



2020-2021 School Year

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Message from the Principal

Dear Hirsch Hawks,

As always, Hirsch Academy is focused on your child's education as well as their health and safety. We are committed to meeting the needs of our South Scottsdale community and welcoming you all back onto our school campus in the safest way possible. Due to COVID-19 and the commitment to the continued health of our families and staff, we have made some changes to the start of the 20-21 school year.

Our first day of school, August 10th 2020, Hirsch Academy will begin school in a 'Distance Learning with Support Model'. In this model students will be engaged in packet-based learning blended with online learning and invited to participate on campus in small groups or 1:1 during teacher's regular open office hours, or by appointment. This model will continue through the month of August.

These four weeks of our distance learning will allow us to safely reintegrate our Hirsch Hawks back to learning without putting anyone's health at risk. Our Hirsch Hybrid model will be our 2nd phase beginning after Labor Day. This provides families and our staff with a timeline of distance learning into hybrid learning in a manner that will be successful, safe, and intentionally prepare everyone for a successful transition back to the classroom.

We have missed all our Hirsch families, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone on campus very soon.

Respectfully,

Gina DiSipio





Learning Models



<u>Distance Learning</u> <u>Start Date: 8/10/2020</u>	<u>Hybrid</u> <u>Start Date :</u> <u>9/8/2020</u>	<u>InPerson</u> <u>Instruction</u> <u>Start Date : TBD</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 100% Remote Instruction with onsite support ● Weekly bus service with Distance Learning packet Pick up/Drop off ● Daily Zoom or Recorded lessons for student support ● Internet Cafe available for students in need of a supervised space to work with Wi-Fi connectivity ● Daily meal service ● Onsite Special Education and English Language Learning support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hybrid: Students attend school 2 full days a week in person, and 3 days a week remotely ● Classroom Teachers provide direct instruction daily to group A or Group B. All students will have remote learning practice activities weekly. ● Internet Cafe available daily from 8-3 for students that are not engaging in teacher led direct instruction ● Daily bus service available ● Daily meal service ● Onsite Special Education and English Language Learning support 	



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Logistics and Operations Plan

Staff and Student Health Protocols:

Students will participate in daily temperature checks and health screenings. If any student has a fever >100 , they will not be allowed to remain on campus. Students can only return to school if they have been fever free without the use of medication for 3 days. A [document](#) has been provided to the families and staff members detailing all of the health protocols. Parents can help us by keeping their child home if they show any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Chills
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Extreme fatigue
- Body aches
- Sore Throat
- Sudden loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Masks: Hirsch Academy Face Covering Policy: The guidance is for infection control personal protective equipment (PPE) recommendations aligned with the goals and strategies to respond to the community spread of the Covid-19 virus. “Face covering” refers to a well-fitting reusable or disposable face covering that fully covers the nose and mouth. CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings. All persons on Hirsch Academy’s campus will be required to wear a mask. The mask shall be worn whenever social distanced spacing can be enforced.

Exceptions are applicable under the following circumstances:

- 1) The individual has a medical or behavioral condition or disability and cannot wear a face covering (including, but not limited to, any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious or incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to put on or remove the face covering without assistance)
- 2) When actively eating or drinking
- 3) When strenuously exercising or swimming
- 4) When seeking to communicate with hearing loss in a way that requires the mouth to be visible



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Student Transportation:

Bus transportation is available to all students within a seven mile radius of Hirsch Academy. Enhanced cleaning protocols have been developed on the bus between routes and mask-wearing is mandatory for all students riding the bus. Only siblings or those sharing a household will be able to share a seat. Temperature checks will be done prior to riding the bus each morning.

Child Nutrition:

Food service is available at no charge on campus during all learning models. During our Distance Learning Model meals may be picked up for three days, or daily out of our cafeteria. During our Hybrid model students will eat breakfast and lunch daily in their classrooms. Extra meals are available for days that students are not on campus. Meals are available both to students in the classroom as well as those utilizing our Internet Cafe. Masks are required while walking through the cafeteria, but they are not required while eating and drinking. Social distanced seating is enforced during meals.

Distance Learning	Hybrid	In Person
Meals served daily from 8:30-12:30 and are available for multiple day pick up at a time	Meals served daily in the classroom to students on campus kids and in the cafeteria to students during their remote days.	All meals will be served daily in the classroom.

Recess

All recess breaks will be scheduled to allow only one class at a time on each of the playground areas. Schoolwide safety and sanitation procedures will be enforced.

English Language Learners & Special Education Student Education

During our distance learning, hybrid or traditional in person model, targeted English instruction and all special education services will be taught with increased safety precautions by specialists. In the distance learning with support model, instruction will be delivered either online or on site in small groups by certified specialists. In the hybrid and traditional in person model, specialized instruction will be delivered in the classrooms or virtually based on student need. All of our models include language support for the family to ensure the success of all students.



Classroom Setting Mitigation:

Classrooms will be set up to promote social distancing. In the hybrid model there will be a maximum of 10 students to each standard 800+ sqft classroom

- Students are seated at tables or desks to maximize distance between students
- Each classroom will be provided with PPE and cleaning and sanitizing materials to facilitate regular surface cleaning on desks, tables and common areas
- Students will not share classroom supplies like scissors, pencils, crayons, books, etc. All students have been provided individual supplies.
- When possible, classrooms will be set up to reflect same direction seating arrangements or multi directional seating with sneeze guards

Enhanced Cleaning and Sanitizing:

All high traffic areas to include the office areas and restrooms will be sanitized frequently throughout the day.

- Student restrooms will be sanitized hourly to include all entry point handles, faucets, urinal and toilet flush valves, hand dryer and paper towel dispenser.
- Playground will be sprayed down 3 times a day and all students are responsible for washing hands before entering and upon exiting the playground. Only one class is permitted to be in one play space at a time.
- Classroom high touch points and students desks will be sanitized throughout the day.