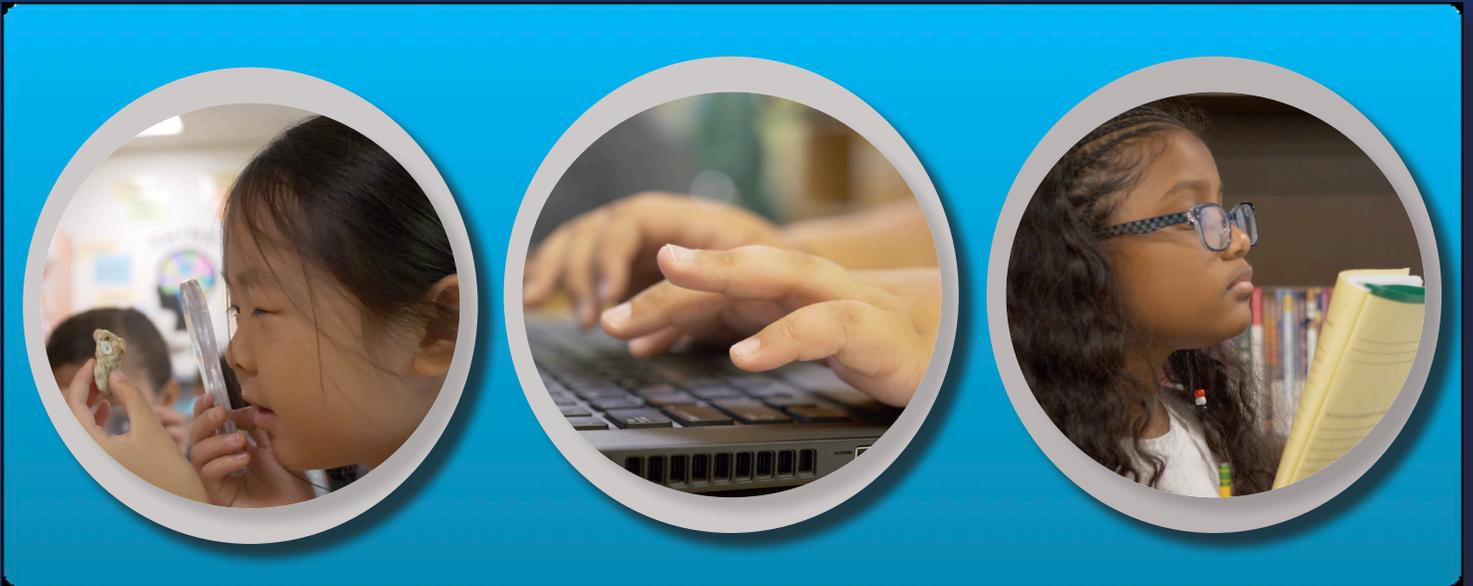
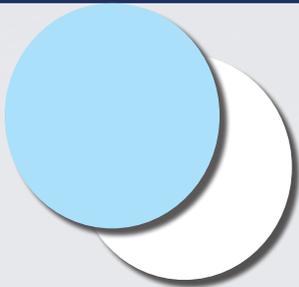


# ROADMAP TO *Reopening*



2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

*Updated July 23, 2020*



PLANS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON GUIDANCE FROM  
LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS AND LEVELS OF COVID-19 IN  
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

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# ROADMAP TO Reopening



Dear District Six Families,

I would like to begin by thanking our District Six Community for standing strong during these unprecedented times. While the ongoing situation surrounding Covid-19 continues to change, our commitment remains the same; to provide a high-quality education in a safe and nurturing environment.

We understand that our families are eagerly awaiting our plans for the 2020-2021 school year. Reopening our schools requires a tremendous amount of planning, preparation, and parental support. District Six is excited to bring students and staff back to school for face-to-face instruction, but we must do so in a safe manner. During the entire planning process, District Six has kept the safety of our students, staff, and families at the forefront.

The input and leadership provided by our District Six Board of Trustees has been extraordinary. Over the past four months, we have weighed the advice of public health officials, state education leaders, and government officials. We heard from families with varying opinions regarding reopening schools and listened carefully to their thoughts and concerns. Faculty and staff members, who are on the front-lines every day, had the opportunity to share their feedback. We listened, we learned, and today, we launch our reopening plans for Spartanburg School District Six.

