

HHS Parents,

DCS and Hernando High School will be following guidelines and suggestions from the MS. Dept. of Education, MS. Dept. of Health, and the CDC.

- These guidelines directly affect normal policies and procedures.
- We will make changes in order to keep all students and faculty safe.

Policies and procedures may change if government/health officials issue new guidelines.

Hernando High School Return to Learn Plan

- HHS is offering normal face-to-face instruction and full-time distance learning. The Virtual Instruction Program (VIP) will allow students to remain enrolled in Desoto County Schools while receiving teacher-facilitated instruction.
- VIP students will not be able to participate in extracurricular activities.
- While it is our intention to start the school year in a traditional manner, it is subject to change during the school year.

Student Safety

- Social distancing will be maintained when possible. This will be our greatest challenge.
- All faculty members will wear facemasks.
- All students are **mandated** to wear a facemask. Masks should be ear loop style and must not contain inappropriate wording or design. Bandanas will NOT be allowed to be worn as a mask.
- Break will be done at the beginning of 2nd block in the classroom.
- Staggered dismissal will be done between classes to limit interaction.
- 1st and 2nd halls will be one-way halls.
- An extra lunch has been added to limit the number of students in the cafeteria.
- Desks will be sprayed with disinfectant before the next class arrives.
- Custodial staff will be cleaning surfaces during class time.
- Bus riders and car riders will be staggered at dismissal beginning at 2:40.
- The school nurse will examine any student /faculty experiencing COVID symptoms.
- Hand washing is highly encouraged.
- Club meetings are to be determined later.

Classroom and Instruction

- Doors will open at 7:00 and classes will begin at 7:45.
- Every student will have assigned seating in every class.
- The use of shared materials will be as limited as possible.
- Social distancing will be done when possible.
- Masks are **mandated** during class.
- Student agendas will be on the school website. Students and parents are encouraged to read.
- Some clubs and participation in organizations may not be available to VIP students.
- **Schoology** will be learning platform used in the classroom and for VIP students. Students will be given login information on or before August 10th.
- Students will be allowed to use the restrooms during class.
- No guest speakers will be allowed until further notice.
- Graduation requirements have changed. Requirements will be consistent with the Mississippi Department of Education (requirements will be available in student handbook).
- The grading scale has been adjusted. It will be on a 10-point scale with 60 being the lowest passing grade (full scale will be available in student handbook).
- The exemption policy has been revised (policy will be available in student handbook).
- **Should we experience school closure, students will be responsible for all assignments given during that time.**

Expectations

Our high expectations at HHS have not changed even though our circumstances have. We are going to do everything possible to keep everyone safe this school year while trying to have “normal” school. Parents must be prepared if students are not able to attend school because of quarantine or school closure. This could apply to individual classrooms, individual schools, or the entire district. Faculty members will be required to wear facemasks during the day. Students are also required to wear a mask during the day.

Schoology is the learning platform the district will be using for this school year. It will be used during the face-to-face instruction and distance learning. This will ease the transition in case of school closures. Students will be able to complete assignments, tests, and view videos from the class. In the case of school closures, this platform will be used for all students. Schoology will allow more rigorous instruction than students experienced during the last nine weeks of school. While face-to-face instruction is best, we have the utmost confidence in our new learning platform and the ability to provide the best possible education for our students.

Sincerely,
Duane Case