



COVID-19 and Blended Learning

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does Providence Classical School plan to close campus during the 2020-2021 school year?

The PCS community will begin the 2020-2021 academic year on campus with the expectation that specific health and safety procedures will be in place. While our preference will always be for classes to meet on campus, there may be situations in which individual classes or grades are shifted to blended learning until a specific health circumstance has passed. In the event that private schools are required to close or authorities initiate a stay-at-home order, the entire student body will transition to blended learning. In coordination and consultation with PCS administration as well as local and state officials and medical professionals, our Headmaster will determine the safest course of action for our school community.

2. If Klein I.S.D. is required to transition to remote learning, are we required to follow that order?

No, private schools like PCS are not required to follow the direction of local school districts, however we will evaluate what is the safest option for our school community. Our facility offers many social-distancing advantages over typical public school set-ups. It is always our priority to keep our school community safe while maximizing the amount of on-campus instruction provided to our students.

3. If our household has a restrictive health circumstance, can we request that our student(s) learn from home?

If your household has a restrictive health circumstance that could make it difficult for your child(ren) to attend school on campus, **please contact your child(ren)'s principal(s) to discuss options.** Your child(ren) may be able to participate in live classes in real time with their peers from home (synchronous learning) combined with completing assignments in their own time (asynchronous learning).

Health concerns are the only reason that will be considered for students to shift to learning from home.

4. What devices or technology are necessary for our student to participate in blended learning from home?

We ask that families partner with us during blended learning by ensuring that your student has access to a reliable WiFi connection. Other helpful devices include a tablet or laptop with webcam and microphone and a home printer.

PCS has a limited number of laptops available to loan to families who need additional devices for online schoolwork. Please contact [Tammy Gatlin](#) to request a device for your student.

5. What should we do if a member of our family is exposed to or contracts COVID-19?

If a member of your family has a confirmed exposure to COVID-19 or tests positive for the virus, please contact [Sandi Wyatt](#). This will allow school administration to take any necessary precautions while also safeguarding your family's personal health information.

6. Am I allowed to visit campus?

For the protection of our entire school community, changes to campus access for visitors, parents, and vendors will be in place. Please contact the school office at 281-320-0500 before coming to campus.

7. What type of communication can I expect from the school?

- In addition to updates and information posted on our [Return to Campus](#) webpage, all school-wide updates will be emailed to current PCS families. Emails may also be sent to specific classes or families as needed.
- School announcements will continue to be included in the regularly scheduled Connection email sent to the PCS community on Fridays. (If you currently do not receive Connection emails, please [subscribe here](#).)
- Parent Alerts (text messages) may be used to communicate time-sensitive updates.
- Summer office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

8. Will we still get to participate in traditional PCS events?

As much as possible, we plan to continue the dearly held traditions of the PCS community. It is our priority to continue to build connections within our school family. While some of our events may not look exactly the same as in previous years, rest assured that our desire is to get back to "normal" as soon as possible.

View the [2020-2021 Academic Calendar](#) for our most recent events schedule and watch the weekly Connection emails for details.

Decisions regarding the scheduling of athletic practices and events will be determined in conjunction with the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS). For more information, contact Athletic Director Anthony Davis at adavis@pcsclassical.org.

9. Whom do I contact with questions about blended learning?

For technical questions, email tgatlin@pcsclassical.org.

For academic questions, email cwatson@pcsclassical.org (Upper School) or mmartin@pcsclassical.org (Grammar School).

10. Other Questions?

Email questions@pcsclassical.org.