

Dear King and Queen County Tiger Families:

Today, Wednesday, July 15, 2020, the King and Queen School Board approved the following **King and Queen Public Schools (KQPS) Reopening Plans for the 2020-2021 school year**. The plan is a culmination of the work of the King and Queen County Tasks Force Teams, survey data from students, parents and staff and input from the King and Queen County School Board. This work has taken place over the past month and utilized the COVID-19 Safety & Mitigation guidelines as well as the Virginia Department of Education Recover, Redesign and Restart documents to develop the KQPS school reopening schedule.

2020-2021 Fall Reopening Schedule Changes & Options for Parents:

Elementary Options PK-7

- I. **Student Enrollment Option #1: All parents will be offered the option of enrolling a student(s) in a hybrid in-person and remote instructional schedule.** KQPS will divide the school population in half so that 50% of students may attend in person at any one time. There will be two groups of students: Group A and Group B. Please see the chart below.

- II. **Student Enrollment Option #2: All parents will be offered the option of enrolling a student(s) in 100% virtual learning.** This option means students will not physically attend King and Queen Elementary (KQE) or Lawson-Marriott Elementary (LME) and will participate in instruction through Virtual Virginia. This option will enable families who are not comfortable sending their student(s) to school in person to continue to receive instruction through a virtual platform which has teacher support. *Parents who would like to enroll their students in a full-time virtual option may call their respective schools (KQE at 804-785-5830 or LME at 804-769-3116) beginning on Monday, July 27, 2020.*

Elementary Schedule:

Monday & Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday & Friday
<p>Group A (50%) attends KQPS in person.</p> <p>Group B (50%) participates remotely.</p>	<p>No students report. Groups A & B participate remotely.</p> <p>Teachers: Planning, Virtual Learning Check Ins, & Professional Development</p>	<p>Group B (50%) attends KQPS in person.</p> <p>Group A (50%) participates remotely.</p>

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting by KQPS Maintenance & Custodial Staff	Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting- KQPS Maintenance & Custodial Staff	Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting by KQPS Maintenance & Custodial Staff
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School counselors, administration and teachers will schedule students for Group A or Group B Days. Please know students from the same household will be grouped together at the same grade levels (levels refer to elementary or secondary).

Secondary Options Grades 8-12

I.Student Enrollment Option #1: All parents will be offered the option of enrolling a student(s) in a hybrid in-person and remote instructional schedule. KQPS will divide the school population in half so that 50% of students may attend in person at any one time. Students will be grouped in an A/B/C format: A=8th grade; B= 10th and 12th grades and C= 9th and 11th grades. Please see the chart below.

II.Student Enrollment Option #2: All parents will be offered the option of enrolling a student(s) in a 100% virtual learning. This option means students will not physically attend CHS and will participate in instruction through Virtual Virginia. This option will enable families who are not comfortable sending their student(s) to school in person to continue to receive instruction through a virtual platform which has teacher support.

Parents who would like to enroll their student(s) in a full-time virtual option may call Ms. Erin Crane, CHS School Counselor, at (804) 785-6102 beginning Monday, July 27, 2020.

Secondary Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A	B	C	A	B
C	A	B	C	A
B	C	A	B	C
A	B	C	A	B
C				

Other Changes:

- **Change in Start Date for the 2020-2021 School Year: The first day of school for students will be, Tuesday, September 8, 2020.** This is a change from August 31, 2020, in order to provide additional teacher and staff planning and training time as well as ensuring all buildings are outfitted with the necessary items to support a safe and healthy learning environment.
- **End of school day for Elementary School Students: The school day for elementary students will end at 1:00 PM.** This schedule change means that your child will arrive home earlier. The reason for this change is to support our younger student's social emotional needs and to promote mitigation and distancing protocols. The earlier dismissal will also provide extra time to clean, disinfect, and sanitize each facility for the next day.

Why begin the year with a hybrid schedule?

A hybrid schedule will provide students with traditional classroom experiences (two days per week) combined with remote learning activities (three days per week). Beginning the school year with a hybrid schedule is based on a commitment to the health, safety, and wellbeing of KQPS students and employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. This model supports smaller class sizes to enhance physical distancing; requires students and staff to wear face coverings when six feet of distancing cannot be maintained; and allows students to distance on buses while wearing required face coverings.

Parents who choose to enroll their student(s) in the hybrid schedule **will be required to perform daily health screenings prior to sending their student(s) to school.** KQPS staff also will conduct health screenings prior to and upon arrival to school buildings. All individuals should remain at home and seek medical assistance for the following symptoms: **fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.** Any student and/or staff member with a temperature above normal will be sent home immediately.

While it is the goal of KQPS to bring students back to school, in person, and at 100% capacity, Monday through Friday, KQPS recognizes the ongoing concerns regarding the safety and health of both students and employees. Please take special note that a school closure (temporary and/or long term) may happen immediately and without notice to protect

public safety. Families should have a contingency plan for when sudden school closures happen.

The School Board and I will monitor and reassess the reopening plan on an ongoing basis using guidance from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), and the TriRivers Department of Health. The health, safety, and wellness of our students and employees is our first priority at all times. I appreciate your support and patience, and I welcome your questions and/or suggestions during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Carol B. Carter

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Division Superintendent

King and Queen County Public Schools