

# HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

## GATOR HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

The mission of Hampton County School District 2 is to provide a rigorous, personalized environment of academic excellence that prepares Each child, Each Day and in Every classroom to be college/career and citizen ready with no excuses.

July 27, 2020



**Mr. Martin L. Wright, Superintendent**

### **“Together We Rise” Back to School Guide 2020-2021 School Year**

Dear Hampton County School District 2 Families,

With incredible support and leadership from our Board of Trustees and countless hours of work by our teachers, principals, district office leaders, parents and the District AccelerateED committee, we developed our “Together We Rise” Back to School Guide for the 2020-2021 school year. Here are a few items discussed in the guide. To read the full Back to School Guidance plan, please visit our district home page at [www.hampton2.k12.sc.us](http://www.hampton2.k12.sc.us). The abbreviated edition has been divided into three areas to include Instruction, Student Services/Transportation, and Operations (Health & Safety).

#### **Instruction**

##### **Learning Model**

With COVID-19 cases again on the rise, the **Hybrid model** is the recommended model for the district. In this model, all students will attend face-to-face school two days per week with an assigned group. Students will belong to Group A or Group B (for example, Monday/Wednesday for Group A and Tuesday/Thursday for Group B). All students will participate in remote learning at home three days per week. On Fridays, students will engage in full distance learning from home. Teachers will plan and grade student work providing feedback, plan and conduct student and/or parent conferences, participant in professional learning and custodial staff will deep clean school buildings.

##### **School Start Time for 2020-2021**

Listed below is our new start and ending time for all schools.

<b>Estill Elementary School</b>	<b>Estill Middle &amp; Estill High Schools</b>	<b>Students are expected to follow the bell schedule when learning from home.</b>
Schedule: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm	Schedule: 7:30 am – 2:30 pm	

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**LEAP Days** - The South Carolina Legislature appropriated funds (H5202, Act 142) specifically for all students in grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to attend five additional day of instruction in preparation for the new school year. The acronym LEAP below breaks down teaching and learning expectations for the bootcamp.

**Learn** - Revisit prior content and skills

**Evaluate** - Diagnostic activities and review of student Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

**Analyze** - Data analysis

**Prepare** - Social and Emotional Preparation, Professional Development, and establish routines and procedures

**LEAP Week** learning and assessments - PreK - 8th Grade - August 24-28, 2020 Students

### Student Services/Transportation

#### Calendar Adjustments:

- August 24-28, 2020 – LEAP Week learning and assessments begin
- August 31, 2020 – New Teacher Professional Learning
- September 1-4, 2020 - All Teachers and Staff Return Planning/Professional Learning
- **September 8, 2020 – First day of school for all PreK-12 students**  
**Hampton County School District 2 Classes Begin**

#### Student Registration

The district is implementing a new registration format for the 2020-2021 school year. All students currently enrolled and new enrollees are required to complete the online student registration form. Parents will be asked to select the preferred learning model for their child in preparation for the new school year. The online student registration form is conveniently located on the district website. You can access the registration form by following this URL:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QLJYVxzZ30yurs22sY\\_65kmsjHBZBRZlj\\_2o7gCpwoBUMFoxVldYMVRDSVhPS1dMUzRPNU4xRko3Uy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QLJYVxzZ30yurs22sY_65kmsjHBZBRZlj_2o7gCpwoBUMFoxVldYMVRDSVhPS1dMUzRPNU4xRko3Uy4u).

Parents who do not have internet access can complete the online registration at the district office by scheduling an appointment with Jloundia Johnson, Coordinator of Student Services. Ms. Johnson can be reached by voice at 803.625.5024 or by email at [JohnJlo@hampton2.k12.sc.us](mailto:JohnJlo@hampton2.k12.sc.us) to schedule an appointment. It is imperative that all parents register their child(ren) for return to school.

#### Bus Registration

In order for students to ride the school bus for the 2020-2021 school year, a registration form must be completed prior to August 17, 2020. The bus registration form will be made available for parents to complete beginning the week of August 3, 2020. Please go to the district's website to access.

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### **Student Nutrition - What will look different this year:**

- Elementary School students will receive their meals in the classroom.
- Middle School and High School students will pick up their lunch from a designated area and eat in the classroom.
- Meals will be provided for students on days when they are not physically attending in-person instruction. These meals will be made available for distribution by the Office of Student Service/Transportation.
- Bottled Water will be available at all times for all students.
- Meals will be served using disposable plates and utensils.

### **Operations**

#### **Social Distancing**

All schools and facilities are taking actions to ensure all campus spaces support health and safety. These actions include signage and floor markings to remind students of social-distancing practices. There may be some changes to foot-traffic flow through buildings and furniture placement in the classrooms. The District recognizes that some parents of students with complex medical needs will have additional concerns. Students with disabilities and employees who work with them are expected to practice social distancing when possible.

#### **Visitors**

In an effort to protect the health and safety of our community, only essential visitors will be allowed on school campuses to minimize the number of people on-site. No outside guests will be allowed to visit the classroom or during lunch time. All efforts will be made to keep necessary visitors to a minimum, including the use of virtual or telephone meetings with families and guests. Parents meeting on-site with school staff must follow social-distancing guidelines and wear masks when appropriate.

#### **Face Coverings**

The district will require the use of face coverings for students and staff. The district is providing a face covering to all staff and will provide a face covering for any student who cannot provide their own. The district may also install Plexiglas shields at student seating in classes where class sizes may limit social distancing options. These measures are being implemented in an effort to promote a safe and healthy learning environment for our students and staff.

#### **Handwashing**

The CDC recommends everyone wash their hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Schools will be incorporating handwashing breaks into the school day and reinforcing handwashing during key times throughout the school day. If your child has sensitivities to hand sanitizer, please communicate this with your child's teacher and school nurse so they can provide your child other opportunities to clean their hands.