



Furlow Return to School & Pandemic Plan, 2021-2022

Grade Levels	K-12
General Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School attendance is required, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM until 3:15 PM ● Breakfast is served beginning at 7:30 AM ● Scholars are marked tardy beginning at 8:00 AM ● All instruction will be given by Furlow Advisors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No Edgenuity or Georgia Virtual School classes will be offered ● All supplemental services will be provided during the regular school day, including Gifted, ELL, Special Education, Remedial Education, EIP, World Languages, Bridges, and PE
Falcons' Nest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scholars will be served from 3:15 PM to 6:30 PM in the gym, in order to provide as much social distancing as possible ● Early drop off will begin at 7:00 AM at the gym ● A maximum number of 50 scholars will be served, first come, first served - based on completed applications AND paid tuition ● Scholars must be picked up no later than 6:30 PM ● The application is available here: Falcons' Nest Application
Gatherings Outside the Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Governing Board Meetings will be held in the media center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Links to attend the meetings virtually will be provided on the school's website ● Board Subcommittee Meetings will be held in the media center ● All parent meetings will be held in-person in classrooms and offered virtually or through phone conference, when possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parents will be contacted through Google Meet, phone, or email ● Faculty meetings will be held in the cafeteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible, masks wearing will be recommended, but optional ● School committee and team meetings will be held in classrooms
Supporting Student & School Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents can sign up for Parent Portal access to Infinite Campus in order to regularly monitor their scholar's performance and attendance ● School wide announcements will be posted on our school website (furlowcharter.org), via the school's automated phone call/text/email system, and/or via Google Classroom ● Sports will follow GHSA guidelines and Furlow's Infectious Disease Plan ● Extracurricular clubs and sports team practices will meet in person, following regular schedules ● Scholars with IEPs and those in gifted, EIP, REP and/or English Learner programs will be provided with services accordingly

<p>Preventative Practices and Classroom Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mask-wearing is recommended by the CDC ● Increased frequency for handwashing opportunities will be provided ● Upon leaving/reentering a classroom, everyone will use hand sanitizer ● Personal protective equipment and sanitization-promoting products will be provided to school employees ● Additional sanitation supplies for utilization daily will include foggers ● Drinking spouts on all water fountains will be inaccessible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scholars are encouraged to bring water bottles to fill using the water bottle refill stations on the water fountains ○ Water fountains will be equipped with cups for scholars to use in place of the drinking spouts where the bottle refill stations are available ● P.E. will be held outdoors, if practical; otherwise, P.E. will be held in the gym ● Visitors will be allowed in the building with temperature checks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Temperatures will be taken and recorded in the office ○ Mask wearing is recommended by the CDC and masks will be provided in the office ● Families will be notified in cases when scholars have been quarantined from their child’s class due to identification as a close contact following the DPH definition from the 3/24/2021, update of guidance for schools, if the scholar is assigned to the classroom on the same days as their child
<p>Entering & Exiting the School Building</p>	<p><i>Drop-off Lines</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Families with scholars in grades K-1st drop off at orange hall ● Families with scholars in grades 2nd-5th drop off at red hall ● Families with scholars in middle school and high school drop off at the front of the building ● Families with scholars in a combination of grade levels from elementary, middle and/or high school drop off at the front of the building <p><i>Pick-Up Lines</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Families with First To Go scholars pick up at the orange hall at 3:10 PM ● Families with K-5 scholars pick up at the red hall at 3:15 PM ● Families with middle school and high school scholars pick up at the gym ● Families with scholars in a combination of grade levels from elementary, middle and/or high school pick up at the front of the building
<p>Meal Service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast will be served in the hallways on the way to class and eaten in classrooms ● Lunch will be served and eaten in the cafeteria
<p>Transitioning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classroom furniture will be sanitized at the end of the school day using approved solutions ● Advisors and scholars will be required to use hand sanitizer upon leaving and returning to their classrooms, and to frequently wash their hands with soap and water ● Masks will be recommended in all common areas and provided in the office for any scholar or employee based on request
<p>Empowering Furlow Families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is recommended that eligible scholars and staff members get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Furlow will share information with staff, scholars, and families regarding available resources for obtaining the COVID-19 vaccine. ● Furlow will share guidance and information with staff, scholars, and families on the proper use, wearing, removal, and cleaning of masks, such as CDC’s guidance on How to Wear Masks and CDC’s Use of Masks to Slow the Spread of COVID-19.

