



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

Thank you to everyone who tuned in for our Virtual Orientation! We hope it got you excited for the 2020-2021 school year. We anticipate you will have many questions regarding our virtual learning initiatives. We have compiled a few of our Frequently Asked Questions, (FAQ's) below.

What Makes a Successful Online Student?

- The student can communicate via writing.
- The student is self-motivated and self-disciplined.
- The student is willing to ask questions if problems arise.
- The student has good time-management skills.
- The student has a good study environment.

Technology Requirements

- Internet Availability
- iPad, Laptop, Tablet or Desktop

How to grade level access codes?

GRADE	GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES
12 th	e3zafio
9 th	fhókarh
10 th	Whespqb
11 th	Phnodcc

Are we having senior activities?

We are hoping that you get to experience your senior year to the fullest. No decision has been made on any student activities, which includes the ring ceremony, prom, senior picnic, etc.

Senior Pictures?

When appropriate, information will be shared on senior photos. At this current time no date has been scheduled for senior photos.

What's the info for student email and password?

This information was mailed to your address we have currently on file. If you need email or password assistance, please send an email to mcmain@inspirenolaschools.org.

When do virtual classes start?

It is important to login into your assigned grade level courses daily and begin your coursework. Attendance will be taken daily.

GRADE	VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION TO BEGIN
12 th	August 5 th
9 th	August 7 th
10 th	August 12 th
11 th	August 14 th

What safety and cleanliness measures are taking place on campus?

McMain is following all CDC guidelines to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all students and staff.

Any information on the senior budget and graduation date?

Those details are forthcoming and will be shared once confirmed.

Will grades mostly be based on class work and participation or just test grades?

Grades will be based according to InspireNOLA's Pupil Progression Plan: 40% Minor (classwork, participation, homework, quizzes etc.); 40% Major (tests, projects, etc.); 20% Final Exam.

What if I haven't received the information packet what do I do or who do I call?

Information packets were mailed to the address we have on file. If you have moved or need to change your address, please complete the link below. A form will be mailed to you to complete. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerIp03MyhHqrYG-Z5nzukF-HnYtRaUIBja7oG1Z4YRkvx2mA/viewform>

Can I take virtual classes all year?

Parents/Guardians have the option to register students for virtual classes all year. Forms were mailed out. Email the school if you need a form.

What is going to happen to dual enrollment?

Students who are enrolled in dual enrollment will still take classes through the partner university.

Will parents be able to meet with counselors about their child schedule?

Yes, those meetings will be handled virtually via Zoom. You may contact via your child's counselor via email or phone the main office at (504) 324-7500 to schedule your meeting.

Grade 12	Dwyn.turner@inspirenolaschools.org
Grades 11 & 10	Winston.turner@inspirenolaschools.org
Grade 9	Shontell.doliollie@inspirenolaschools.org

Will my child be required to participate in state testing?

Details on state-required testing has not been provided by the state at this time.

What about taking the ACT?

You may visit the ACT website for information on ACT Testing. The link is provided below.

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html#2020-test-dates>

Will you required to wear uniform for virtual?

We are proud of our tradition of having neat and properly attired students. While there is no official dress code for virtual leaning, students are expected to be respectful of the virtual classroom environment.

Clothing that is appropriate for the virtual classroom: polo shirts, button down shirts, blouses, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or sleeveless dresses or shirts with straps no less than 3" wide.

Clothing that is inappropriate for the virtual classroom: hats, shirts with offensive logos or messages, ripped or torn clothing, pajamas.

Please keep in mind that when we return to the campus, complete school uniforms will be required.

According to the Virtual Class Period presented in the presentation, are classes from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or until 4:00 p.m.?

Classes are from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Students may receive additional support from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. daily.

What about the National Honor Society Induction?

Those students who have meet the criteria for the National Honor Society will receive a communication notifying them of the virtual induction ceremony.

Is the in-person orientation mandatory?

No. If you have attended the virtual orientation, there is no need to attend the in-person orientation.

Is there a specific laptop/notebook that needs to be purchased for classes?

We recommend a Google Chromebook; however, any laptop will work for all web-based applications.

How are you handling credit recovery?

Those students who need to recover credits will be contacted directly by their guidance counselor.

I need a college recommendation from you. Can I get your email to make that request?

College recommendations are facilitated by your guidance counselor. Please email your counselor with any those requests.

If I don't have my child's PowerSchool login info how can I get it again?

You may email our Data Manager, Ms. M. Smith at Melissa.smith@inspirenolaschools.org. She can assist you further.

How will I be able to get my child's schedule?

Schedules will be mailed out. You can also see your schedule with your PowerSchool login.

So, all work has to be done online?

Yes, until further notice all coursework must be completed online.

When will PowerSchool be enabled again?

You will have access to PowerSchool on Friday, July 31, 2020.

When are the registration forms due?

All registration paperwork is now due. We request all documents to return via USPS mail service, via fax at (504) 324-7547 or you may drop them off to the school. The return address is listed below:

Attn: Student Registration
Eleanor McMain Secondary School
5712 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125

We suggest you make copies and include your child's name on each document.

Will hotspot be available?

At this time, there will be no hotspots available.

If my child left items at the school in March, how can I retrieve them?

Please contact the school with your child's name, the item, and a contact number, and the school will contact you to discuss any arrangements.

What resources will be available for those who require hands on learning?

Teachers are working diligently through Professional Development to learn new distance learning engagement strategies. Students will be able to get extra support from teachers from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Will students still receive their accommodations if they have IEP, IAP, or EL accommodations?

Students will still receive accommodations and support from their respective ECSS teacher and/or coordinator.

What is the student support email address?

If you need assistance from anyone in the main office, technology or instructional materials, have questions or concerns, you may email those to mcmain@inspirenolaschools.org.

I missed the grade-level orientation

The PowerPoint presentation with all orientation information will be linked on the school website at <https://eleanormcmain.inspirenolacharterschools.org/>

Is the current decision for virtual learning until Labor Day?

Yes. McMain is following all guidelines established by InspireNOLA and NOLA-PS. Please follow all InspireNOLA social media formats and visit the McMain website for updates.

What is the school number of contact?

504-324-7500. Phones are answered between 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.