

Back-to-School Reopening Plans for 2020 – 2021 (As of 8/5/20)

Highlands Christian Academy is dedicated to offering a quality Christian education that meets the current needs of our families. Families may choose between two options. Students choosing to attend on-campus classes will be screened daily for symptoms and temperature readings. All classes, meeting spaces, and activities are being designed to ensure that proper, up-to-date COVID protocols are being followed. New signage, student training, and sanitization stations will be present throughout the Highlands campus. Students choosing to utilize our online classes will receive the same level of quality instruction as on-campus students. Online learning will require students to attend all live classroom meetings and produce the same level of work as the on-campus students.

We desire to provide a positive learning environment that focuses on the safety and well-being of the Highlands community, as well as students' academic achievement and learning. After spending much time reviewing and evaluating information and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and American Academy of Pediatrics, as well as numerous other state and local health and education agencies, we are developing a comprehensive plan to provide students with on-campus classes five days a week. Please keep in mind that changes may be made to the following items as new information becomes available. Below are some of the procedures and protocols we will be putting into place as we start back to school on Friday, August 28 for K5-12th grade.

- Students in kindergarten (K5) through 12th grade are required to wear an approved cloth face covering when arriving on and moving about campus. The parent or guardian will supply all the child's face coverings.
- Cloth face coverings are to be worn properly and must cover the nose and mouth at all times.
- When students are seated in the classroom, they may wear an approved clear face shield that extends from the forehead to below the chin, and wraps around the sides of the face.
- Cloth face coverings or face shields may be removed only when necessary (briefly when drinking during the day or while eating lunch/snack).
- Cloth face coverings and face shields are to be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Each morning, school staff will conduct temperature checks and screenings during car line before students exit the vehicle. Students with a temperature higher than 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted to exit the vehicle.
- Once students have been approved to exit the vehicle, they must go directly to the classroom, maintaining social distancing as feasible.
- Students and staff will follow directional hallways and sidewalks.
- Safety reminders and cautionary signage will be placed around campus.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and at the entrances and exits of buildings.
- Proper handwashing will be taught and expected with reminders throughout the day.
- Student desks will all face the front of the classroom and be distanced as feasible.
- Students in kindergarten – 3rd grade will eat lunch in the classroom.
- Students in 4th – 12th grade will eat in the cafeteria, while distancing.
- Elementary students will remain in the classroom for special classes. Special class teachers will come to the homeroom classroom for special classes.
- Each K3 - 5th grade class will have a designated recess/break time and will not have recess with another class.
- Each student is required to have an individual water bottle with his/her name clearly marked on the bottle.
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitization will take place in classrooms and common areas around campus throughout the school day as well as after school hours.
- Students will use their own individual books and school supplies and will not share materials with other students.
- Any student who has a temperature above 99.9 degrees during the school day will be isolated, and parents will be notified to come pick him/her up right away.

** Masks must be a solid color and should not have graphics or writing on them. Face covering with Highlands' logo may be purchased.*