

ROSS ELEMENTARY FAQs based on 10.26.2020 COMMUNITY MEETING

Question	Answer
How were students prioritized in the lottery?	<p>Priorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --at risk economically --English Language Learners --students with IEPs --students experience homelessness <p>--note that students with 504 plans were not included in the DCPS prioritization DCPS central office made all decisions regarding lottery process and prioritizations.</p>
Will hot meals be served?	<p>At this time, hot meals are not being served. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all students, served in the classroom. Students may also bring a lunch from home. We are a NUT FREE school.</p>
Will my child have a different teacher?	<p>Once we have staffing assignments from DCPS central office, we will be able to create a schedule of who is teaching which classes and when. It is possible that we will have staffing changes.</p>
How do we teach in-person and virtual when we only have one class per grade?	<p>Our goal is to have enough human capital available to teach both the virtual and in-person classes. If we do not have enough staff for the virtual classes, DCPS is advising that we simulcast live instruction.</p>
How many students will be in my child's class?	<p>PK and K: 10 students Grades 1-5: 11 students</p>
Will there be recess for in-person learning?	<p>Yes, we will offer daily recess for all students. They will remain in their own class cohorts for recess.</p>
How will we maintain a class connection if some kids are coming back in person and some are not?	<p>We currently plan to keep the inner core specials together on the same schedule for both in-person and virtual classes so students would be together multiple times during the week.</p>
Will the Ross facility be ready to reopen?	<p>DCPS and DGS are currently working on the HVAC and Ross will be provided with water bottles/coolers. The WTU/LSAT will have a</p>

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	facilities walk-through on November 5 and the checklist from that walk-through will be shared publicly.
Will the Ross field and playground be open to the public when we return to in-person learning in Term 2?	DCPS operates “closed campuses” during the school day. Therefore, the field and playground will be closed to the public during the school hours. We will be using these spaces for PE, recess and outdoor instruction/play.
Will students and teachers need COVID testing before returning to campus?	No, DCPS and Dept of Health are not requiring testing. All staff and students will take a self-assessment for health every day before coming on campus and will then enter in a socially distanced, staggered arrival where Health Professionals will do the “Ask, Ask, Look” protocol and a temperature check. Anyone not passing the check will be sent home. If the parent/guardian is not on site, they will be taken to a Health Isolation room to await pick-up.
If I decide I do not want my child to attend school in-person, can we choose to stay with virtual learning?	Yes, families always have the option to remain with virtual instruction. If you accept an in-person seat and later change your mind, you can always revert back to the virtual learning.