



Deshler High School

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Frequently Asked Questions:

When does school begin?

- Thursday, August 20th at 8:00 a.m. School dismissal time is at 3:00 p.m.
- All students who chose the traditional option will attend each day.
- We will not be on a modified schedule with reduced capacity.

What are the 2 options for education?

- **Traditional:** classroom based instruction with school-specific modifications
- **Full Virtual:** fully online instruction with limited face-to-face.

How do I decide which model is best for my child?

- **Traditional:** choose this model if you want your child to be in the school's classroom each day receiving face to face instruction.
- **Full Virtual:** choose this model if you want your child to be online during the first semester. There will be some time for face-to-face instruction and virtual meetings by appointment only. Google Classroom will be the virtual platform.

What are the expectations for students who choose the virtual option?

Students should...

- Check all classes daily for assignments and teacher updates.
- Check their Tiger tales email account daily.
- Be on time with needed materials and engaged for the entirety of all live class sessions.
- Refrain from using any technology during live-online classes that would not be allowed during a school day on campus—for example, cell phones and gaming devices.
- Actively participate in sessions - make comments, ask questions.
- If possible, be in a quiet workspace that is conducive to learning.
- Complete assignments with integrity (no cheating) and submit them on time.
- Participation in live class sessions is highly encouraged, but not required, and will not be counted as a grade.
- Students are not required to activate the “video” aspect of the conference.

What are the expectations for parents of students who choose the virtual option?

Parents may help by...

- Supporting your student’s teachers in their online instruction.
- Establishing routines and expectations for your student’s day to help provide structure for virtual learning.
- Defining the physical space where your student will study and attend class.
- Monitoring student grades and incomplete assignments in Google Classroom/INOW
- Monitoring communications from your student’s teacher and the school.
- Encouraging your student to do his/her own work so that teachers can evaluate their academic growth.

Can parents be added to their child's Google Classroom so they can see assignments?

- Yes, Parents should notify the classroom teacher (via teacher email located on each teacher page of the DHS website) of the class(es) in which you wish to be added.

If we select our child to be virtual can he or she start out virtual and then move to traditional after the 1st 9 weeks if we feel that is necessary?

- No. The virtual option is a semester long commitment

Can I still decide for my child to go virtual?

- Yes, you have until Wednesday, August 19th to notify the school of your intentions. If you do not notify the school by this date, your child will be placed in the traditional setting.
- Please call the school at 256-389-2910 or email jfuller@tuscumbia.k12.al.us with the students name and grade level.

When will chromebooks be issued?

- Virtual Student Drive Through chromebook pickup for virtual students:
 - Monday, August 17, 2020 at 1:00
- Tuesday Drive Through chromebook pickup for traditional students:
 - 11:00 a.m. - Seniors
 - 2:00 p.m. - Juniors
 - 6:00 p.m.- Juniors and Seniors
- Wednesday: Drive Through chromebook pickup for traditional students
 - 11:00 a.m. - Sophomores
 - 2:00 p.m. - Freshmen
 - 6:00 p.m.- Sophomores and Freshmen
 - Chromebooks are optional for virtual students. Virtual students may decide to use their own device.

Grades 9-12: All traditional students will be issued a Chromebook that they are to use for all assignments in the classroom and at home.

- All students will be allowed to take the Chromebook home with them and must bring the device back to school with them fully charged daily.
- Issuing each student his or her own device will cut down on the possibility of contamination risk if devices are shared.

What is the cost for insurance on the Chromebook?

Grades 6-12:

Number of Children	Paid Lunch Status	Free/Reduced Lunch Status
1 Child	\$20.00	\$10.00
2 Children	\$30.00	\$15.00
3+ Children	\$50.00 maximum	\$25.00

Do I have to purchase the insurance option for the chromebook?

