



## **Back-to-School Plan for 2020-2021**

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# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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### **Where can I find more information about the school's Back-to-School Reopening Plan?**

Our official board-approved Back-to-School Reopening Plan can be downloaded from our website at [www.harvestprep.org](http://www.harvestprep.org) > Back to School > Back-to-School Plan. The plan currently posted was posted on August 26, 2020. If there are any updates to the plan, the revised date will be posted at the top of the plan.

### **Where can I find detailed descriptions of each student Learning Model?**

Each of our school principals, Mr. Mills for Upper School, and Mrs. Mahoney for Lower School have emailed the Learning Model options for students. The plan options for Upper School and Lower School are slightly different. The deadline for selection was Tuesday, July 20 at 5:00 PM. A confirmation email will be sent which indicates the learning model you selected for your student(s). Limited changes will be permitted and only if A) space is available and B) an official request is submitted in writing to the applicable school principal.

### **Is Harvest Preparatory School following the Ohio Public Health Advisory System Color-Coded Plan?**

Like all schools, businesses, and organizations, we are using the newly announced color-coded system established by Governor DeWine to determine the safety and practicality of having students in our building, whether during the school day or for extra-curricular opportunities. In addition, we are following guidance published by the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

## **Is it possible that the school will move into a full-virtual learning model for all students?**

Yes. Our COVID-19 Task Force is staying current with all data and guidance published by the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control. In our weekly meetings, assessments will be made to determine whether or not changes should be made to our various learning models for our students. If a major change should be announced, we will communicate first to our parents/guardians via email, then post the change to the Back-to-School page on our website.

## **How will transportation be handled?**

As a non-public school, the public-school districts in which our students reside are responsible for providing bus transportation. The districts reserve the right to forgo the transportation as long as they compensate our parents/guardians an annual fee. Presently, the only districts that provide bus transportation to our school are:

- *Canal Winchester Local Schools*
- *Groveport Madison Local School*
- *Columbus City Schools*

As of this posting, we have received confirmation from Canal Winchester Local Schools and Groveport Madison Local Schools that busing will be provided. We have received preliminary communication from Columbus City Schools that busing will be provided, but we are awaiting official routing information.

## **Does the school have an official mask or face covering policy?**

Yes, we are required by law to have an official face covering policy. We are following the guidance of the Ohio Department of Education and requiring masks for students in Grades PK-12. Obviously, exceptions will apply with the approval of the school administration. The fully approved face covering policy can be found on our website. [www.harvestprep.org](http://www.harvestprep.org) > Back-to-School > Face Covering Policy

## **Will the school be providing Chromebooks to students?**

We presently do not have any remaining Chromebooks available to loan to students. Doing so would deplete the inventory needed for our classroom instruction.

## **How much “screen-time” will be required if my child is participating in the Distance Learning Model?**

The following minutes are approximate:

- Grades PK-2: 80 mins, Grades 3-6: 120 minutes
- Grades 7-12: 120 to 180 minutes
- Outside of screen time, your child is likely to have virtual tutoring sessions, virtual “office hours” and other special opportunities to participate, such as weekly chapels

## **What does the day schedule entail for students participating in the Distance Learning Model?**

Students participating in the Distance Learning Model are required to follow the same time schedule (bell schedule) as students participating in the Hybrid Learning Model (Upper School) or the Traditional Learning Model (Lower School). Students will be engaged in the instruction with a live teacher at the school, but from a distance. When instruction is completed, students will log off to complete their assignments. Attendance is a requirement.

## **For Upper School Students, when will students know which cohort they are assigned to if we selected the Hybrid Model?**

Once all student course scheduled are completed, the assignment of Group A (Tuesday, Thursday, rotating Monday) and Group B (Wednesday, Friday, rotating Monday) will be determined and emailed. We will work diligently to ensure siblings of the same household attend school on the same days. Cohort placements are final.

## **How will the school handle positive COVID-19 cases?**

For a full and exhaustive analysis of how the school will handle students, classes, teachers, etc. who test positive for COVID-19, please refer to our Back-to-School Reopening Plan on our website. We will always follow the guidance and recommendations of local, state, and national agencies and governing bodies. Please be advised that our plans could change as guidance from these agencies and governing bodies changes.

## **When is the first day of school for students?**

The new first day of school for all students is Tuesday, September 8. A newly revised school calendar can be found on our website at [www.harvestprep.org](http://www.harvestprep.org) > Calendar

### **Is there a full-time nurse in the building during the school day?**

Yes. We have a full-time registered nurse on our staff.

### **How will the Learning Models affect athletic participation?**

Students are eligible to participate in athletics or any extra-curricular opportunities regardless of the Learning Model they selected. Transportation to and from the school becomes the responsibility of the parent/guardian on days the student isn't assigned to be in the building. The same applies for students using the Distance Learning Model and those participating in the Warrior Digital Academy.

### **Who can I contact if I have questions about the Back-to-School Reopening Plan?**

You are ALWAYS welcome to contact the school directly at 614-382-1111 ext. 268 and ask to speak with one of our administrators. You are also welcome to email us at [info@harvestprep.org](mailto:info@harvestprep.org) and the appropriate member of our team to answer your questions will respond within 24 hours.