



Kirby High School Transition FAQs

I am a senior. How will this affect me graduating on time? Will our graduation date change?

There will be no direct impact on graduation, but because of missed time, all students have to be fully committed to the academic process.

Will we need to make up the school days we've missed so far?

Currently, we have used the embedded make-up days in the District school calendar. We are seeking guidance from the TN Department of Education on how to approach the additional missed days.

What steps are being made to make-up the loss of instructional time?

We are issuing each student a laptop with access to online virtual courses they can do while they are out of school. Additionally, Kirby HS teachers and administration are working on a plan to cover the lost instructional time by content area once students resume attending school.

How are you supporting students who do not have internet access at home?

We have arranged various access points in the following locations: East Shelby Library, Poplar White Station Library, Cherokee Library, Hickory Ridge Community Center. **Libraries will have dedicated rooms for students.

Are there online course options for students to make-up missed instructional time?

Once school resumes, students will still have their school laptop so they can take additional support classes as needed online. There will also be after school tutoring and Saturday school options, as well.

How do I transfer my child if I want to?

Student services has opened the transfer process only for Kirby HS students for limited period of time. Please keep in mind that student athletes who transfer, will not be eligible to participate in the other school's athletic programs. To apply and for information contact our SCS Parent Welcome Center at 416-5300.

What services will be provided for students with special needs?

All self-contained SPED students will be assigned to Southwind High School and their teacher will accompany them. Any students with an IEP, ELL needs, or 504 accommodations will receive the same services they did at Kirby HS in their new location.

How long will Kirby HS be closed?

All Kirby HS students will be relocated to the two sites, at least for the remainder of the semester.

How can community partners and/or families help?

Stay positive and stay involved! We want to keep the identity and fabric of Kirby HS. Continue to support our students regardless of the location and help maintain the Kirby HS spirit and tradition. Come to athletic events and student performances, participate in mentoring and partnership opportunities. Our students need you to make the best out of this situation so the remainder of the school year is positive. Use the hashtag #KirbyStrong!

What work will be done to Kirby HS to make sure the building is ready for students?

Over the next few weeks, our facilities and maintenance team along with the vendors will be removing all of the pest, addressing the odor issue, replacing the ceiling tiles, cleaning the HVAC units and ventilation system and other renovations.

Will my middle school student be in the same area as the high school students?

Students at Kirby Middle School will be co-locating with our Kirby HS 11th and 12th grade students. We have made arrangements to ensure they have separate entrances, schedules, lunch periods, etc.

Where should Kirby HS school support staff report to?

Nutrition Services – Has already been reassigned to another location and will continue to provide services to students at both locations.

Custodial – We will work with the current vendors to deploy the necessary custodial staff to the new locations.
Administrative support and other school support staff – Your new location will be provided by Kirby HS administration.

Will teacher and staff pay be negatively impacted?

No. Superintendent Hopson has committed to paying all Kirby HS employees through this difficult time.

Will any staff lose their job due to this?

No. Kirby HS employees will not lose their job as a result of this situation.

How will athletics and extracurricular activities be handled?

At this time, the Kirby HS administrative team is working on a plan to ensure all activities take place. We will inform all students and families in the coming days.

How will students get to their new location?

Bus riders – Students will receive the bus stop location and time at the Open House on Saturday, Sept. 15

Drivers – Student drivers will drive their own cars to their respective new school locations. Parking: TBD

Walkers – 9th and 10th grade student walkers will be shuttled from Kirby HS to Dubois MS. 11th and 12th grade student walkers will walk to Kirby MS. More details will be provided at the Open House.

Will breakfast and lunch still be offered?

Yes. All students will receive breakfast and lunch at their new designated locations.

What security measures are in place to make sure our students are safe in this new location?

Our safety and security team will ensure there are officers at each of the locations.

