with them and eat it after they leave the building. Students who will stay in school longer will also eat their lunch in class. No students will use the cafeteria.
 10. What happens if my child arrives to school early?
 - a. Under normal circumstances we encourage students to arrive 30 minutes early. We offered free breakfast and shelter in our student cafeteria.
 - b. Because of the social distancing that we must enforce at this time, no student will be allowed to enter the building early. We ask all parents to teach your children to not crowd with their friends outside of the building before they enter and after they leave.
 - c. We are working to develop accommodations for students on days when there will be inclement weather (rain, snow, excessive cold temperatures).
 11. How do we get access to our child's Pupil Path, aviation email account, NYC DOE Student Account?
 - a. Pupil Path - This is where you will see your child's schedule and grades. Some teachers may also post assignments here but most will use Google Classroom exclusively.
 - i. Log into Pupil Path by going to www.pupilpath.com
 - ii. [Click here to be take to our website](#) if you do not know your username or password. Instructions can be found there.
 - b. Aviation Google Account
 - i. All Aviation High School students must use their Aviation Google accounts for email and to log into Zoom. Zoom will not work with any other email account.
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ii. To access your Google Suite for Education Aviation High School account, please do the following:

1. Go to <http://www.google.com>
2. On the right-hand side of your screen click "Sign in"
3. Enter your fullusername@aviationhslic.org
4. Your username is:
 - a. **First initial of your first name**
 - b. **First 5 characters of your last name**
 - c. **Last 4 of your OSIS Number**
 - i. **Ex: (alinco1234@aviationhslic.org)**
5. Type your password: OSIS Number (Student ID Number)
6. Click on "Accept" in the "Google - Welcome to your new account" message.

c. NYC DOE Student Account - This is the account where you can download Microsoft Office, including Word. We will not use this account for your children's Google Classroom work or Zoom. We will use the @aviationhslic.org account detailed above.

- i. You will need this account to complete your Health Screening Survey.
- ii. [Here is the link for more information.](#)

12. When will we receive the codes for Google Classroom?

a. You will receive information regarding the Google Classroom for each of your children's classes by September 16th. We do not intend to use Google Classroom codes this year. We are working on a system that will enroll all of your students without the codes.

1. When you are completing school work make sure that you are accessing your @aviationhslic.org and **not your personal account.**

13. How much synchronous (Zoom) instruction should we expect our child to receive on the days they are working remotely (from home)?

a. Before the 16th, we will issue a Zoom schedule for all subjects. All students will have to log onto Zoom for their shop lesson every day and additionally have to log into several academic classes.

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- b. Every student will need to have access to a device that can access the internet every day, throughout the school day.
 - c. We do not have any more laptops/tablets to distribute. If your child needs a device, please visit our website at www.aviatiohs.net to find the link to the NYC DOE device request page.
14. What is the school calendar?
- a. The NYC DOE has just issued the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. [Click here to be taken to the DOE calendar.](#)
 - b. Please keep in mind that it can change if conditions regarding COVID-19 change.
15. Will my child receive a MetroCard for the NYC busses and trains? Are there any other transportation plans?
- a. If your child received a MetroCard last year, they will receive one this year. They will receive it in their shop class on the first day their cohort is schedule to come to school.
 - b. While we know that many parents are concerned about sending their children to school on the trains and busses, the City of New York has not provided any money or support for school busses.
 - c. Parents of children who are concerned about their child's safety during travel to and from school are encouraged to elect their child for remote only instruction.
16. What are the required supplies?
- a. For the first few weeks of school, your child will need a binder, paper, a few folders, pens and pencils.
 - b. As school progresses there will be a few items needed for shop, including a combination lock, but these items are best purchased from our school store.
 - c. At this point, we are anticipating that teachers and students will not work out of paper textbooks. We have received very few textbooks back from last year and additionally, we have no way to distribute textbooks to full remote students.
 - d. Your teachers are planning to use digital resources to the extent possible.
17. Will there be a Qualifying Exam this year?

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- a. For those who do not know, all students who wish to complete their aircraft maintenance certification must take a federal exam (much like all those who wish to get a driver's license must take a state driving test). This is called the Written Exam.
 - b. The qualifying exam is a similar test that Aviation High School makes every student take and pass (with an 85) before allowing students to take the FAA Written Exam. It is our way of ensuring that our students will pass the Written Exam.
 - c. All seniors should be studying for the Written Exam throughout their senior year and expect to take the Qualifying Exam when they complete all coursework requirements. COVID-19 has forced us all to modify our methods but COVID-19 has not forced FAA to lessen their standards.
18. How will full remote students and blended learning students make up missed FAA work?
- a. Regardless of whether you have chosen full remote or blended learning, your child has missed and will continue to miss a portion of their FAA work.
 - b. When we are allowed to access the building on evenings and weekends and we are allowed to bring the entire school population back, we will work to schedule students to make up their FAA work and exams.
 - c. This will likely mean that your students will have to attend Aviation on Saturdays, in the evening or even in the summer.
19. My child is a freshman and their schedule on Pupil Path indicates that they scheduled for classes they passed in the eighth grade. What can I do?
- a. This is often the case for students who come to us from charter and private schools. Please complete the form on our [website](#) to send us the documentation we need to award your child credit for courses completed in the eighth grade.
20. We have heard that we will receive \$420 for grocery purchases from NYS. Is there any news on the matter?
- a. These payments are not flowing through the school but here is [the link from the NYC DOE for more information](#).
21. Will our children participate in physical education?

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- a. All students will take physical education remotely. There will not be any access to the gymnasium as we are strictly enforcing social distancing measures.
22. Will Aviation High School clubs and sports be available? How does this affect JROTC?
- a. All of our clubs will run remotely. As the school year begins, we will publish this year's club lists with contact information. This information takes a little time as club advisors, and clubs themselves, tend to change from year to year.
 - b. JROTC is short for Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. This is a voluntary program whereby students learn about the military and flight related topics and leadership through an additional instructional period each day and after school activities. [Please click here to be taken to their website.](#)
 - i. This is a voluntary three year program. About 13% of our students participate in this program.
 - c. [Click here for a video from our local JROTC cadets.](#)
 - d. At this point, PSAL school sports are not running. Students are not allowed to meet or practice in the school.
23. Does Aviation High School have a dress code?
- a. Aviation high school does not have a uniform but all students must dress with a certain level of professionalism. All students must wear a shirt with sleeves. Shorts and skirts cannot be very short. They must approach the knee. Due to the nature of our shop classes, all students must wear shoes that are protective in nature. This means that students are not allowed with slippers, sandals, Crocs, etc. All students must wear shoes that have the same protection, or greater than, sneakers.
 - b. In the shop classes, freshmen must wear an apron. More information will be sent home about the apron through your child's shop teacher, after in-person instruction begins.
 - c. Sophomores and up must wear coveralls. More information will be sent home about the apron through your child's shop teacher, after in-person instruction begins.
 - d. All students must wear the Aviation High School gym uniform in Physical Education class. The uniform is sold through our school store, just like the

coveralls and apron. It will only be sold once social distancing measures are removed and school returns to normal.

If you have a question that was not answered in this document, please submit your question using the form link below.

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