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## RETURN TO SCHOOL 2021-2022

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year. Though this year's Return to School looks different than previous years, we are proud of our community and the implementation of good health practices that will allow us to Return to In-Person instruction. The 2021-2022 school year will be held in person each day on a traditional calendar.

Mitigation strategies are in place and include frequent hand washing, social distancing as feasible, commercial grade sanitization, use of face coverings, and updated ventilation and HVAC units to promote better air quality.

Due to the recent national and local spike in positive diagnosis for COVID-19, the Virtual School Application will be re-opened to allow families to have instructional options based on their specific needs.

In person instruction for grades K-3 remains the available format for younger students due to the consistent direct instruction, monitoring, and individual supports that can be adjusted for younger students who are learning critical foundational skills. Exceptions to this format will be allowed based on individual needs and circumstances if requested by the parent. Exclusionary factors such as previous attendance, current academic standing, or other safety measures will be considered prior to an exception being allowed.

Any student in grades 4th -12th who meet the criteria are allowed to apply for virtual school. The updated application will be open September 3, 2021. The following options are available:

1. Virtual School from Sept 7- Oct 12 (end of quarter 1): This will include use of google classroom and/or independent work packets and materials. Students may have face-to-face remediation on scheduled half-day sessions and scheduled virtual day sessions during times that the building is only occupied by staff. Additionally, remote options into class may be pre-scheduled between the student and teacher with an understanding of the code of conduct and classroom expectations (see student handbook).
2. Virtual School from Sept 7-Dec 17 (end of semester 1): This option will include required modules from the virtual school program, a 3<sup>rd</sup> party

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instructional platform. Access to Chattahoochee County School teachers will be available on half days and scheduled virtual days upon appointment.

Student eligibility for Virtual School will still require the following to be met:

- a. Student must have successfully completed school the previous year with overall passing average.
- b. Student must have demonstrated adequate attendance during the 2020-2021 school year.
- c. Student must have access to internet connectivity and be supervised by a parent/guardian/adult care-giver during school hours. This will be confirmed through the parent's signed affidavit that may be filed with the Juvenile Court Judges.
- d. Student must demonstrate independence as a learner and able to manage time without re-direction.
- e. All virtual students will be required to participate in the End of Course Exams/ Georgia Milestones Assessment associated with their grade/content level. A grade of incomplete will be on report card and transcript until the assessments are completed.

Exceptions to the above criteria will only be allowed if the student presents with a medically documented health need requiring an alternative learning environment or resides in a home in which there is a documented health need.

The updated virtual school application will be available on the [www.chattco.org](http://www.chattco.org) website beginning September 3, 2021.

No action is needed for currently enrolled virtual students. Students currently enrolled in Virtual School require no updated application.

#### **Updates to Calendar for all Students:**

September 17<sup>th</sup>: newly scheduled half day for all students

October 8<sup>th</sup>: approved Virtual Day for all students on 2021-2022 calendar

October 29<sup>th</sup>: newly scheduled half day for all students

November 12<sup>th</sup>: approved Virtual Day for all students on 2021-2022 calendar

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: newly scheduled half day for all students

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