



FAQS ABOUT RETURN + LEARN AT DEERWOOD ACADEMY

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Are masks required for students and staff?

A: Yes, masks are required for all persons entering the building at all times, with no exceptions.

Q: How will the school meet APS' health and safety guidance?

A: Building custodial staff will perform regular cleaning & disinfection of high touch surfaces throughout the day. Restrooms (student & adult) will be cleaned hourly. Deep cleaning of all rooms will take place Wednesdays by the Building Engineer and Fridays by the night contractors. Prior to leaving Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays teachers will use disinfectant cleaner to wipe down and sanitize all desks and chairs.

Q: What if a child becomes ill while at school?

A: A CARE Room has been identified for students who become sick at school. This room will serve as the primary location and an additional room in the building has been designated in the event of overflow. The CARE Room will be monitored by an APS employee.

Q: What if my child develops a fever, or appears ill upon arrival to school?

A: Temperature checks will be conducted as students enter the building. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater will be escorted to the CARE room, assessed by the nurse, or designee, and have parents contacted to pick-up the student within 30 minutes. Parents will be provided with a health assessment letter which details the specifics for their scholar returning to school. The APS Transportation Department will be contacted for students who are ill and in need of transportation.

Q: Will my child's teacher change?

A: While we will try to maintain homeroom assignments as best we can, we **can not** guarantee that your child will remain with their current homeroom teacher. All face to face student placements are tentative and will be based upon teacher face to face availability school-wide.

Q: How will social/physical distancing measures be implemented?

A: Classrooms will be arranged in order to adhere to the 6ft social distancing guidelines to the greatest extent possible. The classroom capacity dashboard will be used to determine the number of students assigned to each classroom. Each classroom will contain a hand sanitizing stand, hand washing station (wall paper towels & hand soap), and 32 gallon trash can. Each student will receive an acrylic u-shaped desk divider, a supply bin with academic/instructional supplies labeled with their name, and cloth mask.

Additionally, in order to maintain social distancing and alleviate large group gatherings, students will have recess, breakfast and lunch inside their classrooms. Breakfast will be served school-wide from 7:30 - 8:00 AM in the classroom and lunch will be served school-wide from 12:00 - 12:45 PM in the classroom.

Q: What specific safety measures will be implemented during student arrival?

A: All students arriving to school via the school bus, car or daycare van will have their temperatures checked and logged prior to exiting the vehicle. All students must wear a mask. Students without masks will be provided one prior to exiting the bus/car/daycare van.

BUS: Upon exiting the **bus**, students will line up, maintaining social distancing guidelines by standing on circles which will be painted on the ground 6ft apart. Students in grades 3-5 will utilize a separate entrance from students in grades PreK-2

CAR RIDERS/ VAN RIDERS: Car riders and daycare students will enter the building via the PSC entrance and will report immediately to class using the back hallway. Staff on duty will not be required to open/close car doors for students.

WALKERS: Students will enter through the main entrance and have their temperature checked by the assigned staff member and logged immediately upon entering the building. Once released, students will report directly to their classroom.

Q: What specific safety measures will be implemented during student departure?

A: All students will remain in their classrooms until dismissed. Teachers will ensure all students are wearing masks during dismissal and are social distancing to the greatest extent possible.

Q: How will parent conferences with teachers and/or staff be conducted?

A: Parents will be encouraged to email documents or share in Class Dojo if possible. Parent conferences will be conducted via Zoom or phone. In the event that parents are asked to sign documents, they may bring those documents to the main office following all visitor procedures for entering the building, which include temperature check and wearing a mask.

Q: Will the After School Program be operational?

A: The PSC After School Program will resume upon return. Further details to be determined once submitted by the program manager.

**The deadline for parents to complete the Intent to Return Declaration form for current students was December 21, 2020, in order to ensure all schools have the support needed to facilitate a face to face return.*