<p>Empowering Furlow Families (cont.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is recommended that schools teach and reinforce the use of masks for scholars and staff on buses or other school transportation vehicles, inside school buildings, and anywhere on school grounds. Wearing masks is most important when scholars and staff cannot maintain 6 feet apart from each other, such as in hallways and when moving between classes is necessary.
<p>Remote Learning Services Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Remote Learning (RL) Services Program is designed to be a temporary educational program to help scholars who have a medical and/or psychiatric condition prohibiting or severely limiting physical attendance at school due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ● No more than 25% of the total school population can be approved for RL Services. ● Scholars needing service through the RL Services Program must apply using the Remote Learning Services Application. ● Services will be provided for a total of three hours each week. ● The RL Services Program is approved to be offered for the first semester only. <p><u>Policies and Procedures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A parent, guardian, or an approved adult parent designee as identified in the Educational Service Plan (ESP) shall be present during each entire Google Meet instructional period. ● A table or a desk in a workspace that is well ventilated, smoke-free, clean, and quiet (i.e., free of radio, TV, pets, and visitors) must be provided. ● A schedule for scholar study time between live teacher instructional sessions will be established and the scholar will be prepared for each session with the advisor. ● Instructional materials must be obtained from the school, and assignments completed and submitted on time. ● Assignments will be returned to the regular school advisor for grading if the scholar is on RL services. ● A parent, guardian, emancipated minor, scholar 18 years of age or older, or an approved adult parent designee as identified in the ESP must notify the RL advisor at least 24 hours in advance if an instructional session must be cancelled. The LEA may, at its discretion, reschedule the cancelled session. The RL advisor will notify the parent, guardian, or approved adult parent designee if he/she needs to cancel a session and the session may be rescheduled. ● The RL advisor, in collaboration with the regular school advisor, shall assign grades for the work completed. ● The parent/guardian, emancipated minor, or scholar 18 years of age or older must submit a release form from the licensed physician upon the scholar's return to school. ● To extend RL services beyond the originally identified return to school date, the licensed physician must submit an updated medical referral request form. <p><u>Cause for Dismissal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If the licensed physician recommends that the scholar is able to attend school or can no longer participate or benefit from RL services, the scholar will be removed from the program. ● If the scholar is employed in any capacity that could potentially expose him/her to COVID-19, goes on vacation, regularly participates in extracurricular activities, or is no longer confined at home, the scholar will be removed from the program. ● If the parent, guardian, emancipated minor, scholar 18 years of age or older or adult parent designee cancels three sessions without 24 hours notice, the scholar will be removed from the program. ● If the conditions of the location where RL services are provided are not conducive for instruction the scholar will be removed from the program.

Community Spread Calculation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Community Spread Calculation Plan will be followed to determine whether there is a need to close the facility to limit the spread based on the level of spread in the community. The plan is derived as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will use data obtained from the Department of Public Health (DPH) County Status Report, 14-Day Case Rate by Category, Confirmed COVID-19 Cases to determine the level of spread ○ The report will be checked each Friday. When/if the confirmed positive case rate in Sumter County reaches greater than 300 cases per 100K, all traditional scholars will follow the virtual model for their classes for the following week. Chromebooks will be sent home as needed. ○ The community spread mitigation period will continue for one (1) week, or until the confirmed positive case rate in Sumter County reaches no more than 300 cases per 100K. This determination will be made each Wednesday based on the data available that day via the DPH.
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School Spread Calculation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The School Level Spread Calculation Plan will be followed to determine whether there is a need to close the school or facility to limit the spread based on the level of spread in the school/facility. The plan is derived as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will use internal data obtained from daily reports received from families, confirmed through Nurse McClung and/or administrators to determine the level of spread. ○ The report will be updated daily. When/if the type/level of spread reaches the limits, all traditional scholars in a school level (elementary, middle or high) will follow the virtual model for their classes for the following week or until the return range is met. Chromebooks will be sent home as needed. ○ Based on the small number of available substitutes and in-house instructional covers, the ability/inability to socially distance, the nature of our small organization, our school spread mitigation period will continue for one (1) week, or until the level of spread is reduced as noted in the chart below. Families will be notified each week about whether the return range has been reached. ○ Note: The return range is based on cases completing isolation or quarantine as noted in the following section based on being symptomatic, asymptomatic, vaccinated, or unvaccinated. 																				
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<p>Family Communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Families will be notified in cases when scholars have been quarantined from their child’s class due to identification as a close contact following the DPH definition from the 3/24/2021, update of guidance for schools, if the scholar is assigned to the classroom on the same days as their child ● School wide announcements will be posted on our school website (furlowcharter.org), via the school’s automated phone call/text/email system, and/or via Google Classroom ● Parents are encouraged to sign up for the parent portal through Infinite Campus by contacting the school ● Parents are also encouraged to ensure accurate contact information is on file in the school office, including phone numbers for receiving calls and texts, as well as email addresses for receiving email messages from the school ● Weekly Furlow COVID-19 Status Reports will be published to the school’s website and Facebook page each Monday morning regarding the previous week’s data