- No. All technology fees will be paid at the local school and must be paid prior to the student being issued a device. Any person desiring a payment option must discuss this with their local school principal. Any person granted a payment option must pay at least 50% of the total payment up front and all payments must be made by the end of the 12th week of school or November 6, 2020.
- If the payments have not been made by this date, the device will be locked down by the Tuscumbia City Schools Technology Department. You may opt out of paying the technology fee. If you opt out of the technology fee, you must assume **all** responsibility of the device to include theft, loss, accidental or intentional damages, or any other incurred cost to replace or repair the device.

When will students know their class schedule?

- Students will be emailed schedules through their Tiger Tales account.

How will virtual students get the classroom codes?

- Students will be invited by their teachers to join the class through their school Tiger Tales account.

What if I can't remember my email password?

- Please email Mrs. Patrice Brown at pbrown@tuscumbia.k12.al.us

For students who attend a traditional school, will there be PE classes?

- PE will be part of the instructional day

Can students learning virtual participate in athletics?

- Yes, students participating in the virtual learning option may participate in ALL extracurricular activities that their school provides.

Can students learning virtual participate in clubs/activities? Band?

- Yes, students participating in the remote learning option may participate in ALL extracurricular activities that their base school provides.

Will lockers be sold this year?

- No. Students who participate in extracurricular activities will have the option to drop off equipment and clothing at those locations before school.

Can my child bring a backpack? Does it have to be clear?

- Yes, students may bring a backpack to school. No, the backpack does not have to be clear.

Will my child have the same teachers in the virtual model as in the traditional model?

- Yes.

Who wears a mask?

- Every employee and every student in grades 2 - 12 are now mandated to wear a mask.

What if I don't want my child to wear a mask?

- The Governor has allowed exemptions for certain cases. The one that applies to school is that if the student has an underlying medical condition that prevents a mask. We simply ask that your doctor provide a note to verify validity of the claim, and your child will be exempt.
- If you can't claim an exemption and still do not want to wear a mask, then you can become a virtual student and have lessons delivered online.

If my child wears a mask, what does it need to look like?

- Masks need to be generic. Just as clothing can be a distraction and lead to disciplinary actions, so too can masks. Don't put obscene drawings or words on masks. Masks should be used for safety, not cause a distraction to others.

What am I required to do as a parent? When should I keep my child at home?

- Each morning you should check your child's temperature and assess them for any symptoms of COVID19 (or any other illness). If your child is running a fever of 100.4 degrees, or shows any other symptoms, contact the school immediately, and quarantine your child. Your child should show no symptoms and be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.
- The following symptoms indicate that students should stay home: Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. Families should self-report symptoms of illness, which could include fever, new onset of cough, etc.

How will parents be notified when someone in their child's school and or grade test positive for COVID 19?

- The school will contact parents and will provide general statements. We cannot provide identifying information about a child who has tested positive in any way. Please understand that we anticipate people will test positive or will show symptoms similar to COVID 19. Many calls may be made during this time. Be patient as we will do the best we can to respond to questions and calls. Contact tracing (specific notifications) will be handled by the parent of the child with guidance from the Alabama Dept of Public Health. The schools are not required to contact each person the child has been in contact with. We will only communicate with general information. The entire class will not need to be quarantined as long as they do not come into contact with the person within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes.

How will the nurses keep the area clean and clear for well students that may need to take regular medications so they are not contaminated by those that are sick?

- Each school is required to have an isolation area for sick children. If a child reports to the nurse sick, he or she will be isolated, given a mask, and the parent will be contacted for pick-up. Those students taking medications will do so with the nurse in a non-isolated area. The nurse's area will be sanitized and cleaned throughout the day.

How will attendance work?

- Regardless of which option chosen, each student is considered present and accounted for each day. If the student is truly absent from traditional school, then a parent or doctor note is required. Students receiving instruction through the Virtual option will be indicated in INOW. Students on quarantine and using Google Classroom will also be indicated in INOW.

How will grading work?

