



Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the
Creative Arts
10 Bus Drive
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
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September 21, 2020

Good Evening SCA and Daufuskie Families,

With the recent announcement of the start of hybrid instruction on-campus, we are eager to open our doors to our face-to-face students on October 5th! As we move through the upcoming two weeks, we will provide parents more detailed information regarding scheduling, provision of instruction on remote learning days during hybrid, arrival and dismissal protocols, as well as other logistic items. All school-level procedures will be planned and delivered in accordance with DHEC guidelines related to social distancing and Covid-19 safety precautions, as well as reentry guidelines established by the Beaufort County School District (BCSD). Some important notes and reminders are as follows:

- The decision has been made to not implement the K12 Learning Solutions platform. Teachers of SCA and Daufuskie will continue to utilize Seesaw at grades 1-2, and Google Classroom at levels 3-5 to provide live lessons, via Zoom.
- Teachers of all classes are monitoring attendance, and per state policy this is being taken by tracking a combination of student attendance to live instructional sessions and/or timely completion of assignments.
- The hybrid model of instruction will begin with students enrolled as on-campus learners on October 5th 2020. We will follow an AA BB schedule, whereby part of the on-campus student population will attend courses at the school on designated AA days (Monday and Tuesday), and the other part will attend on the BB days (Thursday and Friday). Wednesday will serve as a virtual day of instruction for all students so that deep cleaning may occur within the school facility.
- We are working on our hybrid schedule and will have this ready for parent review early next week. Generally speaking, student assignment to AA or BB days will be based on the alphabetical division of last names A-L taking place on AA days (Monday and Tuesday), and M-Z on BB days (Thursday and Friday). The Hilton Head cluster schools are collaborating to develop a plan that allows siblings to attend on the same days. **We are not able to honor requests for an AA or BB placement based on parent preference.**
- If you are seeking a change from virtual enrollment to on-campus, or vice versa, please reach out to our data specialist, Mr. Nilo Rosado at nilo.rosado@beaufort.k12.sc.us with this request in writing. As previously stated, we ask that you consider maintaining your initially selected status until the close of first semester if possible. However, we will review all requests as they are received. As we draw closer to the hybrid start date, requests for change to on-campus will mostly be made effective as of this date.
- Students who have been rostered as a virtual placement may remain so if parents so desire. These children will remain with their virtual teacher once the hybrid program begins.



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- As we are still engaged in virtual learning, please continue to reinforce with your children the importance of digital citizenship and virtual learning expectations. **For safety purposes, it is mandatory that students turn their camera on during Zoom sessions and remain visible throughout. They must also identify themselves upon entry in order to be admitted.** For technology concerns, please work directly with your child's teacher to troubleshoot. If needed, they will enter a help desk ticket so that you may seek further review at the HHIE-IB technology depot station.
- The Beaufort County School District continues to offer free meals to students ages 18 and younger. Please review the details of this practice at the following link:
<http://beaufortschools.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=170925&pageId=23614099>.

In closing, please know that your support of our school community is greatly appreciated. We recognize that each of you are working through an ever-changing reality, and your partnership continues to be the most important aspect of our successful delivery of instruction with our learners. I am grateful to be a part of your team and know that together we will continue to fulfill our school vision of providing a safe, rigorous, engaging, and arts-infused environment to our children. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher, or the school office at 843-342-4380.

Warm Regards,

Nikki Lucas
Principal, HHIESCA/Daufuskie