



# Knob Noster R-VIII School District

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## Our Mission Is Student Success

Date: 8-5-2020  
To: KNPS Parents and Students  
From: Jerrod Wheeler  
Re: Return to School Survey Results and Deadline Extension

Dear KNPS Parents and Students:

Thank you to the families who have responded to the parent survey regarding your children's learning options and transportation for the start of the school year. At this time, nearly 95% of families in the district have responded with 80% choosing face-to-face learning and 20% selecting virtual learning. Also, 60% of all respondents indicate their students will not require transportation. A huge thank you is sent to our parents for their cooperation in responding and in providing transportation for their children.

### SURVEY FORM DEADLINE EXTENDED

We are keeping the survey form open until Friday, August 7 at 3:00 p.m. to allow the remaining 5% of families to respond who have not submitted their choices. As a reminder, the school district will enroll students in face-to-face learning and use the transportation needs from last school year if we do not receive a response for your child.

### [CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED PARENT SURVEY](#)

### CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS & COURSE SCHEDULES

As principals and staff are returning to work this week, we are looking at changes that may be necessary to class assignments and course schedules for face-to-face learning. If your family has been notified of classroom assignments at the elementary level, you may be notified in the coming week of changes in order to balance student numbers in classrooms. If your family has not been notified of classroom assignments at the elementary level, there will be a delay in the notification that was planned for this week as we make changes and balance student numbers in classrooms. Likewise, middle school and high school families can expect that course schedules for face-to-face learning may change before school starts.

### VIRTUAL LEARNING

If your family has selected a virtual learning option for your child(ren), you will be notified of details by school counselors in the coming weeks.

As shared in our back to school plan and town hall meeting, students in **grades K-5** who choose virtual will have two options:

1. A virtual program delivered through Zoom and Google Classroom by a Knob Noster Teacher with their peer Knob Noster students. This format will be similar to what was provided during fourth quarter last year, although we will elevate rigor and time on task.
2. A virtual program delivered through the Knob Noster Virtual Academy Powered by Edmentum. This format will not be delivered by a Knob Noster teacher and will not include interaction with Knob Noster students. This program is delivered 100% through online virtual curriculum, instruction, and assessment through the Edmentum interface.

As shared in our back to school plan and town hall meeting, students in **grades 6-12** who choose virtual will be enrolled in the Knob Noster Virtual Academy Powered by Edmentum and will engage through the Edmentum interface.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS**

Please watch for email communications from our schools regarding Open House/Meet the Teacher Nights and other back to school events. We are working to adjust the format of these annual events in response to the current COVID-19 situation.

Our team cannot express too much or too often how much we appreciate the ongoing communication and cooperation from our parents. As we move forward with back to school, things will be challenging. Your ongoing patience, support, and partnership is greatly appreciated!

Very Respectfully,

Jerrold Wheeler, Ed.D.  
Superintendent