

Hamilton County Responses

- **What is the district's anticipated first day of school?**
August 10, 2020
- **What school options will parents have to choose from?**
Parents will have 4 options to choose from:
Option 1) Students return to brick and mortar school full-time
Option 2) Innovative Learning Program -a combination of home and school with live instruction being provided.
Option 3) Hamilton Virtual Program
Option 4) Homeschool/Private School
- **What will these options look like and entail?**
Option 1) Students return to brick and mortar school full-time with additional safety & cleaning protocols in place.
Option 2) Innovative Learning Program – Students will be working in combination from home and school with live instruction and expected to follow a daily schedule provided by a teacher from their assigned school.
Option 3) Hamilton Virtual Program – Students will be registered as a full-time Virtual Program student based on the Hamilton Virtual Program eligibility requirements. Teachers will be provided through the Northeast Florida Education Consortium. This program is provided entirely online.
Option 4) Homeschool/Private School – Student will be enrolled by the parent in Hamilton Homeschool Program or Private school instead of returning to the school campus.
- **When the parents choose an option, will this option be for the entire school year or will the options be revisited every semester?**
Option 1) Students return to brick and mortar school full-time. Beginning August 10 and continuing through the 2020/2021 school year.
Option 2) Innovative Learning Program – This option may only be available for the first semester unless further authorization from DOE is given to extend into the second semester.
Option 3) Hamilton Virtual Program – Parents must follow the commitment by the Hamilton Virtual Program.
Option 4) Homeschool/Private School – Parents may reenroll their child in the public school any time.
- **Will parents have the opportunity change the selected option? Is there a cutoff date to do so?**
Option 1) Students return to brick and mortar school full-time – parents may choose to move to options 2) Innovative Learning Program, (only during the first semester unless the DOE allows the option to be available past second semester), option 3) Hamilton Virtual Program,(there are deadlines for enrollment in this option) and option 4) Homeschool/Private School
- **If brick and mortar schools will re-open, what are the safety and sanitation measures and/or policies that will be in place? Are there any exceptions?**
Please see Hamilton County School District website for the 2020/2021 Reopening Plan.
- **If brick and mortar schools will re-open, will there be an alternate school schedule, for example, shortened day or block scheduling?**
Schools will operate on a normal 5 day per week schedule. PK-6th grade hours are 8:10 am to 3:10 pm. 7th – 12th grade hours are from 8:00 am to 3:01 pm. Due to social distancing protocols, transportation may delay the start time at both school locations.

- **If brick and mortar schools will re-open, will the district provide transportation and special transportation for ESE students who need it?**
 Transportation to and from school will be provided through the district. Special transportation for students with an IEP are made by the student's IEP team and reflect the needs of the individual student.
- **Will there be specific safety and sanitation measures put in place for transportation? If yes, what will they be?**
 Please see Hamilton County School District website for the 2020/2021 Reopening Plan.
- **If brick and mortar schools will re-open, will the district also be providing services for other educational programs such as, hospital homebound services and/or home instruction? If yes, what safety and sanitation measures and/or policies will be in place?**
 Decisions on services and location of services are made on an individual basis by the student's IEP team and will reflect the current needs of each student. This includes all related services and the provision of hospital/homebound services and home instruction. Safety and sanitation policies will remain the same for school district employees serving students in the home/hospital setting. See Hamilton County School District website for the 2020/2021 Reopening Plan for more details.
- **Will the district continue to offer and/or provide laptops and Wi-Fi devices to students who need it? If yes, when and where can parents pick them up?**
 All students needing laptops and Wi-Fi services will be provided by the district through busses equipped with Wi-Fi. There are areas in our county where Wi-Fi services do not work. Laptops and other devices can be picked up at the school or at one of the designated food distribution locations around the county. Devices will be hand delivered if necessary.
- **For those students who will continue virtual learning, will they have a specific scheduled time of instruction?**
 Those students on Hamilton Virtual Program schedule will be set by the program.
- **For ESE students who will continue virtual learning and are in need of modified curriculum or a different/supplemental curriculum or program to provide them with specially designed instruction, related services and access to FAPE, will that be available in digital form?**
 The modified curriculum for students on Access points will be available through a variety of methods. Lessons and related services will be presented to the students through computer, tables, or other device using Google Classroom, Zoom, real-time lessons, and recorded lessons.
- **How will the district address the needs of ESE students that will continue virtual learning due to health and safety concerns because of COVID and ensure that their IEP is being implemented and related services are provided?**
 Teachers, parents and other related services personnel will communicate at least weekly to discuss progress, needs and concerns. An IEP meeting can be scheduled as often as needed to address progress, regression, needs and concerns. Daily progress monitoring will be maintained by the teacher, parent and/or related services personnel.
- **Does the district have or plan on developing a handbook or guide with this information for parents to refer to?**
 The district has provided a Reopening Plan as guidance. This document is located on the district's website. Parents are encouraged to call for specific questions and concerns. Representatives from the district will be at the three public libraries within the district during the next two weeks to answer questions.

