

Hybrid Learning - Q&A



#SWANFAMILY  

March 10, 2021
1:30pm-2:15pm

Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of Resources Available
- Questions for the whole group
- Breakout sessions by grade level



Introductions

- Laurel Porter - Principal
- Lauren Beaman - Assistant Principal
- Howard Carter - Assistant Principal
- Doris Qano - School Nurse

Resources Available

- **SES Transition to Hybrid Learning Videos**
 - Arrival & Dismissal
 - Staying Safe
 - Being Prepared
 - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- **HCPSS Hybrid Instructional Model**
- **Student Checklist**

What do
Students need
to Bring to
School



Items students should bring to school:

- Chromebook
- Charger
- Water Bottle
- Headphones (optional)
- Lunch (optional) - FREE lunch is available for all students
- Non-Electronic Toy (optional) - can be used at recess
- A change of clothes, labeled in a ziploc bag (Kindergarten)
- Note: students do not need to bring notebooks from home unless a teacher specifically asks them to.

Arrival, Dismissal & Transportation



What help is available to students during arrival & dismissal?

Arrival

- Staff are assigned to the Car Loop, Bus Loop and each Entrance
- During the first week of school
 - Specific staff are assigned to each bus
 - Student backpacks are tagged with their bus #
 - Staff will be available to walk students to their locations
 - Multiple staff in the car loop
 - Staff will be available to walk students to their locations

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Dismissal

- Car Riders are walked to the cafeteria - to be picked up in car loop
- Bus Riders
 - dismissed/walked to their bus lines in the hallway
 - Dismissed by a staff member as each bus arrives
- Walkers dismiss at the back of the building with grade level teachers

How will the car loop work?

In order to be as efficient as possible:

- Access the carloop on the side of the building (Rock Coast Rd).
- Display name and grade level sign in car window (Signs are provided during arrival/dismissal for those who need one)
- Staff call for students over the radio and students are sent outside
- We ask that parents follow staff directions and pull forward when asked to.
- We anticipate students coming out to cars at approximately 3:25pm

What is the maximum bus capacity?

- Students will be limited to one student per seat - with the exception of siblings
- This translates to approximately 21 students
- Trying to keep the seat behind the bus driver open
- Although the ultimate goal is to have no more than one student per seat, no student will be denied services on the bus (even if capacity is reached).

Will there be contact tracing on the bus?

- Yes, bus video and seating charts will be used to help with contact tracing.
- After each morning, noon, and afternoon route, the driver will clean high touch areas of the bus, including seats, sidewalls, handles, windows, window frames, and handrails.

Can I park and walk my child to school on the first day?

- Yes, you can park in the surrounding neighborhood and walk your child on the first day.
- Keep in mind that it is important that students know their routine for coming to and leaving from school.
- If there is a change to the normal pick-up routine, please notify your child's teacher.

Breakfast, Lunch & Recess



What does breakfast look like?

- Students receive a breakfast as they enter the building each day.
- Students eat in their classrooms at their individual desks/tables.
- Students must wear a mask when not eating/drinking.
- Each grade level/class has a specific procedure for disposing of trash so that social distancing is still in place.
- Extra food can be saved for a snack later in the day.



What does lunch look like?

- Students in grades 1-5 come to the cafeteria at a designated time for lunch.
- Students can bring lunch or eat the free, grab and go lunch offered at school.
- There are stickers on the floor to help with social distancing while in line.
- Students sit at individual desks, spaced six feet apart to eat.
- Students must wear a mask when not eating/drinking.
- A custodian cleans each desk between lunch shifts.



Where can I find the lunch choices?

- <https://hcpss.nutrislice.com/menu>
 - This site has the menus for the virtual and in-person lunches as well as the options available for breakfast
 - All meals are grab and go

Will there be snack in the classroom?

- Students may eat a snack during the school day if they would like to.
- It is optional for parents to send a snack.
- Students can save non-perishable items from breakfast.
- Snack is also included in the FREE dinner to go bag.

Transitions

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How will students transition throughout the building?

- Depending on the grade level, students will transition to related arts, math, lunch, and recess.
- Each student will have a bin with their materials (including their computer) that they will take with them to each class.
- Students will be escorted to their next class by staff and stay on the blue lines in the halls to maintain social distancing.
- Different routes have been identified to minimize the number of students/staff in a hallway at the transition times.
- As the weather gets warmer, staff and students may utilize outdoor routes to transition between classes.



Bathroom Breaks

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What will bathroom procedures look like?

- Each student will have an individual bathroom pass.
- Students will use the designated bathroom for their location in the building.
- Only two students are allowed inside the bathroom at a time.
- If there are two bathroom passes on the wall, the other students will stand on the circles in the hallway to wait their turn.



In the Classroom



What is the maximum number of in-person students in my child's class?

- It depends on the class (how many students requested to come back to school for any length of time).
- Ten students is the current maximum for any of our classes.

What percentage of students are returning in each grade level?

- K 44%
- 1st 41%
- 2nd 40%
- 3rd 44%
- 4th 41%
- 5th 53%
- Current enrollment - Range of 16-30 students per grade level on a given day.

Will we be notified if there is a substitute or paraeducator covering my child's class?

