Goldsmith-Schiffman Elementary Entry Plan – Staggered Schedule

Traditional students have the opportunity to return to the school building starting Monday, September 14th on a staggered schedule. If your family chooses to continue in the remote setting instead, please email your child's teacher to inform him or her of this decision. It is not mandatory for traditional students to return to the building at this time. Recognizing that some non-HVA families may be apprehensive about returning before the end of the first nine weeks, families of non-HVA students may opt for their students to continue to engage in remote learning until the end of the first nine weeks. The first nine weeks ends on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020.

Cohort Calendar:

- The Cohort calendar will allow you to know the days your child will attend in-person classes.
- Cohort assignments will be emailed to each family.



Huntsville City Schools 2020-2021 Academic Calendar Staggered Schedule for In-School Instruction Cohort A

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As of 6/30/20



Social Distancing/Overall Hygiene:

- Social distancing practices to maintain six feet of separation between persons of different households will be implemented, where practical, to the greatest extent possible.
- All students will wear masks on campus except when eating or drinking and/or involved in athletic exercises such as PE and Recess.
- Consider adding a lanyard to your child's mask to help them keep up with it throughout the day.
- All faculty and staff will wear masks.
- Schools and campuses will be cleaned and disinfected frequently in accordance with ADPH and CDC guidance to include regularly disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces. In the event of a school or building closure, impacted campuses will be cleaned and disinfected.
- Students will use an online library of digital books called MyOn. They will not check out books from the library at this time.
- Parents and/or visitors should not enter the building and must remain in their cars on campus during arrival and dismissal at this time.
- If you need to visit the office, please call or email to make an appointment when possible.
- At this time, off campus field trips are not permitted.
- Any adult who enters the building must wear a mask, sanitize hands (we have sanitizer available), have their temperature checked and answer health questions. No one other than students or school staff will be allowed to enter the school past the office area at this time.
- The playground is closed. Students will go outside for recess as often as weather permits. Students will participate in non-contact, social distanced activities during recess. Shared equipment will not be utilized.
- Face coverings are not required for students involved in athletic activities and exercise
 such as recess and PE. However, they are required to have a face covering on if they
 walking to and from the building from recess or PE, or if they are not engaged in
 physical activity. We encourage students to have a lanyard for their masks if possible to
 help them keep up with them.
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Student Arrival and Dismissal: (More info coming on picking up your carline sign)

- PreK parents will receive specific guidance from their PreK teachers.
- Your child's teacher will share a video with you showing students how to get from the carline to their classrooms.

- We will have all non-homeroom teachers assisting with arrival and dismissal during the first two weeks of the staggered schedule to ensure students know how to get to and from his or her classroom.
- The school day is 8:00-2:30 Students will report to classrooms at 7:45.
- Students may be dropped off using carline beginning at 7:30 a.m. but must remain in their car until they are at the overhang. Please remind your child to social distance when walking to his or her classroom.
- Please ensure your child is ready to exit the car as soon as you reach the overhang in order to keep carline moving as quickly as possible.
- Parents must remain in their cars during arrival and dismissal.
- Parents should not drive, park and pick up their students in the walker line or drop off their students at the front doors.
- Parents should not park on campus or in neighboring subdivisions to drop off or pick up their children.
- Walkers and Bike Riders should only be students who walk or bike to and/or from school independently.
- Students will report to their designated grade level area upon arrival.
- Social distancing will be in place as the students enter the building and masks must be worn.
- Dismissal will take place at 2:30 p.m.
- Car riders will remain in their designated grade level area until their names are called for dismissal.
- There will be no check outs after 2:00 p.m.
- Before and after school care are not offered at this time.
- Please make every effort to get to school on time each morning for your child's scheduled face to face instructional days. If your child is tardy, parents/guardians must park, come to the front doors and ring the doorbell to check in your child.

Breakfast/Lunch and Water:

- Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classrooms.
- At this time, parents will not be permitted to eat lunch with their students. When public health concerns are no longer present, parents will be permitted.
- Money can be placed in students account through EZSchoolPay.com
- Only send in food items that do not need to be heated or reheated.
- Trash from breakfast and lunch will be collected following each meal.
- Students are asked to bring a full water bottle each day and to have their names on their water bottle. They will be allowed to refill at the water bottle filling stations.

