

HPA Return to School Plan FAQs

1) What model will HPA use when the school reopens on August 24th?

Depending on the grade level, High Point Academy students who are returning to in-person learning will utilize two different models. **Students in kindergarten through 3rd-grade will return using the Traditional, 5 Day, Face-to-Face Model.** We can offer full face-to-face to our youngest students based on class numbers and physical space available for social distancing.

Students in 4th through 12th-grades will return on a Hybrid Model. Students in 4th-12th-grades are split into two groups, Group A and Group B. Group A are students with the last names beginning with the letters A-K. Group B consists of students with the last names beginning with L-Z. The groups will alternate days attending school while utilizing distance learning on days, not at school. You can find more details and a schedule for A and B days in the [Return to School Plan](#) under the Hybrid Model for each school.

2) What will be the first day of school?

We will have two different first days of school. For kindergarten through 3rd-grade students, Group A students, and all Virtual Academy students, the first day of school will be Monday, August 24th. For students in Group B, the first day of school will be Tuesday, August 25th. Students should arrive at school no later than 7:45 am to ensure the learning day can begin at 8:00 am. On the first days of school, all in-person students will bring home an information packet. This will include needed school forms, the HPA Parent Commitment, and other information families will need throughout the school year. For kindergarten students, families may walk their students to the classroom for the first three days of school.

3) When will students registered for the Virtual Academy receive more information?

Principals have already begun communicating with families who have registered students for the Virtual Academy. Information includes details about LEAP days and schedule information. Families will continue to receive additional communication from your student's respective grade-level principal.

4) When will I get my student's teacher assignment or schedule?

Teacher assignments for elementary students are being mailed home, and families should expect to see those by Friday, August 14th. Middle school and high school student schedules will be available in PowerSchool on August 12th.

5) Will I be able to meet my student's teacher?

Yes. The week of August 17th, we will host virtual Meet-the-Teacher events for elementary, middle, and high school families via Zoom. A schedule, log-in information, and instructions will be emailed to families.

6) Will families who are new to HPA be able to have an in-person orientation?

Yes. Families and students who are new to HPA can attend an orientation in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Please enter through the PAC doors. We are asking that only the parent and the new student(s) attend the orientation. During the orientation, students will receive class schedules, ID's, and computers. Please refer to the following dates and times below for new student orientation for middle and high school.

High School: Monday, August 17th.

1. Students with the last names beginning with the letters A-K will attend orientation from 9:00 am - 10:30 am.
2. Students with last names starting with the letters L-Z will attend orientation from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm.

Middle School:

New student orientation for middle school is on **Wednesday, August 19th**, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

7) How will my elementary student know where to go on the first day of school?

Elementary Families are invited to come into the building during the below times to help students "find their room." This will be a time for students to see where their room is in the building. Teachers are not required to be in the building at this time. Families should plan to come using the schedule below based on the first letter of their last name. Families may also drop-off school supplies at this time if they need to.

A-G: August 17th, 3:30-5:30

H-O: August 18th, 3:30-5:30

P-Z: August 19th, 3:30-5:30

8) Will HPA still offer meal service to students?

Yes. Grab-and-Go breakfast items will be available before 7:55 am. Pre-prepared lunches will be available for students. Elementary students will eat lunch in their classrooms. Middle and high school students will eat both in their classrooms and in the lunchroom, when social distancing is possible. Time will also be allowed for students to be outside when possible. If your student plans to eat school meals, please complete this [form](#). This will help our foodservice employees to better prepare with less waste. Families can complete the 2020-2021 [Free or Reduced Meal Application](#) for students enrolled at the school.

9) What time can I drop-off my student in the morning, and what entrance will students use?

Student drop-off will begin at 7:15 am. During morning drop-off, there will be two options. The traffic patterns will remain the same as in previous school years. Families entering campus from Pottery Road will follow the design around the right edge of the campus and drop-off students at the school's main entrance. Families entering campus from Old Lowe Road will follow the pattern and drop-off students at the elementary dismissal doors (not the main entrance). This will allow us to provide separation for students entering the building. Elementary students will report straight to their classrooms. Middle and high school students will report to the PAC for morning announcements.

10) What is the procedure for afternoon dismissal?

The afternoon pick-up and dismissal procedures will stay the same. Elementary families will enter campus from Old Lowe Road and follow the traffic pattern to the elementary dismissal area to receive students. Elementary Car Tags will be mailed with the students' Teacher Placement letter. 5th-grade, middle, and high school students will be picked up from in front of the PAC. If you have questions, please contact your student's grade level principal.

11) Will students be required to wear a face mask all day at school?

Recently the Department of Education announced masks are required for all students attending public schools. We know this latest information has created many questions for parents, teachers, and students. Our mask policy at HPA will remain the same as previously announced. Students will be expected to wear masks upon entering and exiting the school, during transition times, and in classrooms, as needed when social distancing is not possible. Masks or face coverings must cover the nose, mouth, and chin simultaneously. They may be homemade, and they may be reusable or disposable. Medical exemptions from masks will be respected with proper documentation. More information about the mask policy can be found [here](#).

12) How does my student get technical support for their school-issued device?

If your student needs technical assistance with their school-issued Chromebook or device, please complete the link below. Once submitted, the HPA Tech Team will get in contact with you as soon as possible. If you have more than one student, who needs support, please complete a separate form for each student. <https://forms.gle/DbYBEjfrApumnv6>

13) When will I be able to purchase uniforms for my students?

The uniform store will open the week of August 17th. The schedule of hours can be found [here](#). Our [online store](#) is also up and running. Orders can be placed online but will need to be picked up in-person, beginning the week of August 17th, or sent home with the student when school is in session.

14) Will HPA provide an after-school program, and if so, how can I sign-up?

HPA will provide after-school care, at a daily rate (\$5 per day), on days when students physically attend school. If you plan to enroll your students in after-school, please sign up [here](#). After school will use the same car tag as the regular elementary dismissal.

15) How often will the school evaluate conditions and the current model being used?

During the school year, administrators will evaluate conditions every four weeks and determine if adjustments or changes need to be made to the model in use.

16) Will HPA participate in fall athletics this year?

Yes. As a member of the South Carolina High School League, we will continue to follow their guidelines and calendar for fall sports practices and competitions. As it stands at this time, volleyball and cross country are considered to be in the "open practice season", and workouts are underway. Please contact Coach Cooper (bcooper@hpart.org) for volleyball information and contact Coach Shirts (tshirts@hpart.org) for information on cross country.