

RECENT STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

K-12 School Reopening | Department of Education Emergency Order [2020-EO-06](#) | After recognizing the various needs for schools to reopen, the Department has ordered all school boards and charter school governing boards to open the brick and mortar schools at least five days per week, subject to the advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order [20-149](#) (which closes schools on the days of the primary and general election), and subsequent Executive Orders. Otherwise, the day-to-day decision to open or close a school remains with the local board or school executive/superintendent.

The Emergency Order also waives strict compliance with certain state statutes that require a fixed start and end date, a minimum number of operating days, and certain reporting requirements.

The Emergency Order also explicitly requires compliance with other state statutes that require in-person instruction (barring a state or local health directive to the contrary) and require services to low-income families, students with disabilities, English Language Learners, and other vulnerable populations.

The Emergency Order provides schools with the flexibility to perform online instruction provided it includes the same curriculum as in-person instruction with the ability to interact with the teacher and peers.