

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**Topic:** Hall County Schools to Follow Hybrid Schedule First Ten Days

In order to provide students an opportunity to learn new safety protocols in a smaller setting, the Hall County School District will operate under a hybrid schedule for the first two weeks of school. This slow, controlled start allows for a time of adjustment as we transition into a year that will differ greatly from those in years past. Additionally, this plan provides immediate access to students, to assess their current needs and begin addressing them.

**For students following the in-person instructional model:**

Students whose last names begin with the letters A-K will attend school on Monday, August 24 and Wednesday, August 26. Students whose last names begin with the letters L-Z will attend school on Tuesday, August 25 and Thursday, August 27. *All students* will attend on Friday, August 28. Families with last names in two groups should contact their principals immediately to request a common schedule for families.

***This hybrid schedule will be repeated the following week, August 31 through September 4, for all students who have selected the in-person instructional model (Please see the calendar outlining the first two weeks of school).***

Having the entire student body attend school in person on Fridays will provide students and staff an opportunity to put into practice safety procedures at full capacity and gain an understanding of how the school day will flow throughout the year.

During the two-week hybrid period, students following the in-person instructional model will participate in blended learning on the two days per week they are not scheduled to be in the building. They will access lessons through the district's digital learning management system (CANVAS).

**For students who selected the virtual instructional model:**

Classes will be held daily as initially planned.

**Meals during the Hybrid Phase**

*Meals-breakfast and lunch-will be sent home daily for students who need meals when they are not scheduled to be in the building.*

**Bus Transportation during the Hybrid Phase**

*Buses will run normal routes daily. Students and families are responsible for remembering days that they are to utilize district transportation to school.*

**Other Important Notes:**

The district will re-assess after September 4 and plan to confirm SEPTEMBER 8 for all In-Person Students to continue In-Person Instruction (full capacity) in buildings.

Virtual courses availability will vary. Based on need, virtual courses may be added--and subsequently started--after the first day of school.

The K-3 one classroom/one teacher model will have all students attend for each school day for the first ten days.

Students who are in self-contained special education classes may attend school every day of the first ten days.

Employees' children can attend all in-person days. We ask that they email the principal to let them know.

**The deadline for families to select an instructional model has been extended to Monday, August 31 at 4:00PM.**

**The Hall County School District recognizes the need to maximize safety protocols AND provide a brick-and-mortar option for our students. Thank you for your patience as we survive and thrive in this new normal.**