



MAGNET COVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Programs Department



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This summer at Magnet Cove, we are working to make decisions about the 2020-21 school year that will safely and effectively serve all of our students. Many have asked what this all means for our students who receive special education services. As always, our department will follow the lead of our schools and adapt to meet our students’ needs. Now that the options are coming more into focus, I want to share what I know so far to help you make the best decision for your child. MCSD has defined two types of learning for this year - blended and virtual. **You can learn more by visiting the MCSD website and reviewing the release regarding both options.**

Blended Learning	Virtual Option (off campus)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ON CAMPUS with face-to-face instruction. Students will report onsite to school buildings to learn between one (1) and five (5) days a week. ● “Blended” - there will be a teacher-directed digital component in all of our classes this year. This will allow for a quick change to crisis learning if school closure is necessary. ● If you don’t sign up for the virtual option, your child will automatically be placed in a blended learning classroom on campus. ● Students will be required to wear face coverings at least a portion of the day. Students who are unable to do so will be approved on a case-by-case basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only by parent choice ● Online registration due July 17th! ● Students complete all school work online. ● IEP accommodations <u>will</u> be provided. ● Option can be revoked at any time if students do not participate ● <i>IEP committees can choose to bring students back to campus if the committee feels that the student’s needs are not able to be met appropriately in the virtual setting.</i>

Both of these options are available to students who have IEPs; however, it is up to you to determine what is best for your child. Students who participate in the virtual option will need parental assistance. They need to be able to interact virtually with teachers and manage their school work without being on campus.

On the other hand, we have many students with IEPs who may not be independent enough to do all of their work online but have medical conditions or other factors that make coming to school this fall inappropriate. We understand that. Our department will make every effort to meet your child’s individual

needs if you choose the virtual option. If the IEP committee needs to meet to consider other options, that is available at any time during the school year.

I hope that this chart will help you in making the best decision for your child’s learning.

Type of Special Service	Blended Learning (on campus)	Virtual Option (off campus)
Speech, Occupational, and/or Physical Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • face-to-face • due to the hands-on nature of therapy, our therapists will utilize protective equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provided via teletherapy OR • provided on campus at a scheduled time
Inclusion Classes (formerly known as co-teaching)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special education teacher assists students in the general education classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special education teacher will collaborate with the virtual teacher online
Resource Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students attend small classes for literacy and/or math (40-79% of the school day) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special education teacher will provide virtual instruction
Self-Contained Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students attend separate classes for any academic subject (80% or more of the school day) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special education teacher will provide virtual instruction • parent-teacher consultation • academic or functional help may be provided on campus at scheduled times
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all possible efforts will be made to keep students distanced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transportation will not be provided because virtual options are available

As a parent, I know this is a difficult decision to make. I can only assure you that we will work with you to do what’s appropriate for your child and that we continue to make decisions with the health, safety, and educational success of all of our students in mind.

Sincerely,



Crystal Tanner