- Grades will count regardless of which option is chosen. Teachers will use Google Classroom as the primary platform and grades will then be inserted into INOW. Parents need to expect some delay in reporting grades. Please be patient as teachers insert grades into INOW.

Will the school still serve breakfast? Lunch?

- We will still serve all meals as normal. Breakfast will begin at 7:35 AM. Students will eat breakfast in their 1st block classroom. Lunch will be eaten in the students 3rd block classroom. Safety precautions will change the delivery method but not the meals.

If my student is virtual, can he or she still eat school lunch?

- Pick-up will be every Tuesday, beginning August 25, from 9:45 am to 10:00 am. The meals will consist of 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches. Some items included in the meals will be ready-to-eat, and others will be heat-and-serve items. An e-mail must be sent to dhsvirtualmeals@tuscumbia.k12.al.us by Thursday, August 20 in order for virtual students' meals to be prepared. Please include the student's name, pin number, school he or she attends, parent's name & phone number. If an email is not submitted, there will be no meals available. If you have students attending multiple schools in our district, please choose the site most convenient for you, and e-mail the school accordingly.
- Students do not have to be present to pick up meals. The pick-up person will need to provide the name of the student they are picking up meals for. You can stop pick-up meals at any time. If you want to end pick-up, please e-mail the same address provided above.
- The cost of meals is based on eligibility criteria. A free and reduced meal application can be filled out online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>. Please note the carryover period for free and reduced meals for the 2020-2021 school year is Thursday, October 1. The carryover period is the amount of time students are allowed by USDA to remain on the prior year's meal status. In order to qualify for free or reduced meals,

parents must complete a new free and reduced meal application every school year. Please visit <https://www.myschoolbucks.us> to put money on your students account. No cash transactions will be allowed for virtual meals.

- Breakfast: \$.30 Reduced & \$1.00 Paid Lunch: \$.40 Reduced & \$2.25 Paid

How do I add money to my child's lunch account?

- We are pleased to offer MySchoolBucks, a convenient online meal payment service. You can now log in to www.MySchoolBucks.com to pay for your student's meals, manage meal balances, and see what your student has purchased!
- Go to MySchoolBucks.com or download the app and register for your free account. Never worry about sending cash or checks with your student to school again!
- If you have any questions, please contact the office at 256-389-2900 ext. 9140.

How often will my school be cleaned?

- **Routine cleaning:** Throughout the workday, the custodial staff will implement a routine of surface cleaning in the major touch point areas discussed such as restrooms and door knobs. Classrooms will be fogged at the end of each day.
- **Deep cleaning:** If a positive COVID-19 case is determined within a school or building, district staff will use an approved chemical and fogging machine to disinfect any area deemed appropriate by contract tracing processes.

What will social distancing look like in the classroom and hallways?

- Spaces between student desks are being extended as much as possible, and teachers are removing unnecessary items from their classrooms to create as much space for student distancing as possible. We are also making preparations to assist with traffic flow in the hallways during class changes.

Does my child need to purchase a parking spot if they will be virtual the first semester?

- No, A virtual student may purchase a parking spot in January at a prorated cost if the decision is made to return to school.

Has a decision been made about athletic events?

- As of now, the AHSAA is moving forward with games for the Fall. Spectators will be required to wear a mask or facial covering as MANDATED by the Governor's Health Order.

Where should I go for more information and forms?

- [Deshler High School / Homepage](#)
- Then click on **For Parents**

Communication is key! How will parents get notifications and information this year?

- We will be utilizing callouts, website, email, and social media. Parents need to make sure they have a working email and an updated phone on file with the school in order to receive updates.
- Deshler High School is on three social media platforms. Below is our official usernames for each:
 - Facebook: Deshler_High
 - Instagram: deshler_high
 - Twitter: Deshler_High

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION NOT LISTED HERE, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CHILD'S PRINCIPAL FIRST.