

Rockets Online Campus Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Response
<p>What is the difference between Rockets Online Campus and the Building Level Online options?</p>	<p>The Rocket Online Campus (ROC) is our district's true cyber program. This program has been remodeled completely, but was formally called the Titusville Virtual Academy (TVA) since 2007. The ROC teachers are Titusville Area School District teachers, but may not be your traditional building teachers like the Building Level Online option. The ROC teachers are using the Virtual Learning Network (VLN) curriculum resources and framework to provide the online experience for each student. In addition, we have created a new on line center, called the "Launch Pad" on the Drake Street side of the high school to support our students and families. In this center, the district has at least one faculty and staff to support our students during the school day. Additional activities, services, and offerings will be provided through this center. This will be for both online offerings and will be considered a true support for our online students.</p> <p>The building level online (BLO) program has been created out of the need for a building associated online program for students. With the recent COVID situation a lot of the families want an option for their children that allows for an easy return when their safety concerns are less. To address this each teacher in the district will be creating an online component of their face to face class. Students in the BLO will remain in a "seat" at their school and do their typical schedule, but be online. This will also allow students to continue with their normal class and with their normal teacher during the crisis. If they want to return to face to face, the student will be right on target and this transition will be easy. Additionally, if we do need to quarantine a student they can continue with their class easily.</p> <p>Both options have strong resources, materials, and curriculum. Both have Titusville Area School District teachers. Both programs will have the availability of the Rockets Online Program Launch Pad for supports.</p>

<p>Are language classes offered online? Are all classes offered online?</p>	<p>Yes, foreign language classes will be offered in the Building Level Online program. Students in that program will continue with the classes that they would typically do at the secondary level. At the elementary level we will focus on the core subjects for online students.</p>
<p>Are there any changes to busing schedules to promote social distancing?</p>	<p>Yes, the district is providing strategies to increase social distancing on the bus, increasing fresh air, and sitting in groups based on when you arrive on the bus. If you are first picked up you go to the back and sit with family members when possible.</p>
<p>What time will the online kids start?</p>	<p>The online programs are flexible and this will be up to the family and the students. We will have deadlines, but how and when students do their work is an individual decision.</p>
<p>Can you give us an estimate of the time needed each day (my child is in K5)?</p>	<p>This is a tricky question. The amount of time is based on each individual student. For a general rule, each student should consider taking an hour per subject. In the elementary students should have approximately 5 hours of work and at the secondary 6 hours. Each student will vary based on their ability, pace of learning, and other issues that might impact completion of work.</p> <p>At the K5 level, a student should spend approximately 3 to 4 hours on their work.</p>
<p>Can we flex the lessons into the weekends to accommodate parent work schedules?</p>	<p>Absolutely... Both online programs are completely flexible.</p>
<p>Do we get workbooks and material that we need?</p>	<p>Yes. All books, materials, and items needed for both programs will be provided to the student by the district.</p>
<p>Do we have to use the chrome book from the school district or can we use our own?</p>	<p>No. You do not need to use the district's technology. We offer it and if you have your own great! Both applications are web based and will work on any type of technology.</p>
<p>Do we need contact you with our intent of going with the Building Level Online or the ROC?</p>	<p>Yes, please contact us and you can also ensure that you have detailed your choice on the district intent form. You can always email the tasdcovid-19@gorockets.org email with questions or changes.</p>
<p>Do you have plans finalized as to what a school day will look like for kids that return for face to face?</p>	<p>We definitely have our building level face to face plans made to ensure safety based on PDE and CDC recommendations. Please see the district Health and Safety Plan for those details.</p>

Do you plan on doing A/B groups like other school districts have implemented?	The A/B schedule will be for the face to face students if our district moves to the "Yellow" phase. If we are in the "Green" phase we will NOT be doing the A/B groups.
Does work get given out daily or weekly or how does that work?	All work in the ROC will be done by a module set up. The BLO will mirror the traditional classrooms since it is being done by the student's traditional teachers and is the work that they would have received if they were face to face.
Will the district still be having band?	Yes, we will have band face to face, but safety precautions will be put in place.
How do the students do PE?	Physical Education or Wellness is a requirement for our secondary students. At the middle school level students are required to have one semester of PE and at the high school a full year of PE/Wellness is required.
How will IEP's and Speech and Language Therapy occur?	All students identified for Special Education will continue to receive their special educational programming face to face and online. The related services (e.g., Speech and Language therapy) will also continue. These related services can be delivered face to face in our buildings, in the ROC Launch Pad, and/or virtually. This will be individually determined.
How will it work for k5?	K4 and K5 students will be provided with the Building Level Online option. This will be done with our teachers and will mirror completely what they would experience if they were face to face at the ECLC.
How will PSSA and Keystone testing be held if a student is online?	All students who take the PSSA or the Keystone Exams will still take them at the normal times. We will offer options to those students when this time comes along.
How will this work for parents with kids in different grades?	Since the online programs are individually done, each student will be considered an individual and we will support all of the students in that way.
Hydetown has been doing the Mass Customized Learning. How easily will the transition be if they start In Building and then move to ROC? Will they be based on following the Mass Customized Learning format?	MCL is individualizing instruction. Both online options are based on individualizing the instruction and adjustments between programming approaches will need supports, but the students should do fine with adjustments.
I did the intent form but is there anything else I need to do?	No...unless you need to make changes or adjustments to what you already submitted. If you have already submitted an intent form and need to change your