Transportation:

- If you did not select "bus rider" when you registered your child, but would like for your child to ride the bus, please email Michelle Jones in our front office at gses.officeaide@hsv-k12.org Include your child's full name, grade level and teacher.
- HCS will transport every student who meets pupil transportation criteria as outlined in the HCS student-parent handbook located on the HCS website.
- While we are operating on a staggered schedule the buses will stop at every stop along a route on both A days and B days. As the year progresses, routes and stops will be adjusted to reflect actual ridership.
- Students will board the bus at their assigned stop and be checked in by the driver according to the bus roster.
- Bus drivers will apply hand sanitizer to each student as he or she boards the bus.
- Students will proceed to the farthest empty seat as directed by the driver, ensuring that students do not pass other students.
- All students must wear masks while on the bus.
- There will only be one student per seat, cohabitating students may sit two to a seat.
- Students will exit the bus from the front to the back as directed by the driver.
- Buses will be cleaned after morning routes and evening routes.
- Window will be open one notch, weather permitting, to enable air circulation.

Classroom Hygiene Procedures:

- All meals will be served in the classrooms.
- There will be no sharing of food. Please do not send snacks or food to share with other students at this time.
- Students and staff will wash or sanitize hands each time they enter the classroom.
- Custodial staff will sanitize classrooms and common areas daily.
- When feasible, desks and tables will be cleaned during transition times.
- Students will not be allowed to share items, supplies, or equipment with each other.
- Student desks will be spaced apart as much as possible and will be in forward-facing rows.
- Student desk assignments will be implemented in all classrooms to ensure students do not share desks.
- Each student will have a clear desk shield.
- Each student should bring a full water bottle from home each day. Please have students' names written on the bottle. Younger grades may consider bringing a water bottle with a sport top for easy opening.
- Personal items brought to and from home should be limited to only necessary items that are easy to clean and disinfect.
- Non-essential items should not be brought to school.
- Students will not share supplies.

• Each classroom will have hand sanitizer, paper towels, disposable gloves and sanitizing spray for spot cleaning as needed.

Parents/Guardians Home Prevention:

- If a student has a pre-existing condition, parents/guardians are advised to speak with their student's physician for advisement regarding returning to school.
- Each morning prior to school, parents/guardians should assess their student for fever and illness. Please do not send your child to school if he or she is ill.
- Major Symptoms of COVID-19 include the following: New cough, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath of difficulty breathing.
- Minor symptoms of COVID-19 include the following: fever, chills, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and/or fatigue.
- Students should also not report to school if they have been exposed to someone with COVID- 19 within the last 14 days.
- Current Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance will be followed for any student with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to include the recommended self-isolation and/or self-quarantine requirements.
- Parents/guardians should ensure contact information and emergency contacts are up to date. Please call the front office for any updates to your contact information.

Staggered Schedule Instruction:

- PE will take place in the gym and the cafeteria. Both areas will be spaced and marked to allow for social distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- Students will participate in non-contact, social distanced activities during PE. Shared equipment will not be utilized.
- Art, Music, ETA, Guidance and Library classes will remain virtual.
- Classroom teachers will instruct similarly to how they are instructing in the remote setting.
 - Teachers will teach both groups daily, whether students are face to face or remote. Remote students should login for live lessons that the teacher is teaching to both remote and face to face. Teachers will continue to record and upload lessons to be viewed later if needed.
 - New lessons will be taught each day, so it is important that students who are not face to face either participate in the live lessons or watch the recording later.
 - Whether your child is in Cohort A or Cohort B, everyone will follow the same daily schedule. The only difference is one cohort will be face to face and the other will be tuning in remotely or watching the recorded lesson.
 - All assignments given will be due on Sunday. Assignments will be uploaded by Monday morning of each week.

Transitioning from face-to-face instruction to virtual instruction:

In the event student attendance is suspended, the following steps will be taken:

- Student instruction will return to remote learning and will follow the same remote daily and weekly schedule.
- Classroom teachers will send parent communication outlining instruction modes, how support will be provided and how parents can contact teachers during remote learning.
- A school cast will be sent out informing parents of the school closure and information will be placed on the school's webpage.

Student Plan:

The following plan will be in place for students who become sick or have the need to self-isolate:

- Parents are asked to notify the school should a student become sick or need to selfisolate.
- The classroom teacher will assign work through the Schoology management system.
- Parents will be notified of instructions on how to access and submit assignments.
- Lesson will be recorded daily and uploaded into Schoology for student access.
- The classroom teacher will provide instruction, assignments, and support virtually and/or telephone until the students returns to the school campus.
- If a student becomes ill at school, a parent/guardian or emergency contact (if a parent/guardian cannot be reached) will be called if the school nurse determines it is necessary for the student to be picked up.