



# Shelby Public Schools

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Dear Shelby Families,

We are looking forward to the new school year starting and we need your input!

As follow up from our July 22 message, we have been working at Shelby Public Schools to develop a return to school plan. Our goal is to create a plan that provides structure, yet is flexible enough to meet the unique needs of our students and their families during these uncertain times.

The District understands that what may work for one family, may not necessarily work for another family. In addition, while we know that we will never be able to develop a plan that is perfect for everyone, we have listened to the feedback we have received from students, parents, staff, and our community. As a result, it is important that we develop plans to meet the needs of all students, and providing choice in a return to school plan for families helps the District accomplish this goal.

Beginning on **September 1, 2020**, Shelby Public Schools plans to offer both an in-person learning instructional model and online/remote learning options for students. To help with this process of implementing these plans, the District is requesting parents to select the instructional learning model they want for their student(s).

#### **The Process:**

Parents are asked to select one of the following options, as outlined in the attachment (Shelby Return to Learn Plan). Parents will be asked to click on the link below and enter the option they select for their student(s). If your family has multiple students, a separate form will need to be completed for each student.

The deadline for completion of this interest form is **August 12, 2020**. If you are unable to complete this form, we will look forward to seeing your student(s) return on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions about this plan, or the process we would like you to use, please do not hesitate to call, 231-861-5211.

#### **A Few Extras:**

We know this year will be different. It is important to recognize that each of the online learning models are commitments that must be made by the student and parent. We are allowing you the flexibility to switch at the end of our 9-week terms.

As you know, we do not control everything, and any of the plans proposed by SPS are subject to change based upon legislative action, Executive Order, or mandate by the Michigan Department of Education.

As mentioned in our last update, we have a new online enrollment process, which went live on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Once you have selected the individual learning plan for each of your students, you can enroll your students by clicking on this link: <https://www.shelbypublicschools.net/>



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We are excited to get this year started. When we reach September 1, more than 170 days will have passed since our classrooms and schools have seen students. Our goal is make sure we reopen schools for students and staff, with a focus on health and safety for all.

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding as we have worked through the development of these plans. Additional details, including our most current Return to School plan, along with updates can be found on the District's website.

Sincerely,

Tim Reeves  
Superintendent



# Shelby Public Schools Return To Learn Plan

## Virtual Instruction Phases 1-3

Shelby Schools will shift to remote teaching and learning if the State of Michigan determines a return to phases 1-3 is necessary.

Teachers in grades K-12 will use the Google Classroom learning platform. Daily lessons in every K-12 class will be posted in Google Classroom. This model will have greater learning expectations than last spring.

## In-Person Instruction (Option #1) Phases 4-5

Shelby Schools will provide learning 5 days per week for approximately 6 hours per day. This plan includes a shortened day for the purpose of using teaching staff every hour of the school day to provide more social distancing.

### **Elementary:**

- K-5 students will be required to wear face coverings in large group areas, on the bus, and in the classroom when social distancing is not possible.
- K-5 students will be with their teacher and each other the entire day.

### **Secondary:**

- 6-12 students will be required to wear face coverings throughout the entire school day with the exception of when they are eating or participating in socially distanced outdoor activities.
- 6-12 grade students will take a minimum of three extended time block classes to minimize mixing of students whenever possible.

## Virtual Academy (Option #2) Phases 1-6

Any family may select a fully virtual option for their learner. Certified Shelby K-12 teachers will use a virtual learning platform to provide instruction and support learners in a fully on-line setting.

Virtual learners will remain virtual for at least one marking period with the option to switch learning models on marking period dates throughout the school year.

### **Please Complete form by August 12th:**

Please complete the following form to indicate your student's learning choice and transportation needs.

### **Return To Learn Choice**

We will be following the CDC/Health Departments guidelines for the safety of our students and staff. Attached are the most current guidelines:

**COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL TOOLKIT**

**COVID-19 CASE AT SCHOOL HANDOUT**

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