- If a substitute is going to cover the class on a long-term basis, families will be notified by the school.
- If a teacher is absent for the day and another person will be covering, notification will not necessarily be given.

Will students need to participate via chromebook when in person?

- Currently we are asking teachers to ensure students log in to google meets.
- This will allow all students to see each other, hear each other and access the chat box.
- However, when students are not involved in a discussion, they may not need to use the chromebook. They could be logged in with it off to the side.

How will the virtual kids be able to hear the teachers and peers that will be muffled by masks and further from their microphones in the building?

- Teachers and students are currently participating from the classroom with masks on.
- Depending on the number of students in a classroom, students can be heard through the teacher's microphone and/or teachers and students can mute and unmute to use their individual computer microphone.



Health & Safety Protocols



Will windows be open in classrooms?

- Outdoor air ventilation for all classrooms is provided through the HVAC systems.
- HCPSS does not recommend opening windows or exterior doors due to the potential this could create for elevated relative humidity and subsequent humidity mold.
- Additionally, there is the potential for drafts resulting in an inability to maintain heating and cooling setpoints and the introduction of pests and allergens.

Will PPE be provided for students who forget it?

- Every teacher has two masks and face shield per child.
- Masks are mandatory
- Face shields are optional
- Additional disposable masks are always available if a student forgets to wear/bring one.

Will students have mask breaks?

- Currently there are no mask breaks.
- Students are expected to wear their masks for the entirety of the school day (except when eating or drinking).

What consequences are in place if students choose not to follow the mask rules?

- Staff will continue to reinforce proper mask wearing.
- If a student's mask doesn't fit properly, we will have extra masks on hand.
- Classroom teachers will also be reinforcing the reasons for wearing a mask.
- All concerns will be addressed on an individual basis.
- We had no concerns with our SBLC in the Fall or with our current group of everyday students.

What additional safety measures are followed when a student cannot wear a mask due to medical reasons?

- Any medical requests for mask restrictions will be reviewed by health room staff.
- All students are welcome in classrooms and other building spaces, although those who are unable to wear a mask may be moved in/out of specific areas when needed.

What type of masks will teachers be wearing?

- Staff have been provided with reusable, 3-ply cotton face masks as well as optional face shields.
- Staff may also provide their own masks that comply with CDC guidelines.

What contact tracing measures are in place?

- Staff - Detailed sign/in out procedures in which staff identify any areas visited outside of their normal schedule.
- Students - assigned seating in the classrooms and cafeteria
- Bus - assigned seating (based on how students enter and exit the bus) with some flexibility to allow our youngest students to sit in the front. Video footage from the bus will also provide details on where students sit.
- Cafe - assigned seating based on the class students go to after lunch

What contact tracing measures are in place?

- A student determined to be in close contact with a person with verified COVID-19 must quarantine for 14 days per HCHD child care guidelines.
- A staff member determined to be in close contact with a person with verified COVID-19 must quarantine for 14 days, with the possibility of release at 10 days under certain circumstances.
- Staff in quarantine must be out of school for the 10-day minimum regardless of a negative test result, while students must remain out of school for a full 14 day quarantine.

What contact tracing measures are in place? (Continued)

- Students/staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 should isolate and not return to school until they have been out at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms or positive test without symptoms, remain fever-free for 24 hours, and show a consistent improvement of symptoms.
- Contact tracing is handled by the Howard County Health Department (HCHD), with support from and in coordination with the HCPSS Office of Health Services.
- Students who must transition to virtual instruction as a result of an exposure (or possible exposure) to COVID-19 will have the opportunity to return to in-person instruction as soon as they are permitted to return.

Will my child go to related arts classes in the building?

- Yes, students will still have all related arts classes.
- Students that are in the building will transition to those learning spaces for class.

Will my child still have Art?

- Yes, students will still have art class.
- Students will bring their own materials (crayons, markers, pencil, computer) with them to art class.
- Ms. Dever's students will go to her room with a class monitor, Ms. Wachtman, and Ms. Dever will teach virtually.

What will gym look like?

- Students will be socially distanced, spaced around the gym
- Students may share equipment at times.
- Desks line the walls for students to place materials if needed.
- Students will have the opportunity to wash their hands/use hand sanitizer before, during, and after class.



What will music look like? Will they be singing?

- The Music office has provided teaching staff with guidelines that are aligned with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), National Association for Music Education (NAFME) and National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) recommendations for performance classes.
- Extended physical distancing will be required if/when a student is to sing.



Virtual or Hybrid

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What are the procedures if I want to switch my child to virtual?

- Contact the front office at 410-313-6907.
- Requests to change from virtual to hybrid will be reviewed and approved if space allows.
- Requests to change from hybrid to virtual can be changed in the system that same day. However, returning to in-person will be dependent on space available.

If my child attends virtually on an in-person day, will they still be marked present?

- Yes, students who attend class virtually or in person will be marked present. This is true even if a student is supposed to be in-person, but does not come to school that day.
- A student will only be marked absent if they do not attend class in any capacity.

Grade Level Breakout Sessions

SES-GrK

SES-Gr1

SES-Gr2

SES-Gr3

SES-Gr4

SES-Gr5

