



October 27, 2020

LaPorte High School Request for Learning Plan Change

LaPorte High School Families,

Thank you for a great start to the 2020-2021 school year. While the beginning of the year has been unprecedented, we have certainly experienced positive learning gains with the implementation of learning option choices.

In between October 28, 2020, and November 6, 2020, LPHS families are asked to select either Option 1 (traditional in person classroom programming) or Option 2 (distance learning programming) for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year, which starts January 19, 2021. With experiences gained from the start of the school year, it is LPCSC's intention that the new selection will be the learning option for students for the continuation of the 2020-2021 school year. Committing to a long term learning option will allow LPHS to stabilize staffing to create the best course offerings as possible for the second semester in addition to securing classroom COVID restriction procedures for the continuation of the school year. Please note that distance learning course electives will be limited during the second semester. Course selections for distance learners will be chosen based on each individual student's necessary graduation credit requirements. Based on the reduced course offerings in Option 2, students may have less than seven courses in their schedules. Winter and Spring athletes must be enrolled and pass 5 courses. This may mean your son/daughter will have to supplement one or more classes through our online Virtual Learning Academy to reach the 5 course minimum per the IHSAA guidelines.

Second semester distance students will be following a daily distance learning bell schedule where students will be required to log in at the indicated class offering times. Attendance will be taken at this indicated course time. This is a change from what distance learning programming looked like in the first semester.

Please read the following guidelines around in-person and distance learning plan options. We are asking families to commit to meeting those guidelines and to attend their learning option choice for the remainder of the school year, as adjustments to learning option plans outside of district formalized times for change place a significant strain on our staffing and resources.

Important Timelines for LPHS Students/Families:

- **October 28, 2020**, Window for learning plan option opens. ALL LPHS families should log into their Skyward account to request a learning option for their student(s), even if the choice remains the same from semester one.
- **November 6, 2020**, Window to submit a request to change learning plan option closes (please complete form by 5:00 p.m.).
- **November- January 2021**, LPHS counselors will be adjusting second semester schedules.
- **January 19, 2021**, Start of second semester

Guidelines & Expectations for LPHS Learning Option Choices Second Semester:

1. Once a learning option change request is placed, the student must continue with that selection for the duration of the school year. The intent of learning plan options is to provide choice, but not to change multiple times during the school year. As stated above, LPHS will do its best to accommodate learning changes stemming from unforeseen circumstances.
2. The LPCSC offered the Distance Learning Academy as an option for families during the State of Indiana's "Getting Back on Track" plan. The corporation will make learning plan adjustments (if necessary) in accordance with the Governor's updated plan.
3. The availability to meet student learning options requests is based on school resources including staffing and school building capacity. While every effort will be made to accommodate course requests, changes may occur to balance class sizes.
4. For distance learning, it is imperative that students continue to make academic progress equivalent to that which they would otherwise make in a classroom setting; therefore, students who have not had academic success in the first

semester will be scheduled to return to school second semester via Option 1 (traditional classroom) programming.

5. Families requesting to change from in-person learning to distance learning must review the expectations for distance learning as posted on the LPCSC website. Requests will be closely reviewed to ensure that there is a valid reason to leave in-person learning.
6. Families requesting to change from distance learning to in-person learning must review LPHS's COVID safety plan and comply with all safety precautions and measures in response to COVID.
7. Students receiving special services (Special Education, ELL) will work with the teacher of record and the learning option change request will be reviewed in partnership with the building based team or IEP committee.
8. Distance Learning requires robust Internet connectivity. The vast majority of instruction takes place online and requires Internet connectivity that can support video playback.
9. Before completing the Skyward learning option, we ask that families **please think through their ability to support the learning option choice**. Distance learner's families should think through a back up plan in case of faulty home internet connectivity.

To complete your learning option choice, please log into your family Skyward account and go to Online Forms. For specific questions, please refer to the following people:

- Graduation plans and course selection-LPHS School Counselors

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