

Our Plans for Returning to Campus

We are excited to welcome students for the 2020-2021 school year! Detailed and meticulous preparations are underway to reopen the Schenck School campus. Rest assured that despite some necessary changes, our unyielding commitment to our mission and to fostering a nurturing, loving, and fun educational environment has never been stronger! While some things will be different, we will use our dyslexic creativity to ensure the spirit and connectedness of our community continue! To that end, we ask for your partnership as we collectively implement the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control¹, the Georgia Department of Education² and other health experts to safely reopen our campus. Thankfully, our traditional model of small classes led by two teachers makes the implementation of these recommendations less disruptive than it might otherwise be.

Over the next several weeks, we will share specific details regarding the start of the school year. In the meantime, we want to provide some of the overarching themes that are guiding our preparations.

WHAT OUR UNYIELDING COMMITMENT TO HEALTH & SAFETY WILL LOOK LIKE:

- 1. SOCIAL DISTANCING** Whenever feasible, students, faculty, and staff will be encouraged to maintain a six-foot distance between one another.
- 2. SMALL, CONSISTENT GROUPS** Classes will stay together and minimize their contact with other students and adults. Specials teachers will visit students in their classrooms, and we will use technology and innovation to reimagine school-wide events.
- 3. VISITORS** Access to the building will be limited to students, faculty, and staff. Parents and other visitors will be limited to designated areas.
- 4. PERSONAL SUPPLIES** Students will be provided individual materials and supplies, including their own iPad or laptop.
- 5. HEALTH SCREENINGS** Students will receive a temperature check before coming into the building, and we will partner with families to ensure students stay home if necessary.
- 6. FACE COVERINGS** All students, professionals, and visitors must wear a face covering while on campus. Exceptions will be made with consideration for the age of the student, medical reasons, and to accommodate eating and drinking, outdoor activities, PE, and independent work when physical distancing can be maintained. Face coverings can be either face shields or masks.
- 7. CLEANING AND DISINFECTING** The School will make additional investments in training, equipment, and personnel to ensure common surfaces are disinfected frequently.
- 8. GOOD HYGIENE** All members of our community will understand best practices in personal hygiene and work with students to ensure these are practiced frequently and correctly.
- 9. EXPOSURE TO COVID-19** The School will work with the Georgia Department of Public Health to ensure we follow all recommendations if a member of our community has confirmed exposure to or tests positive for COVID-19. This could include an individual quarantine period and/or a brief school-wide transition (2 - 5 days) to online learning to allow for disinfecting of the building
- 10. RESPONSIVE INSTRUCTION** We are committed to minimizing any interruptions to a student's learning and growth regardless of what their individual circumstances necessitate.
- 11. COMMON SENSE** Our objective is to strike a balance between the precautions we must take to minimize risk and providing our students with the educational and everyday childhood experiences they deserve. You can expect us to be strict and diligent in following safety guidelines but warm and nurturing at the same time. We will do all we can to ensure students return to campus understanding and feeling comfortable with what to expect.

Please note that our plans are not written in stone and are subject to change as circumstances and expert recommendations dictate.

Looking forward to seeing you!



¹ "Considerations for Schools | CDC." 19 May. 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>. Accessed 7 Jun. 2020.

² "Georgia's Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools - Scribd." 1 Jun. 2020, <https://www.scribd.com/document/463922447/Georgia-s-Path-to-Recovery-for-K-12-Schools>. Accessed 7 Jun. 2020.

This document is based on the best available information to date and is subject to change as new data emerges.