ReturnSTRONGER

S.A.F.E. Plan for 2020-21 School Re-Entry

SURVEY RESULTS

Vision for Opening Schools

The vision of Shelby County Schools is to strengthen school communities by developing a responsible plan of action to address the re-opening of schools, reimagine teaching and learning in SCS, and change the way students access their materials, their teachers, and their instructional time. The District recognizes that while some families desire a return to a traditional school year, others have embraced alternative approaches to learning and have a desire to continue on this path, even after the pandemic subsides.

Guiding Principles

Our re-entry plans are led by seven guiding principles: Safety, Equity, Communication, Academics, Social and Emotional Learning, Funding, and Partnerships.

69%
of parents support
online learning

27%
of families support
in-person learning at school

71%
of families are very or
somewhat confident
their children can
successfully
learn online

88%
of families believe enhanced
cleaning is an important
factor in their decision
about returning to school

81%
of families can provide
transportation to
all of their children

IMPORTANT CALENDAR FEEDBACK

Based on the overwhelming responses from our teachers, parents and stakeholders who completed the survey, we are maintaining our current Board-approved calendar, adding OPTIONAL fall, spring and weekend academies planned throughout the year to address learning loss.

RE-ENTRY
FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Shelby County Schools is preparing for both in person and virtual learning options for the 2020-21 school year as a result of COVID-19. With the June 29, 2020 announcement by Governor Bill Lee placing Tennessee under continued State of Emergency through August 29th, SCS is taking the necessary steps to assure families and all stakeholders that we have a plan to continue educating children in the midst of this pandemic.

Due to growing concern for student safety and parental interest in online learning, SCS is committed to offering options for all SCS families that will assure an equitable academic experience for all students, regardless of if students are in person or at home virtually. During the week of July 6th, parents will be asked to commit to one of two options for their student(s) to return to school for the Fall semester. Those two options are as follows:

Reentry Instructional Commitment Options for Fall 2020

Option 1:
In-School Instruction

- Students will attend their assigned school daily, teacher-led instruction

- Digital curriculum platform to ensure learning continues without any disruption if an unexpected school closure occurs

- Enhanced health & safety protocols (increased cleaning, mask usage, frequent hand-washing, hand sanitizer stations & social distancing)

- Reduced class transitions & large group interaction to ensure social distancing

- Similar enhanced health & safety protocols on school buses

Must complete the entire first semester in school; Parents should be prepared for the possibility of an unexpected short-term school closing based on guidance from health officials.

Option 2:
At-Home Virtual Instruction

- Students will remain registered at their assigned school, but will remain at home and attend classes online daily, teacher-led instruction

- Support services available (ex. IEP meetings, ESL support, social emotional support, etc.)
- Virtual parent meetings available

- Limited availability of extracurricular programs & activities that require on-campus participation

Must complete the entire first semester virtually

Back to School Commitment Timeline
2020-21

- July 6, 2020 - Parents can begin to access their Power School Parent Portal to make their selection on how their student will return to school for the Fall 2020 semester.

- Parents will select Option 1 (In-School Instruction) or Option 2 (Virtual At-Home Instruction).

- Parents will have until the end of day July 18th to make their selection.

- Parents who do not make a selection will automatically be defaulted to In-School Instruction for their student throughout the Fall 2020 semester.

Accessing the PowerSchool Parent Portal

REGISTRATION, GRADES, REPORT CARDS & MORE!

PowerSchool accounts are required for registration and school choice applications. Once you create an account, save your login information for easy access to your child's grades and other important student information all year.

HAVE AN ACCOUNT BUT FORGOT YOUR LOGIN?

If you forget your username and/or password, go to the PowerSchool login page at scstn.powerschool.com/public, and click the "Forgot Username or Password?" link. You'll need the email address associated with your account to recover your username and/or password.

DON'T HAVE AN ACCOUNT OR FORGOT YOUR EMAIL?

Contact your child's school or the Parent Welcome Center (416-5300) to set up a new PowerSchool account or recover the email address associated with your account.

COVID-19 SPREAD PREVENTION
CONSIDERATIONS AS IDENTIFIED BY THE TASK FORCE

Daily wellness checks & surveys

Partner with local health agencies to monitor COVID-19 surges

All students and adults must wear a mask when entering schools, district buildings and on school buses

Restrict sharing of devices and supplies at school locations.

Staggered pick up and drop off schedules with no parents entering school buildings

Regular & rigorous cleaning/disinfecting at all locations

Regular hand-washing schedules & access to hand sanitizer

PLEASE STAND AT LEAST 6 FT APART

Regulate the distancing of student desks to the extent possible at all school locations.

Mental Health and Counseling Supports for Families, students and staff

Restrict student groups from interacting during recess, lunch, (etc.).

PSAs utilizing K-12 student leaders to promote safety and awareness.

STOP

COVID-19 safety awareness orientation lessons at all schools during the first few weeks of the 2020 – 2021 school year.

Signage posted at all schools to promote healthy practices and social distancing.

Parent release form stating that the parent understands the conditions of what students can expect with going to school this year.

COVID-19 Hotline for employees who notice violations and non-compliance.

ACCESS FOR ALL
DIGITAL DEVICE DISTRIBUTION TIMELINE

- Board approved contract with Microsoft & HP on June 15 for 1:1 Digital Device Plan

- Tablets for grades Pre-K-2; Standard laptops for grades 3-8; Laptop with expanded storage capacity for grades 9-12

- Device distribution to begin in mid-July

Distribution Timeline

Grade Level	Timing
*Priority Group - Fully Virtual	Mid-July
High Schools	Early August — Mid-August
Middle Schools	Mid-August – Late August
Pre-K & Elementary Schools	Late August – Early September
Anticipated Start Date	August 31, 2020

Next Steps

Week of July 6

- Community engagement and communication of full re-entry plan to Board, parents and other stakeholders
- Return to School Commitment released for parents as part of registration (in-person or online learning through student's school)

Week of July 15

- Device deployment process to begin

July 24

- Deadline for Academics (Continuous Learning) plans to be submitted to the State for waivers.