

We are excited to begin the 2020-21 school year. While the changing course of the COVID-19 has required us to alter traditional plans for the upcoming year, we will begin the school year on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020** with face-to-face and temporary remote instruction. We are committed to accommodating our scholars and families to the best of our ability as we strive to provide our scholars with a quality education in a safe and supportive learning environment. This list of key questions and answers has been developed to openly share information and proactively answer questions regarding the 2020-21 school year.

Please continue to check our website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts frequently for updates and answers to questions you may have. If you need additional support or clarification, please call or email us at (843) 990-5200 or [deerparkoffice@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:deerparkoffice@charleston.k12.sc.us). Thank you for your continued support and trust in the Deer Park Middle School faculty and staff as we try our very best to navigate these uncertain times. Please stay safe and healthy.

### **What is the first day of school for the 2020-21 school year? What does the calendar look like for 2020-21?**

The academic calendar was revised to have students begin instruction on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**. Additionally, the first two days of school, **Tuesday, September 8 and Wednesday, September 9** are early dismissal days. Releasing scholars early allows us to meet with the faculty and staff to monitor operating procedures. Students will be released at 1:30. Here is a direct link for the calendar: [2020-21 Academic Calendar](#).

### **What learning models are available for my scholar?**

The CCSD Board of Trustees approved options for the instruction to start the school year as part of our Safe Restart Plan: temporary remote, in-person, and the CCSD Virtual Academy.

With the **temporary remote option**, students will remain at home to receive instruction online. Deer Park teachers will work from school teaching Deer Park students who are learning from home. Students will follow a daily schedule of classes and evening tutoring and academic support will be available. Remote learning will be different than what was offered in the spring since it will consist of teacher-led instruction. Teachers will provide live online instruction and interact with students via several online platforms (i.e. Zoom, Canvas) to closely track their attendance, participation, progress, and work.

Based on COVID trends, some students who choose to do so will begin the year **in person**, 5 days a week at school. The number of students attending Deer Park is dependent upon

COVID trends, advice of health experts, the building capacity, and teacher availability. Enrollment will be monitored and expanded as COVID trends improve.

The **CCSD virtual academy** is coordinated through the district office--not Deer Park teachers or administration. Students will remain at home and all instruction will be delivered online. The minimum commitment to participate in the CCSD virtual academy is 9 weeks or the first quarter. At the middle and high school levels, some of the courses in the Virtual Academy will be delivered in an asynchronous (pre-recorded) manner. This is an independent model of learning – mirroring virtual models across the country. In this mode, it is difficult to offer students a diversity of classes.

### **I've verified my enrollment preference (learning model), how will I know how my child will return to school?**

We understand that individual parent comfort level with returning to face-to-face instruction is an important consideration when bringing students back to the building. Parents who preferred and/or confirmed in person learning will be able to be accommodated at this point. The preference information has been used to create schedules and teacher assignments. Parents who did not note an enrollment preference will be enrolled in the temporary remote classes.

### **I did not indicate an enrollment preference and would like my child to come to school in person?**

The percentage of in-person could be adjusted every two weeks using the two-week ranges, with reports to the Board every week and parents/teachers given at least a 2-week notice before implementing. As health/safety metrics improve and student/parent interests align we could bring back increased numbers of students.

### **I selected the temporary remote option, but I would like my child to come to school in person?**

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### **My child will need bus transportation. Where can I find information?**

The bus stops for the 2020-2021 school year are now posted on the district website, [ccsdschools.com/transportation](https://ccsdschools.com/transportation). Links for elementary, middle, high, and magnet school bus stops are available for you to review on this page.

If you believe that there is not a bus stop within 3/10 of a mile from your home, please submit a bus stop request through our [Bus Transportation Complaint and Feedback Form](#). Bus stops will normally not be added if there is already an existing bus stop within 3/10 of a mile of your home.

Bus stop requests received after September 25, 2020, will be reviewed and processed as soon as possible. CCSD's Department of Student Transportation will update requesters through the email address supplied in the online request form.

The CCSD Department of Student Transportation is also working on a new Delayed Bus Notification system, called First View App. Information on how to sign up for First View will be posted in the near future.

### **What school supplies do I need to purchase for my scholar?**

Deer Park will provide a chromebook and school supplies for each scholar. Families should not have to purchase any materials for instruction, however, if you are interested in enhancing what we'll provide, you may refer to our [school supplies list](#).

### **Will meals be provided during virtual learning?**

Yes, we are still waiting for guidance from Nutrition Services about how we can get meals to scholars.

### **How will Deer Park prepare parents to help scholars?**

We will host Virtual Parent Orientation and Open House on Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 6:00-7:00 pm. At orientation, we will train parents on technology and offer the opportunity to meet teachers. An email will be sent with registration information.

You can also visit the following links for more information:

[IT Resources for Parents](#)

[Remote Learning Resources for Parents](#)

### **Will students be required to wear uniforms?**

If scholars are attending school in person, they will be required to follow the [Deer Park Middle School Uniform Code](#). Scholars who are attending school temporary remotely should follow the [CCSD Dress Code Policy](#).

### **How much are student fees and how do I pay them?**

Student fees are \$30. Ten dollars covers the technology insurance for the chromebooks, and twenty dollars covers instructional materials and consumables. You may pay fees online at <https://deerparkmiddle.revtrak.net/> or in person when you pick up supplies. If you have questions or need assistance please contact Mrs. Cindy Echols at (843) 990-5205 or [cindy\\_echols@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:cindy_echols@charleston.k12.sc.us).

### **What are LEAP Days?**

Please see [this document](#) for additional information regarding LEAP Days.

## **When can I pick up schedules, chromebooks, and supplies?**

Scholars who are registered for LEAP days will receive their schedule, chromebook, and supplies during LEAP. Schedules will be available in Parent Portal on Friday, August 28. Scholars who are not registered for LEAP will be able to pick up supplies using the schedule below. When you come to pick up supplies, please be prepared to complete the [CCSD Student Mobile Agreement](#), CCSD Student Code of Conduct, and the School Nurse Health Information (Emergency Card).

Tuesday, September 1	7:00 am-7:00 pm
Wednesday, September 2	8:00 am-5:00 pm
Thursday, September 3	8:00 am-5:00 pm
Friday, September 4	8:00 am-12:00 pm

## **Coming Soon...**

In Person FAQ

Temporary Remote FAQ