



CDMS/HS Opening Plan: September 2021

➤ EXPECT EXCELLENCE

#### Welcome!

The following presentation outlines the updated opening of school for the 21-22 school year.

If you have questions, please put them into the chat. When the presentation is over, we will do our best to answer as many questions as possible.



# **Guiding Principles**

- Follow all DOH/CDC guidelines to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors
- Support the social/emotional health of students and staff
- Maximize learning opportunities that prioritize in-person learning for ALL students and provide the most effective educational environment possible

### Instruction

- CDMS/HS is excited to welcome back 100% of our students!
- All students will receive effective high quality instruction in person 5 days a week (no remote)
- Students use iReady, iXL, and many other online programs
- All teachers will utilize assessment data to drive instruction and increase student success
  - Quarterly benchmarks
  - Quarterly I-Ready assessments (for MS)



## **Academic Needs**

- Hired additional teachers; more sections per grade
- Smaller class sizes allow for individual attention
- We made this a priority and ensured an average class size below 20 students
- Pre-assessments for all students in all classes



# Social Emotional

- Positivity Project
  - Character based program focused on 24 character traits
  - #otherpeoplematter mindset & #PositivityInAction
- Other Supports
  - School Counselor
  - School Social Worker
  - School Psychologists
  - Greene County Mental Health Clinician
  - Twin County Recovery Services
- HS PBIS program



#### If You Have Concerns

- 1. Reach out to your child's counselor/teacher
- 2. Give it some time
- 3. Administrator / other provider
- 4. Communication is the key

# **Exploratory / Elective Courses**

- Band/chorus will resume performing (6 ft)
- Gym classes now at 6 ft instead of 12 ft
- School musical scheduled to return in the Spring
- Band group & individual lessons



#### Masks

- All faculty, staff, and students must wear masks indoors in all public places
- This includes buses, entering and exiting the school, throughout the hallways, bathrooms, and in classrooms
- Mask breaks will be permitted when safe to do so
- Students must wear masks when entering/exiting the cafeteria, and can remove masks only when seated and their food is provided
- Masks are not required when outside

### Meals and Recess

- All grades will eat breakfast in HS cafe
- Students eat lunch 3 ft apart
- Recess outside
  - students can use equipment
- Indoor recess in gyms when inclement weather
- Masks not required when outside



# Health Screening

- There will not be health screenings for students upon arrival
- Parents/guardians are responsible for screening their child's health each morning before school
- Please do **not** send your child to school if they have a fever above 100 degrees F or any other COVID-19 symptoms



#### Health Office

- Students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home
- There are 3 ways to return to school
  - 1. Obtain a negative COVID test
  - 2. Obtain an alternate diagnosis from your healthcare provider
  - 3. Wait out the number of quarantine days
- Find more health related information at <u>http://www.nysed.gov/back-school/health-and-safety-guide-2021-2022-school-year</u>



# Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing between students reduced from 6 ft to 3 ft
- 6 ft still in effect for activities with a higher risk of transmission such as band, chorus & P.E.
- Seating charts strictly enforced in all settings for contact tracing and quarantine purposes (proximity)





# First Day of School

- Tuesday, September 7th!
- Parent drop off / pickup loop
- Bus Loop
- Student drivers (HS)
- Main Entrance but look for signs



#### Chromebooks

- All students who have a school-issued Chromebook should bring it to school on September 7th
- Make sure the device and the charger are sent to school
- New Chromebooks will be issued during each student's P.E. class
- We must be prepared to switch to remote instruction in a moment's notice

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

- Bus arrival / dismissal
  - Buses will leave the school around 2:20
  - Students cannot be switched from bus to bus without proper notice to the school
- Parent drop off / pick up
  - All parents/guardians must remain in their vehicles
  - Park in designated areas.
- Student Parking







# **Arrival and Dismissal**

#### Student Parking

- Drivers need to fill out parking pass and submit to main office
  - -license
  - -registration
  - -insurance card
  - -\$20



### We Got This!

With the collaborative dedicated efforts of everyone, we will provide our students with a safe, welcoming, and nurturing environment where children can learn.

We have overcome so much together, and we look forward to a successful school year.

Questions? You can always go to www.cairodurham.org for updated information, or email your child's principal at DSchips@CairoDurham.org JMoore@CairoDurham.org