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PRISCILLA COLE, PRINCIPAL

Greetings parents and guardians,

As we prepare for concurrent learning in which students will be receiving instruction via the hybrid/in-person model and the distance/remote model, we want to provide you with some reminders and other important information. As hybrid students are being phased in, you will receive a weekly notification each Thursday and/or Friday in preparation for the upcoming week. Please make sure you read these notifications in their entirety for the most up to date information.

**Starting the week of March 29, 2021**

*We will continue with the learning schedule below until further notice.*

### Learning Schedule

- 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are participating in **hybrid learning** schedule for in-person learning is below.
  - **BOTH Group A: Last names (A–Lo) and Group B: Last names (Lu–Z)** will report for in-person learning four days each week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
    - *Parents/guardians if you are uncomfortable with your student participating in hybrid learning with both groups reporting four days a week and you would like to change them to distance/remote learning, email Ms. King at [Melanie.King@dekalbschoolsga.org](mailto:Melanie.King@dekalbschoolsga.org).*
  - 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in distance/remote learning will continue learning virtually Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

### Changing Learning Model

- The window to change your student's learning model choice for the next grading period is now open. If you would like to change your choice, please email Ms. King at [Melanie.King@dekalbschoolsga.org](mailto:Melanie.King@dekalbschoolsga.org). You only have to email Ms. King if you are changing the choice for your student. If you do not email Ms. King, we will assume your student will continue with their current learning model. Changes for the next grading period will start April 26, 2021.

### Instructional Expectations

- Teachers will provide concurrent instruction. Concurrent means teachers will be providing instruction to students who are hybrid and those who remain distance/remote simultaneously. Teachers will provide the best instruction they can to both groups simultaneously while taking the necessary safety precautions to remain safe and to monitor both groups of students. Because teachers will be providing instruction simultaneously, there may be times when students who come for hybrid/in-person learning may still be required to log into Teams, Zoom, etc. to receive instruction as the teacher manages two groups of students at the same time.
  - All class periods for both hybrid/in-person and distance/remote learners will be 90 minutes. Unlike when all students were learning virtually, teacher's live synchronous/whole group instruction could last longer than 30 minutes. Please reach out to your student's teachers for more information on how they will facilitate concurrent instruction for their classes.
  - Once concurrent learning starts on 3/9/21, there will be four (4) lunch periods. The attached daily instructional schedule captures the four lunch periods during 3<sup>rd</sup> period. Both, hybrid and distance/remote learners will follow the same daily instructional schedule.
- Students who will participate in hybrid learning must bring their fully charged Chromebook whenever they report to school. Your student can bring their own personal device and use the guest network. Please note, we cannot troubleshoot personal devices. If you prefer your child to have a district issued Chromebook, please

stop by the school on Wednesdays between 9am-1pm to pick up a Chromebook. Please note that despite our best efforts, there may be technology glitches as we begin concurrent learning. **Also, students are highly encouraged to bring their own earbuds/headphones with an internal microphone to class in case they need to use it during instruction.**

- Depending on staffing and class size requirements, we may have to make changes to the master schedule. Your child's teacher(s) could change as well as their class period(s) for hybrid and/or distance/remote learning. Any schedule changes will be communicated to students and parents by their counselor and/or by the Assistant Principal of Instruction, Mr. Jameson

### **Safety Protocols**

- AS advised by the CDC, everyone is required to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies such as wearing masks, social distancing to the greatest extent possible, and conducting frequent hand hygiene.
  - Please click on the links below or go to the [DHS website](#) for the reopening guide for additional safety protocols and requirements.  
[DHS Reopening Guide for Students & Parents](#)  
[DHS Safety Protocols Video for Students](#)
- We will do the best we can with the resources we have to maintain a safe, effective, and engaging school environment. However, if you have any apprehensions about our ability to keep your student safe in the hybrid environment, feel free to keep your student in the distance/remote learning environment.

Our goal is to communicate and provide information in the various home languages of our families at DHS. However, there are times when documents are not translated in all languages in a timely manner. Therefore, we would like to provide a resource in which families can use, as needed, to translate documents. Google Translate will translate text and entire documents. Click [here](#) to use Google Translate.

Lastly, please stay tuned next week for a memo regarding concurrent learning during the week of March 15<sup>th</sup> for the remaining grade levels.

Thank you,

Priscilla Cole, Principal

*be Kind - be Collaborative - be Connected*

### **Additional Resources**

[DHS Bell Schedule \(English\)](#)

[DHS Bell Schedule \(Spanish\)](#)

[Bus Routes](#) (scroll down and click on Dunwoody High School for the bus routes)

[Instructional Concerns Flowchart \(English\)](#)

[Instructional Concerns Flowchart \(Spanish\)](#)

[Faculty & Staff Email Address Locator](#)