	decision, just give us a call or send an email through tasdcovid-19@gorockets.org
I feel much better about the possibility of learning from home now. thank you	Thank you as well for attending. If you have additional questions email tasdcovid-19@gorockets.org
I missed the date when orientation was scheduled?	We have not scheduled the orientations yet. More information will be given to families soon.
If a student goes to school in person then decides it is too much can they switch to online classes	Yes...we will work with anyone who needs to be adjusted before school and also after we get started back to school.
If my child decides to switch from face to face to online how much notice does the school need?	We should be able to make the change quickly...one or two days?
If I have some personal questions do I direct those to Mr. McGaughey at this point?	You can direct them to Mike McGaughey at mmcgaughey@gorockets.org or by calling 814-827-0534 or by using the tasdcovid-19@gorockets.org email.
If parents work can the students do their work in the evening?	Absolutely...all online options are flexible and dependent upon the family's choice of when to do the work. As long as the work gets done...no problem.
If schools are closed again, will in-person students transition to the same online program (the building-specific program)?	Yes. This is one of our options to consider.
If students go in person, will the desks be spaced apart so they don't have to wear a mask/shield when at their desk?	It is required for everyone to wear a face covering when social distancing is not possible. There will be mask breaks for students, but these will be limited. Desks will be separated, but it will be difficult to maintain the 6 feet distance so students will need to continue to use the face covering to ensure safety.
if the school ends up doing a partial face to face learning in the school and some time at home, will that be the ROC or VLN when they are home?	Yes... both online programs will follow the schedule that the face to face students follow.
If you go to the building level online option, does the parent decide when they feel comfortable going back face to face?	Yes. It is a family decision.
Is the building online program different from what was done in the spring?	Yes it is. In March the teachers had to build their Google Classroom or Canvas site from scratch. Since then we have purchased really nice curriculum online resources that will allow our teachers to use that resource instead of making everything on their own. This will also allow the teachers to spend their time being creative and connecting. The Building Level Online option mirrors what is going on in the building

	face to face.
Is there an option for the students to be taught by teacher online VS parent being teacher "coach"	Both with the Rockets Online Campus and the Building Level Option the teaching will be done by our teachers. The supports and partnership with the family is needed on any online option to increase student success. We hope to form a partnership with all families.
Is there any indication at this point that there will not be a face to face schooling option? I would like to have a plan in place before school actually starts.	Our district plan, since we are in the "Green" phase, is to offer face to face instruction and other online options. We want to support our families with having options so they can be more comfortable with their decisions. Any changes will be communicated ASAP.
Is there going to be a time scheduled for the parents of the kids to pick up the supplies needed for online schooling?	Absolutely... all parents will be notified and will have a scheduled time to get the technology and materials prior to the start of the school.
Is this a synchronous type class?	Yes, with the Building Level Option we will have some teachers that will offer synchronous virtual offerings.
Could my child use a laptop or does it have to be a Chromebook?	Yes your child can use a laptop and your own personal technology. We do offer everyone online with the needed technology, but you can use your own.
What about 6th graders transitioning into the Middle School will they have an orientation to the new building?	Yes... More information will be sent out by Ms. Stover and Mr. Houck.
What expectations will there be from parents as far as instruction for each type of instruction?	The instruction for both programs is the responsibility of our teachers. Parents should help ensure that their children have a quiet place to work and encourage them to keep working and to contact the school if they have issues.
What if my daughter gets upset and overwhelmed? Can I switch to something more helpful for her to learn if what I chose does not work?	Yes...we will work with all families to make sure your choice is the best choice.
What if they do not have internet but want to do at home learning?	We will work with each family to overcome these challenges.
What percentage of TASD students are enrolled for online currently	Approximately 20% of our district is requesting an online option. 80% of our district is choosing face to face instruction.
Can I switch my daughter to online from in person if we start to feel uncomfortable with being in the school?	Absolutely...we can adjust either way based on parent and student choices.
What will instruction look like - teacher led?	With the Rockets Online Campus instruction will be provided in a module format. Our teachers will provide this and it is a combination of reading, watching the

	<p>instruction, and doing activities online. In addition, all assessments and assignments will be provided to the students.</p> <p>The Building Level Online option is a mirror of what is going on in the student's traditional schedule. This option allows for flexibility and a mirroring of the instruction that is occurring in their building.</p>
When do you expect us to have the orientation information?	We plan to have information out to parents by the third week in August.
Will 9th graders entering the high school have orientation like the middle school?	Yes, the high school is planning an orientation as well. More information will come out from Mr. Knapp and Ms. Gates soon.
Will all grade levels be set up similar to this middle school example of VLN that was shown?	Yes and no... The framework will be similar, but it will be modified based on the student's grade level and achievement levels. Each grade level can be modified for an academic, general, and remedial level of instruction and pace.
Will everything be done online or will we have worksheets, books, etc.? Elementary age	No...some items will be online and others will be done in the books or on paper and submitted back for grading.
Will the Chromebooks connect to a mobile hotspot for internet access, since we don't have regular internet?	We will work with families to help them secure the access needed to be online.
Will the kids still be able to participate in extracurricular activities at the school?	YES...ABSOLUTELY!!!!!! Both online options are still TASD students and can participate in every and all activities available for the district.
Will the recording of this meeting be available?	Yes a link to the video is on the gorockets.org website.
Can my kids still get lunch like we did in the spring?	Yes, we are going to offer a food service program for both program students. More information will be forwarded soon.
Will the virtual calendar follow the in person calendar such as holidays, act 80 days or snow days?	Yes, both programs will follow the district calendar.
Will there be an in person orientation before school starts?	Orientation will be done virtually and will be a recorded version. If you still need assistance we have folks available to help on an individual basis.
Will there live teacher student interactions?	Yes...at a minimum at least once a day.
With the building online instruction - is there a set time for the students to be attending school or is it flexible?	It is completely flexible, but we want to have at least one time during the day that a connection is made with our folks.