



2020-21 Reopening Plan

July 7, 2020

Dear Hall County School District Family,

As the 2020-2021 school year approaches and the world continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, the HCSD would like to offer you and your child two distinct learning options for the upcoming school year:

- 1) In-person learning (brick-and-mortar whenever possible).^[1]
- 2) Virtual learning (a full-time online experience).

Your decision about how your child returns to school is a deeply personal decision, with family implications that vary from health considerations in your home to the learning needs of your student. Our goal is to provide options that meet the needs of our community while being true to the district's mission of ***"Striving to be the Most Caring Place on Earth."***

From the learning options listed below, please indicate the option you have selected for your child by completing the respective form for your desired learning option. (*Note: Please only complete one form per child.*) Form responses will be collected until the end of the day on Monday, July 13. Local school officials will reach out to parents who do not complete one of the three forms for each child during the survey window.

- **In-person learning (brick-and-mortar whenever possible):**
 - If you are planning for your child to return to your brick-and-mortar school for in-person learning, please complete the [Hall County In-Person Learning Form](#) (one form per child).
- **Virtual learning (a full-time online experience):**
 - If you are planning for your child to complete the Fall Semester in a full-time virtual learning setting, please watch the accompanying [video](#) that outlines virtual learning expectations; then complete the [Hall County Virtual Learning Option Form](#) (one form per child).
- **Undecided:**
 - If you remain undecided, please be aware that the Hall County School District plans to extend pre-planning for Hall County teachers so that we can finalize and practice safety protocols within each building. During the extended preplanning in August (see proposed schedule inserted below), your child will have the opportunity to attend school for a full day at half capacity. This will allow your student to experience safety protocols, school expectations, and in-person instruction under the current circumstances. We hope this experience will assist you in making a final decision with regard to which learning model best meets your family's needs.
 - If you are undecided at this time, please complete the [Hall County Undecided Form](#) (one form per child).

First 15 Days of School Year Plan

SAMPLE DRAFT ONLY – DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon. – Aug. 3	Tues. – Aug. 4	Wed – Aug. 5	Thurs – Aug. 6	Fri – Aug. 7
• Pre-Planning • Blended Learning Preparation • 200% Accountability	• Pre-Planning • Blended Learning Preparation • 200% Accountability • Mental Health Awareness @ 4 Schools (M/H)	• Pre-Planning • Blended Learning Preparation • 200% Accountability • Mental Health Awareness @ 4 Schools (M/H)	• Pre-Planning • Blended Learning Preparation • 200% Accountability • Mental Health Awareness @ 4 Schools (M/H)	• Pre-Planning • Blended Learning Preparation • 200% Accountability • Mental Health Awareness @ 4 Schools (M/H)
Mon. – Aug. 10	Tues. – Aug. 11	Wed – Aug. 12	Thurs – Aug. 13	Fri – Aug. 14
• Pre-Planning (12:00 - 8:00 PM) • New Student Orientation (3:00 - 7:30 PM) • K, 6th, 9th, and new students in person. • Online for everyone else with last names A-M.	• Pre-Planning (12:00 - 8:00 PM) • New Student Orientation (3:00 - 7:30 PM) • K, 6th, 9th, and new students in person. • Online for everyone else with last names N-Z.	Day 1 of School Orientation for ½ of Student Body Last Names A-M	Day 2 of School Orientation for ½ of Student Body Last Names N-Z	• Planning • No School • Preparing for Monday
Mon. – Aug. 17	Tues. – Aug. 18	Wed – Aug. 19	Thurs – Aug. 20	Fri – Aug. 21
Full-School	Full-School	Full-School	Full-School	• Full-School • Final day for families to declare virtual or in-person

*Plan would provide time for digital teaching preparation, procedural training for all staff and procedural training for students. Additionally, all middle and high school team members would receive Mental Health Awareness Training.

Staff Days	Student & Staff Days
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Lastly, our team remains committed to implementing a reopening plan that allows our students and families to thrive as opposed to merely surviving during these challenging times. Timelines and safety protocols may be revised based upon ongoing guidance and direction from state and federal health agencies, as well as from the Georgia Department of Education. Additional details regarding dates and times of pre-planning activities will be sent in a follow-up communication.

We will move forward together. Thank you for your support of the Hall County School District!

^[1] Parents of Students in Grades K-3 may be interested in a 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. one classroom/one teacher model where a smaller number of students are taught each day at one elementary school designated in each cluster (East, West, North, Johnson, Chestatee, Cherokee Bluff, and Flowery Branch). Transportation must be provided by the parent/guardian. Click [here](#) to express interest.