



High School Return to In-Person Instruction Press Release

Currituck County Schools is excited to welcome back those high school students who have elected to return to in-person instruction on January 25th. As a reminder, high schools may only operate under Plan B (a hybrid model) or Plan C (a 100% virtual model) under the Governor's current orders.

In order to prepare for transitioning students back into the school building, the current academic calendars for *HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY* have been modified. Please note the following amendments to the academic calendars for JP Knapp Early College and Currituck County High School:

- January 15th-** ½ Day Virtual; No LIVE sessions: Assignments posted to Google Classroom
- January 18th-** MLK, Jr. Holiday; No School for Staff or Students
- January 19th-** Teacher Workday; No School for Students
- January 20th-** ½ Day Virtual for Students; Live Sessions following the Friday Schedule of each School; Staff Training in the afternoon (Staff/Student Health & Safety)
- January 21st-** ½ Day Virtual for Students; Live Sessions following the Friday Schedule of each School; Staff Training in the afternoon (Staff/Student Health & Safety)
Cohort A: Freshman & New Student (Gr. 10-12) Orientation In-Person- details coming soon
- January 22nd-** ½ Day Virtual for Students; Live Sessions following the Friday Schedule of each School; Staff Training in the afternoon (Staff/Student Health & Safety)
Cohort B: Freshman & New Student (Gr. 10-12) Orientation In-Person- details coming soon
- January 25th & 26th-** Cohort A begins in-person; Cohort B and Virtual students online
- January 27th & 28th-** Cohort B begins in-person; Cohort A and Virtual students online

In order to execute Plan B, our high school populations had to be split into two cohorts. In order to create the most equitable split, the alphabet was split into the following cohorts:

COHORT A: LAST NAMES A-K
COHORT B: LAST NAMES L-Z

A detailed schedule of when each cohort reports for in-person instruction will be provided to parents by each high school as well as shared on our district website and social media outlets.



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For high school students who elected to remain 100% virtual, students will continue to remain in their same classes, assigned to the same teachers. Virtual students will follow the same bell schedule as face-to-face students returning to each high school, respectively. Virtual students and students in the COHORT who are not face-to-face will log into their google meets to join into the

classroom where their peers who elected to return to in-person instruction will be, creating one whole class. Teachers will navigate both the in-person and virtual instruction.

Attendance has a direct correlation to academic success. Attendance will be taken each period for all students, those in-person and those who are virtual. Students who will be absent should communicate with their teacher in advance whenever possible.

Bus routes for those students who registered for school bus transportation prior to the holidays will be posted Friday to our district website. Due to current restrictions only allowing 24 students per bus, we cannot guarantee any late registrations. Late registrations have been added to a waitlist, but please note there is no guarantee that students from the waitlist may be assigned a bus. Parents of waitlisted students are encouraged to look for alternate arrangements to and from school or have students join their classes virtually. If you need assistance with transportation requests, please email pwalls@currituck.k12.nc.us and jbrick@currituck.k12.nc.us.

Things to remember about the return to in-person instruction:

- All students and staff are required to wear a cloth face covering at all times.
- Before loading the bus or being dropped off, students must complete a health screening and temperature screening. (A temperature of 100.4 or greater means that a student may not load the bus or enter school.)
- Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle to school.
- ALL STUDENTS may eat breakfast and lunch for free through the end of the school year!
- DO NOT send your child to school if they do not feel well. Err on the side of caution and allow them to join the google meets with their teacher from home until they are symptom free.
- Remind your child(ren) that 6ft social distancing is required under Plan B.

We look forward to a smooth transition back for our high school students. If you have any questions, we encourage you to reach out directly to your child's school.