



Haywood County Schools Press release

June 15, 2020

The Haywood High School Administration team has been preparing for re-entry for the 2020/2021 school year. As we engaged in planning, we have listened to feedback through staff and parent surveys, CDC guidance, and recommendations from the Tennessee Department of Education. We narrowed our plans to focus on providing our students with the high-quality education to which they have become accustomed as well as keeping all stakeholders safe as possible.

There are many considerations in planning for reopening related to virus spread and the impact it may have on our school and community. These include health considerations of students, staff, and their families; barriers in operational needs to meet health recommendations; and the diverse and varying academic needs of students within individual classrooms. Given scenario planning and CDC guidelines, Haywood High School will make staggered schedule adjustments for staff and students for the 2020-2021 school year. This will be accomplished through a master schedule including Tomcat 1 (9th and 10th grade) and Tomcat 2 (11th and 12th grade). The continuity of learning plan for Haywood High School includes the following:

HHS will utilize instructional methods requiring staff and students to engage in a flipped classroom model. Flipped classrooms support teacher created videos and lessons. Instruction/lecture that traditionally occurred in class by the teacher will be downloaded to students' electronic devices and viewed at home. On-campus class will become the place to work through problems, advance concepts, and engage in activities and collaborative learning. Most importantly, instruction can be rethought to best maximize the safety of our students and staff.

Tomcat 1: 9th and 10th grade

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday students will attend in-person instruction on campus.
- Tuesday and Thursday students will attend flipped classroom sessions at home utilizing digital learning platforms for distance learning.

Tomcat 2: 11th and 12th grade

- Tuesday and Thursday students will attend in-person instruction on campus.
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday students will attend flipped classroom sessions at home utilizing digital learning platforms for distance learning.

***Students in self-contained special education setting will continue to meet at school each day.*

Athletic blocks and performance arts blocks for students in football, basketball, baseball, softball, and marching band will continue to be the last block of each scheduled day on campus. Students who are not scheduled to attend school on a particular day will come to campus for their athletic block. Additional details around this expectation will be shared in July.

Additionally, an in-person registration date will be communicated as well as orientation dates for students in 9-12 by June 26, 2020. Stay tuned for more information.