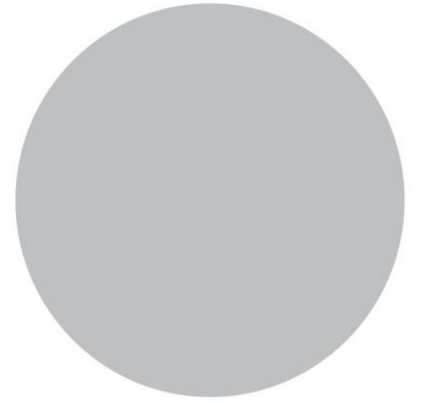




Back to School 2020-2021

Mrs. Cheryl Watson-Harris, Superintendent





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School-based Readiness Efforts in All Regions

Staying Connected: School – Home Communication

- Updating schools' websites
- Creating Back to School video messages for parents and students
- Sending updates through School Messenger
- Establishing Standard Operating Procedures for checking in with families



School-based Readiness Efforts in All Regions

Staying Prepared: Faculty and Staff Readiness



- Welcoming new faculty and staff members
- Conducting ongoing Professional Development
- Ensuring that faculty and staff members have instructional materials, supplies, and support for the start of school
- Realigning the scope of work for virtual learning

School-based Readiness Efforts in All Regions

Staying Engaged: Student and Family Readiness

- Planning virtual Open House and Curriculum Night activities
- Conducting virtual PTSA/PTO, Title I and PAC meetings
- Providing opportunities for weekly virtual parent conferences
- Scheduling classroom guidance activities



School-based Readiness Efforts in All Regions

Staying Ready: Building Readiness

- Monitoring the cleaning, disinfecting and maintenance of school buildings
- Maintaining the exterior aesthetics of buildings and grounds
- Monitoring security devices frequently within the schools to ensure operability
- Ensuring the COVID-19 related supplies are readily available for faculty and staff members

Facilities, Transportation, and Nutrition Readiness

Staying Ready: Operations

- Providing guidance for the enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of school buildings
- Cleaning protocols in place for facilities impacted by COVID-19
- Ensuring the COVID-19 related supplies are delivered to schools for faculty and staff members
- Prepared with additional COVID-19 related supplies as needed to schools and facilities

Facilities, Transportation, and Nutrition Readiness

Staying Ready: Operations

- HVAC adjusted to increase ventilation in accordance with CDC and industry recommendations
- Providing plexiglass partitions at reception desks and public facing workspaces
- Installing hand sanitizer dispensers will in schools at high traffic areas
- Installing bottle fill stations in schools



Facilities, Transportation, and Nutrition Readiness

Staying Ready: Operations

- Providing examples of how to set up classrooms
- Providing guidance on building movement and flow
- Using public health signage throughout facilities for reminders on health practices, protocols and hygiene
- Providing guidance and modeling for class sizes to promote distancing

Facilities, Transportation, and Nutrition Readiness

Staying Ready: Operations



- Transportation is preparing buses for return of students to F2F instruction
- Placing hand sanitizer on buses
- Providing face coverings and face shields for drivers
- Transportation will provide support to delivering meals for students

Facilities, Transportation, and Nutrition Readiness

Staying Ready: Operations

- Student meals (breakfast and lunch) will be distributed to students beginning August 17, 2020
- Student meals provided district wide from 30 schools 3 days each week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)
- Transportation will support delivery of meals
- Grab & Go offered at each meal preparation site 30 schools
- Additional locations and/or curbside Grab & Go will be evaluated weekly.

