



**Below are some of the most frequently asked questions and answers related to our plans:**

***1. How will the school year start?***

The Edgewood High School schedule is on a six-day cycle. Our virtual start to the school year is for 2 cycles (12 days). We have committed to re-evaluating the learning model and the Dane County health metrics every 2 cycles or 12 days.

***2. What is the schedule for the first days of school?***

We will begin with orientation and connection days of August 24 and 25.  
Our two, six-day cycles will begin on August 26 and end on September 11.

***3. When will the every-other-day in-person model begin, if allowed?***

Monday, September 14 is a faculty professional development day. There is no school.  
Our plan is to open on Tuesday, September 15 for in-person instruction, if Dane County public health guidelines permit.

***4. If you choose the Optional Virtual Learning Model when the school year begins, can you switch to the In-Person Learning Model at any time?***

No, due to social distancing requirements and building capacity of students per classroom, you may not transition back to the In-Person Learning Model until second semester begins. We ask that you make a commitment for the entire first semester.

***5. What does the all-school virtual plan look like?***

Our faculty has been working all summer to revise our virtual instruction model, based on feedback from parents and students in the spring. We will follow the six-day student class cycle. Please watch this video: <https://youtu.be/8f3xKVavGp4> for a description of our plan, from one of the summer planners, Natalie Koblenki, English Department Chair.

***6. If we need it, can we use an all virtual learning option?***

If we are allowed to open in person, we will still provide a virtual option for those whose family situations require it.

***7. Can you explain the learning models?***

Please visit our website for information on the three learning models at: [https://www.edgewoodhs.org/covid-19\\_update](https://www.edgewoodhs.org/covid-19_update)

- All school virtual (for first two cycles – 12 days - and if we close for pandemic-related reasons),
- In-person every-other-day (when health metrics allow), *and*
- Optional virtual (for families whose health situations require this option).

***8. To clarify the Virtual/In-Person Learning video details, when are teachers meeting with their students?***

If a class meets 6 days/cycle

- 4-5 days synchronous learning (teachers' choice)
- 1-2 asynchronous days during scheduled class time (teachers' choice)
- No off mods

If a class meets 5 days/cycle

- 3 days synchronous learning
- 2 asynchronous days during scheduled class time
- 1 off mod

If a class meets 3 days/cycle

- 2-3 days synchronous learning (teachers' choice)
- 0-1 days asynchronous days during scheduled class time (teachers' choice)
- 3 off mods





**9. What does “close contact of someone with Covid-19” mean?**

Dane County states that if you have had physical contact or have been within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with someone.

**10. Will there be a tuition adjustment for less than full time in-person school?**

Tuition funds our faculty and staff salaries. If anything, our faculty and staff are working even more hours to prepare to teach in two different models of instruction. A tuition reduction is not viable as we are not reducing staffing.

**11. What resources does the school nurse utilize to have the most current health and safety information?**

We appreciate offers of support from the vast array of medical professionals in the EHS community. Our school nurse, Sue Richards, meets regularly with physicians, the school nursing association, and the state nursing association. School health and safety templates have been developed and underlie Sue’s work.

**12. What is the protocol for students who are sent to the nurse with a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms?**

A safe room and separate exit space will be identified for anyone who comes down with symptoms during the day.

**13. How will food services be provided for students and staff?**

Lunch will be offered as pre-packaged meals and must be paid for using an EHS swipe-card. No cash will be accepted. The lunchroom will be marked to meet requirements with seating limited to 4 per table with plexiglass dividers being used.

**14. What is being done to insure a safe and disinfected facility?**

Members of the Board of Trustees’ Facilities Committee are continuing to work with our EHS staff on health and safety precautions throughout our building, including air filtration, hand sanitizing stations, facility disinfecting with EPA registered products, signage and arrows for traffic patters and directional flow and space arrangements for proper social distancing.

**15. What will the athletic program look like in the fall?**

Our plan is to begin low risk contact athletics on August 24th, with higher contact athletic programs being delayed until September 7th. EHS will continue to follow the guidance of the WIAA, the individual conferences, and the local health department for all matters related to Crusader Athletics.

**16. Will Crusader fans be allowed to attend games?**

Rules regarding spectators will be decided by the sports conferences and county health protocols at a later date. EHS plans to stream all on-campus varsity sports events.

**17. Will my child be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities if s/he is attending school exclusively online?**

For students who are attending exclusively remotely, participation in extracurricular activities will be allowed along with athletics as well as skill development/strength training may also be exclusively remote. Opportunities will vary based on the sport, club, or activity.

**18. Will students have additional time outdoors during the school day?**

Students will be assigned to supervised locations at all times -- no indoor off mods -- with social distancing in place. Outside options will be provided for students during off mods -- with opportunities for mindfulness while socially distancing.

**19. What technology upgrades have been made over the summer to enhance the virtual learning model?**

New web cameras and microphones have been installed in every classroom to provide synchronous and recorded instruction. Internet and software upgrades have been purchased to ensure strong connections and successful streamline instruction.





*20. Will Edgewood continue to give letter grades or switch to pass/fail?*

Like last spring, Edgewood High School will continue to give traditional letter grades, not pass/fail grading.

*21. Will visitors be allowed inside Edgewood High School?*

Non-essential visitors will not be allowed inside the school building. Parents picking up children will remain outside.

*22. What is EHS providing for mental health support to both students and families?*

Student Services is more committed than ever to reaching out and providing individual support to each one of our students and their families, offering a wide range of opportunities for wellness and counseling to meet specific and personalized needs.