

Calhoun County Schools – Guide for Families 2020-2021

- Instructional Models - Families will decide between traditional school and remote learning.
 - **Traditional** - Face-to-Face; all day every day - Teachers will utilize “traditional instructional strategies”.
 - **Blended** - Utilized for students who are out of school temporarily - Students will receive instruction via a combination of a video platform and a virtual platform. (For example, a student who is quarantined for 14 days might receive classroom instruction through Zoom and Google Classroom).
 - **Remote** - Completely Virtual - Will be required to commit to this option for a minimum of one semester with a one year commitment being preferred. This will be strictly a virtual program.

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- Remote Learning- In order to plan for the number of teachers needed for face-to-face instruction and remote learning at each school, parents must apply by July 22, 2020 for the Remote option. This is for all current EXCEL students and those in kindergarten- 12th grade who want to choose the remote option due to Covid-19.
- Reliable home Internet is a necessity.
- The application is located under the EXCEL tab on the right hand side of the Calhoun County Schools homepage.
- Should you decide to enroll your child in Remote Learning and determine that this is not the best option for your family, the opt out date is Aug. 26, 2020. The required commitment beyond that point is to complete one semester. This is to minimize confusion for students whose curriculum would change as they move from remote learning to traditional learning.

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Cleanliness and Hygiene

- Daily cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms, restrooms, and common areas.
- Hand washing/ hygiene routines
- Encourage face masks for students
- Based on a public health order, school employees should wear a face mask/shield when distancing is less than six feet.
- Water Fountains will be closed. Students are encouraged to bring a labeled water bottle from home.

Social Distancing

- Practice social distancing protocols as feasible considering line spacing, classroom seating arrangements, and limited contact sports in PE.

Transportation

- All students assigned to a bus will be transported by bus.
- Buses will run on normal schedules.
- Assign students to seats, sit with members of same household if possible
- Sanitize buses daily after morning and afternoon routes.
- Currently no field trips.
- Face masks are recommended for students who ride buses.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on buses.

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Child Nutrition Program Services

- Meals/ trays will not be self-served, salad will be sold as a boxed salad
- Consider reduced numbers of students in the lunchroom
- Consider seating that minimizes contact
- No extras for elementary students because lunches will be prepared for them to pick up.

Parent/ Family Services

- Conferences/ Meetings: Face-to-face with distancing, telephone, or virtual meetings
- Currently no visitors past the lobby
- Check In/ Out- Recommend only one parent/ guardian inside when possible

Physical Education

- Water fountains will not be available.
- Students should be encouraged to bring individual water bottles labeled with the student's name.
- Outdoor spaces should be utilized when possible.
- Students should be encouraged to use social distancing when feasible.
- Handheld equipment and frequently touched surfaces should be sanitized between classes.

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Library

- Media Specialists will collaborate with classroom teachers to meet student needs.
- Book sets may be checked out to classrooms for students to use within the class setting.
- Classes may visit the library for whole group lessons and practice distancing where feasible.

Parents and Home Prevention-

You will be the first line of defense in the protection of the students/faculty/staff of the Calhoun County School System. Please read these safety measures and follow them daily.

- If a child has a pre-existing condition, parents are advised to speak with their child's primary care physician about returning to school.
- Parents will be encouraged to take students' temperatures and assess students before sending to school. Students who have a temperature of 100.4 or higher and/or are exhibiting symptoms should stay home.
- Parents will be encouraged to give appropriate contact information to the school and make plans to ensure someone is available to check a student out if needed.
- Parents should discourage students from taking non-essential items to school. Items taken to school should be sanitized as feasibly possible.

Calhoun County Schools will operate under guidance from the Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control, and consultation with medical professionals. All plans are subject to change.