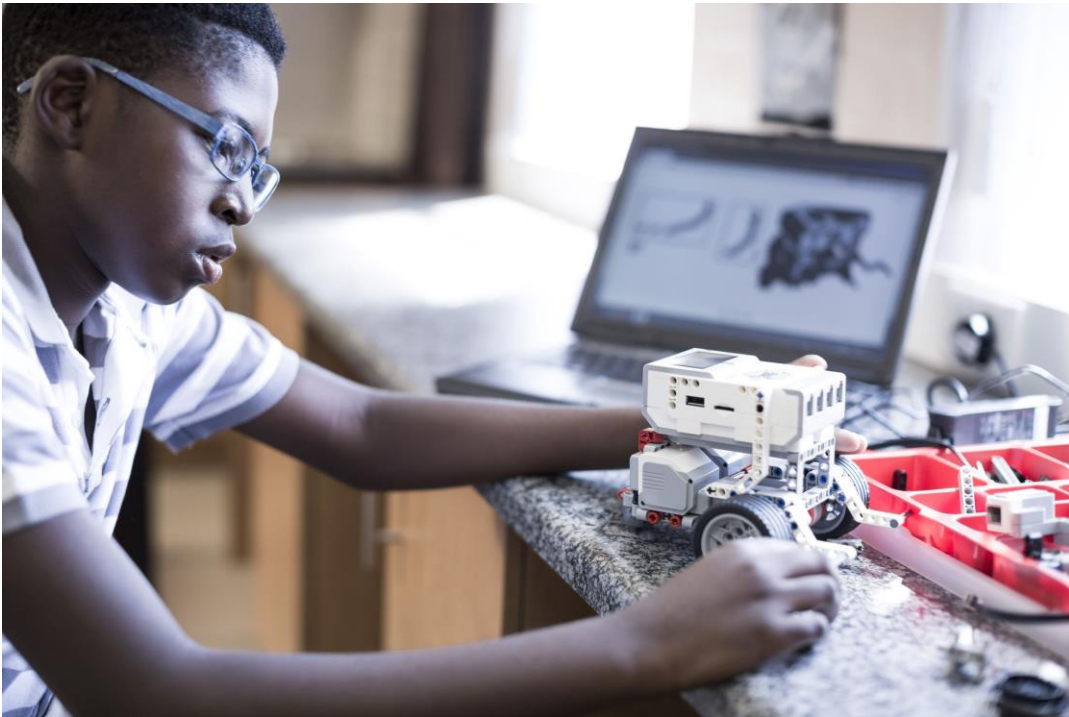
Virtual Remote Learning Readiness

Professional Learning

- Offered the Professional Development Institute for school-based employees August 5th-7th to ramp-up readiness for the virtual learning environment
- Providing strategies and best practices in pedagogy, content, instructional tools and interventions on Wednesdays
- Preparing for "The Bridge" to address learning gaps by reviewing the priority standards and skills from previous courses during the first two weeks of the school year
- Facilitating training sessions on the process for completing the Distance Learning Plan (DLP) for students with disabilities to address IEP programming/services in the remote learning format during the week of pre-planning

Virtual Remote Learning Readiness

What Is Virtual Remote Learning?



- Synchronous – Learning LIVE with the teacher
- Asynchronous – Learning independently at the student's pace (ANYTIME)
- Learning Packets – Learning standards and skills remotely through packets provided by the teachers

Virtual Remote Learning Readiness

Student Attendance

- Measured by the full day through participation in each class
- Defined as evidence of engagement with the assignment(s)
- Measured in the following ways (including, but not limited to):
 - VERGE or Google Classroom check in
 - Assignments submitted that were due on that day
 - Questions to answer on VERGE or Google Classroom
 - Participation in an online discussion
 - Class participation during synchronous session
 - Login to synchronous session
 - Phone call or email with the parent/guardian or related services provider



Virtual Remote Learning Readiness

Student Calendar (179 Days) and Sample Daily Schedule

Schedule Requirements

- Breakfast
- Tech Check
- School Pride
- Extended Learning Time
- Instructional Time
- Tech Breaks
- Lunch
- 7:45 AM – 1:50 PM

Wednesday	Time	Monday/Thursday	Tuesday/Friday
Student Conferencing (Tutoring, Intervention Support, Small Groups, etc.) Parent Conferencing Parent Workshops Additional Meetings IEP MTSS 504 EL Professional Learning for Leaders and Teachers Instructional and Collaborative Planning	7:45 am – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	
	8:30 am – 8:45 am	Technology Check, Gather Materials & Login	
	8:45 am – 9:00 am	School Pride, Announcements, Etc.	
	9:00 am – 9:40 am	Extended Learning Time	
	9:45 am – 10:30 am	Instructional Time	Instructional Time
	10:30 am – 10:40 am	Technology Check, Gather Materials & Login	
	10:40 am – 11:25 am	Instructional Time	Instructional Time
	11:25 am – 11:35 am	Technology Check, Gather Materials & Login	
	11:35 am – 12:20 pm	Instructional Time	Instructional Time
	12:20 pm – 1:05 pm	Lunch Technology Check, Gather Materials & Login	
1:05 pm – 1:50 pm	Instructional Time	Instructional Time	

