

Teachers & Staff Expectations for the 2020-2021 School Year



TEACHER & STAFF EDITION
2020-2021
SCHOOL YEAR

Learn it. Love it. Live it.

Hernando County School District's Roadmap for Opening



HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Learning Options for the 2020-2021 School Year

Teachers & Staff:

PARENT CHOICES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:

Option 1: In-School Learning

Students return to a traditional classroom setting when school resumes on August 31, 2020, they will commit to following the safety guidelines outlined below to protect themselves, their peers, and their teachers. This option must be selected by July 27th @ noon

NEW Option 2: Digital Home Learning

Students start the school year on August 31, 2020, with digital learning at their assigned school. Students may return to the traditional classroom after 9 weeks or with administrative approval. This option must be selected by July 27th @ noon. Digital learning will follow the traditional daily schedule with live and recorded sessions by teachers working from the school site.

Option 3: Virtual Learning

Students will enroll in Hernando eSchool virtual school for full-time, independent learning for the 2020-2021 school year and will begin classes on August 31, 2020. Students must commit to this option for a full semester to receive credit and/or grades. This option must be selected by July 27th @ noon by calling 352-797-7072 or visiting <https://eHernando.weebly.com>.

**Options 1 & 2:
In-School Learning
Digital Home Learning**

Hernando employees will report to specified work sites with enhanced procedures and precautions in place for the safety of all.

Teacher and staff responsibilities:

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A SAFE RETURN:

- ✓ Before I come to school each day, I will check my temperature and assess my symptoms; if I have a fever of 100° or higher, or a cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, or if I have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, I will notify administration, stay home and contact my medical provider. Close contact is defined as being in contact with someone who is confirmed positive for longer than 15 minutes and less than 6 feet away.
- ✓ When I arrive at school, I will wear my face covering, sign in and report to my work space. I will not linger and I will avoid crowded conditions.
- ✓ I will bring a water bottle to school, as water fountains will be closed for regular use; water fountains may only be used to refill water bottles throughout the day.
- ✓ When I am moving about the classroom, I will wear my face covering and avoid physical contact with students.
- ✓ Classroom set up will maximize distance between students.
- ✓ I will follow safety procedures when handling student use of school materials.
- ✓ I will wash my hands frequently or use hand sanitizer throughout the day and I will guide my students in doing the same at regular times during the day.
- ✓ I will wear my face covering, practice social distancing, and follow safe directional procedures while moving throughout the campus.
- ✓ Daily temperature screenings will not be conducted on students or staff.

Important safety procedures:

INSTRUCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ✓ In-school teachers will monitor for student compliance with face coverings.
- ✓ Teachers, both In-school learning and digital home learning, must report daily to their school site.
- ✓ Teachers, both In-school learning and digital home learning, will meet with teams as required for lesson planning and professional development at their school site.
- ✓ Teachers, both In-school learning and digital home learning, will instruct ESE and ELL students according to their individual needs.
- ✓ Teachers, both In-school learning and digital home learning, will work 5 days a week for 7.75 hours per day where students and teachers follow their typical daily schedule through live lessons.
- ✓ Teachers, both In-school learning and digital home learning, will take and record attendance daily by subject or period.
- ✓ Teachers, both In-school learning and digital home learning, will provide individual and small group instruction for students who need additional support.
- ✓ Elementary digital home learning teachers will instruct the core subjects and Physical Education to their online students.
- ✓ Mental health state mandates are required to occur during the first semester.
- ✓ Teachers, both In-school learning and digital home learning, will be observed by administration throughout the year and receive an evaluation.

WORKSPACE:

- ✓ No more than 50 students will be allowed in one instructional area at one time. Students will wear their face coverings when not actively exercising and will practice social distancing.
- ✓ A re-usable cloth face covering will be provided to all teachers and staff. Face shields may also be worn.
- ✓ Volunteers will be limited to essential only. For example, scheduled teacher conferences after screened by the front office would be considered essential. All visitors and volunteers must wear face coverings.
- ✓ Any student or staff member traveling internationally or domestically will be expected to follow the CDC guidelines and self-quarantine as needed.

TRANSPORTATION:

- ✓ Field trips will be limited to virtual learning opportunities aligned with the Florida Standards.
- ✓ Buses will limit run loads to no greater than 50 students on a bus when feasible.
- ✓ Students will be expected to wear a face covering while riding a bus.
- ✓ Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer when boarding and leaving a bus.
- ✓ Buses will be cleaned between bus routes.

CLINIC:

- ✓ If a student exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, they will be sent to the clinic for additional screening. Classroom teachers will not be taking temperatures or calling parents for student pick up.
- ✓ If a student is determined too ill for school, the student will be dismissed by the clinic.
- ✓ The clinic will have a designated isolation area in the event that a child or a staff member comes to school and presents COVID-19 symptoms. Contact tracing will be used to identify students or staff members who may need to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- ✓ Schools will enforce the Hernando County School District Student Progression Plan pertaining to clinic policies and procedures.
- ✓ Clinic furniture and touch points will be disinfected frequently throughout the day.

CLEANING

- ✓ All desks and chairs will be disinfected daily.
- ✓ High use touchpoints and areas will be disinfected frequently throughout the day.
- ✓ Outdoor areas will be cleaned routinely.

CAFETERIA:

- ✓ Administration will coordinate with Food & Nutrition staff to create a plan for serving lines/serving areas that maximizes spacing between students.
- ✓ Elementary teachers will create a seating chart for lunch times as required by administration.
- ✓ Cafeteria set up will follow CDC guidelines whenever feasible.
- ✓ All Hernando County students will receive free breakfast and lunch in prepackaged containers to minimize touchpoints for students.
- ✓ Lunch will consist of one hot choice and one cold choice lunch for in-school students.
- ✓ Digital home learning students are eligible for free meals and serving plans will be developed based on need at designated locations.
- ✓ Frequent sanitizing will occur in the cafeteria before and after classes.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Each site administrator will develop a plan for recess that allows for student and staff safety.
- ✓ Utilize virtual opportunities for events when possible. If an event is held, promote social distancing and limit group sizes to as few as possible.
- ✓ Follow the Florida High School Athletic Association guidelines for all sporting events.
- ✓ Students choosing Option 2, Digital Home Learning, will be permitted to participate in sports and extracurricular activities at their current school of enrollment.
- ✓ Students choosing Option 3, Hernando eSchool, for COVID reasons, will be permitted to participate in sports at their zoned, choice, or magnet school for 2020-2021 school year.
- ✓ Spectators attending extracurricular events (athletic competitions, concerts, plays, etc.) will be expected to wear facial coverings and practice social distancing.