



September 2, 2020

Dear Parents:

We are excited to welcome students back into our schools on September 14, 2020 as we begin operating on our blended learning model. In preparation, it is important for you to review and understand expectations, as outlined below.

- Students who choose blended learning will have two days of in-person instruction and three days of virtual learning each week. On the virtual days, students will have access to live and/or recorded lessons. Students are expected to view/participate in sessions and complete assignments in order to be prepared for in-person days.
- Students who are participating in full virtual learning will have access to live and/or recorded lessons. Students are expected to participate daily in sessions and complete assignments in order to stay on track.
- Teachers will be available for “office hours” on Wednesdays to assist students. Specific times will be communicated by each teacher. While live instruction may not be provided on Wednesdays, students are still responsible for completing assignments.
- Masks are required to be worn on the school bus and at school at all times except during meals and mask breaks. School staff members will use their discretion to give breaks from wearing masks throughout the day when social distancing standards can be maintained. Refusal to wear a mask could result in a return to virtual learning or loss of bus privileges.
- School meals will no longer be delivered to homes beginning September 14th. Meal pickup, consisting of 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches, will be available on Mondays for B students and all virtual students and on Thursdays for A students and all virtual students. Pickup times will be communicated by each school.
- The school buses with wireless capability will no longer be available beginning September 14th. Wireless internet access is available at all schools at all times.
- All schools will dismiss one hour early each day. For example, if your child’s school normally releases at 3:00 PM, it will now dismiss at 2:00 PM. Self-contained special education students will remain on their regular schedule.
- Parents who wish to change their child’s mode of instruction (virtual or blended) must notify the school by September 4th, 2020. Should future changes be requested, a waiting period for scheduling may be necessary.
- The Traversa Ride 360 App should be downloaded to access transportation schedules. Directions for downloading the app to a desktop computer or a phone are posted on the division website.



- The self-assessment tool can be found on the division website. Students should be assessed by parents/guardians each day prior to getting on the bus or coming into school. Students will also be assessed by staff members prior to entering the building.
- If your child is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, has tested positive for COVID-19, or has been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact your child's school.

Additional information will be communicated to families as we prepare to welcome our students back to the buildings. Patrick County Public Schools will continue to post and update information on the COVID 19 page located under the Families Tab on the division website. Please contact your child's school if you have any questions.

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