Devices and Connectivity Readiness

Device Distribution

- Student Chromebook devices have been assessed
- Device purchases have been made, but all will not be in by August 17
- Each school will present a Local School Distribution Plan
- IT working with schools to monitor the progress of distribution



Devices and Connectivity Readiness

Device Distribution

Students can use their own device to access our district's virtual learning environment successfully!

Devices and Connectivity Readiness

Internet Access Resources & Support

- "Connect a Digital Dreamer" Initiative will connect households in need using funding from general budget, grants, and donations
- Student Technology Survey and Needs Assessment
- Considering all carriers to identify best option
- Monitoring Use for ROI
- CIPA Compliant and filtering in place



Devices and Connectivity Readiness

Virtual Learning Systems & Support

- Virtual Learning Systems configured and are ready for teaching and learning
- Support will be multi-faceted – On-Demand Resources, Ask a FUSE, expanded IT Support Center, local school support
- Virtual Learning Support Website:

www.dekalbschoolsga.org/virtual-learning-support

Student Support and Intervention Readiness

Staying Connected: Health Support and Safety

- Continual COVID-19 Health Monitoring
 - Protocol for Reporting
 - Guidance from the Board of Health
- Reinforcement of COVID-19 Best Practices
 - Social Distancing/Signage
 - Face Coverings
 - Handwashing/Sanitizer

Student Support and Intervention Readiness

Staying Connected: Student/Family Support and Intervention

- Student/Family Support

- Mental Health Awareness for Staff and Parents
- Virtual Check Ins with Teachers, School Counselors, Social Workers and Psychologists and Other Staff
- Identification of/Linkage to Community Resources
- Interpretation and Translation of Meetings and Communications
- Virtual Parent Workshops and Innovative Ideas - "Dial a Teacher/Counselor"
- Usage of DSTV for Communication of Strategies to Assist Parents/Guardians and Students

- Registration

- Enhanced Process and Communication to Stakeholders
 - Redesign of website
 - Translation in multiple language
 - Virtual Process for Safety
 - Online Registration Center/International Welcome Center





DCSD School Reopening 2020-2021

The vision of DeKalb County School District is to inspire our community of learners to achieve educational excellence. Our mission is to ensure student success, leading to higher education, work, and life-long learning. We are making this vision and mission a reality – every day, even virtually, throughout the District.



Community Partnerships

The District will continue to collaborate with community partners to provide wraparound services for students and families.

Student Support

Social-emotional support and guidance activity will be provided by school counselors, social workers, psychologists teachers and other staff through the virtual platform. Interpretation and translation support will be available for families to help navigate the academic environment.

Safety and Health

Prevention tips will be shared by school nurses and school staff. Data regarding COVID19 cases will be monitored and reported to the DeKalb Board of Health for guidance.

Technology Access

The District will provide students access to technology (Chromebooks and access points) to facilitate the learning process.

Cleaning

Materials have been provided and protocol will be shared and followed for appropriate cleaning techniques, based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Georgia Department of Public Health and DeKalb Board of Health.

Meal Service

Meal service will be provided for students (bus routes, curbside pick-up).

Parent and Family Engagement

Parents, guardians and families will have the opportunity to participate in virtual empowerment workshops that will provide support while working with students in the digital space.

Virtual Learning/Academics

Leaders, teachers, and support personnel will participate in professional learning to reinforce readiness for distance remote learning as they prepare synchronous and/or asynchronous lessons for students that are rigorous and engaging.



Student Support and Intervention Readiness

Staying Connected: Athletics



- Communication of Established Protocol
- Monitoring of Programs by Athletic Staff, Region Offices and Principals
- Reporting of COVID-19 Exposure Cases to Board of Health for Guidance
- Disinfecting of Weight rooms, Equipment and High Touch Areas