

Pelham City Schools' Two Options for Returning to School



Modified In-Person Learning

Depending on the number of positive cases, in-person learning may have students attending each day of the week or be a hybrid model where students attend school 2 days and complete virtual learning on 3 days. In either case, masks will be worn and social distancing required. Modifications will be made to ensure student safety, including eating lunch in classrooms and avoiding large student gatherings.

The school board will determine a school calendar at the August 6 called board meeting.

Pelham City Schools will continue to monitor COVID cases in the city and county. If there is a significant increase in the spread of COVID-19, students who attend in person may be required to attend virtually or on a hybrid model until school can be reopened safely.



Virtual Learning

This option is completed using a computer or device at home. Students will not attend school in person.

Students in grades 3-12 will complete virtual learning through OdysseyWare.

A teacher will be assigned to support & monitor the student, but students will complete work independently.

Required courses will be available in OdysseyWare. Not all specials, connections, and electives classes will be available.

In order to sign up for virtual learning, students must meet these requirements:

1. Device with internet connectivity (a computer is the best option)
2. An adult at home to monitor progress
3. Between 3 to 4 hours each day to devote to school work.
4. Must follow Pelham City Schools' Technology Use Agreement.
5. May be required to attend in person periodically for testing purposes.

To sign up for virtual learning: <https://forms.gle/Ex1RxkRNCWzqv29>

Expectations for All Students, In-Person and Virtual

The start date for all students, in-person or virtual is Monday, August 31.

Pelham City Schools will continue to have high expectations for all of our students. Students will be expected to attend school, turn in assignments on time, and work hard no matter which option they choose. Parent involvement will be especially critical this year as we begin to understand our "new normal."

All classes will be aligned with the Georgia Standards of Excellence and grades will continue to reflect academic performance. Students with an IEP or 504 can select either option and receive the services reflected in their IEP or 504.

Students enrolled virtually may also participate in extracurricular activities unless in-person course participation is required.

Not sure which option is right for your child? Maybe this will help...

In-Person Learning

The kind of school experience we're all used to with modifications like masks, temperature checks, personal protective equipment, and protocols implemented.

Bus transportation and meals with modifications for social distancing and safety.

Cleaning and disinfectant schedule to promote health and safety.

All classes available, including specials, connections, and electives.

No additional technology required.

May work best for students who do not have an adult who can be at home with them to monitor school work during the day.

Virtual Learning

Requires a device—a computer works best. OdysseyWare may not work on all tablets.

Pelham City Schools will not be able to provide devices until at least October, possibly later.

Core classes only (Language Arts, Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies) Some electives/Connections classes.

Requires a greater commitment to monitoring by a parent or adult in the home.

May work best for students who work well independently and can multi-task.

Limited teacher interaction. A teacher will be available but not always immediately.

Whatever Option You Choose...

Pelham City Schools is here to support you and your child no matter what option you choose. We want all of our students back for 2020-2021, whether that means in person or virtually. We will continue to provide the robust academic experience that makes us the system of choice in southwest Georgia.

Want to try OdysseyWare before you make a decision?

If you're unsure of your decision and want to try out OdysseyWare with your student, contact your child's school or Mr. Frosteg at the Central Office. We can talk you through getting into a sample course to give it a try!

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