We wanted to provide parents with options that best meet their family's needs. Over 2,800 families have chosen our new District Six Virtual Academy. On August 17th, we will reopen our doors to students. We will begin school using the hybrid model we explained in our preliminary reopening plan. Students will receive face-to-face instruction two days a week and distance learning for the remaining three days. Students with last names A-L will attend on Mondays and Wednesdays, and students with last names M-Z will attend school on Tuesday and Thursday. This hybrid model will allow us the opportunity to transition students back into our schools in smaller groups and give them and our employees time to adjust to our new guidelines and safety procedures. Our goal is to move into a five-day face-to-face family model on September 8th, should the circumstances safely allow us to do so.

We believe that education is essential, and so are the relationships we build with the students and parents we serve each day. I am convinced that this will be a successful school year as we work together to rise above these challenging times. We look forward to inviting students back into our buildings, as well as welcoming those who are new to Spartanburg School District Six. As always, thank you for your flexibility and continued support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Darryl Owings



# PARENT Choice



SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 17TH ON A HYBRID MODEL

DISTRICT SIX FAMILIES MAY CHOOSE BETWEEN  
A **FACE-TO-FACE MODEL** OR OUR NEW **VIRTUAL ACADEMY!**

## HYBRID MODEL

Students come to school two days a week and receive three days of distance learning. Students with last names A-L will attend on Mondays and Wednesdays, and students with last names M-Z will attend school on Tuesday and Thursday.

## PARENT CHOICE

## VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Students stay home and receive their instruction off campus. Learning is supported by D6 teachers and a laptop will be provided.

\* Requires Semester Commitment

\*Registration Deadline  
July 29

*Our goal is to return to a full five-day face-to-face option on September 8th. This decision will be based in conjunction with local health officials and levels of Covid-19 in our school community. We will communicate with parents as that date approaches.*

*At this time, there will be no afterschool childcare programs in elementary or middle school.*



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**JULY 29**

DISTRICT SIX VIRTUAL ACADEMY  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
[\(CLICK TO ENROLL\)](#)

**AUGUST 1**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR  
DISTRICT SIX TRANSPORTATION  
[\(CLICK TO REGISTER\)](#)

**AUGUST 17TH**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL





# TRANSPORTATION Services

Our transportation department is the driving force behind Spartanburg School District Six. Thousands of District Six students rely on us to arrive safely to and from school each day. As an added safety precaution this year, buses will only run at 50% capacity when school begins. This means we may need to run double routes in many cases and this may cause delays in pick-up and drop-off. We have added two additional buses in order to help address this challenge. **Parents are encouraged to bring their children to school, if at all possible.**

## NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR TRANSPORTATION

Our District Six transportation team needs your help! In order to better serve our students during this time, it is important to know which families plan to utilize transportation services.

[Just fill out the transportation registration form by clicking here. It's that simple!](#) Please fill out one form per child in your household. You can also call 864-342-8988.

## HELP KEEP OUR STUDENTS AND DRIVERS SAFE

As our buses begin to hit the road again, we would like to do everything possible to keep our students and our drivers safe. We ask our parents to speak with their children about social distancing at bus stops. Depending upon our bus numbers this year, it may not be possible for all students to sit six feet apart from other riders. As an added safety measure, students will need to wear a mask while on the bus. We are also, enhancing the cleaning and disinfecting procedures for our bus fleet.



# HEALTH & Safety Precautions



## ENHANCED CLEANING PROTOCOLS

In anticipation of having students and staff back in our school buildings, the district will implement a variety of health and safety measures. District Six will follow best practices to prevent the spread of coronavirus. The district is increasing efforts to proactively clean and disinfect classrooms and has supplied custodial staff with hospital-grade products and sanitizer approved by the CDC for cleaning surfaces. We will also provide greater access to cleaning materials for our teachers and staff so that they can clean and disinfect spaces, as needed. Each evening, our custodial team will conduct a thorough cleaning of our spaces, again disinfecting high-touch surfaces like sinks, door handles, tables, and desks. We will continually evaluate our practices and make changes as deemed necessary.

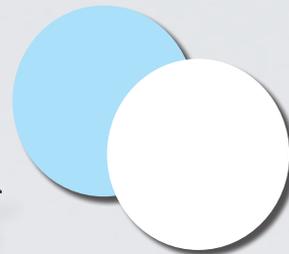
## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Safety is our highest priority. Masks or face shields are essential for the health and safety of our District Six community. We will provide face shields and masks for all employees. Students and staff will need to use a face covering while on the school bus, during transitions and any time social distancing is not possible.

## OTHER SAFETY MEASURES:

- Temperature Checks Upon Arrival in car loading line & bus loading  
(If students have a fever they will be sent home with parents)
- Buildings Closed Early Each Day for Cleaning (**NO AFTER SCHOOL CHILD-CARE PROGRAMS**)  
High-touch surfaces (doorknobs, handrails, light switches, etc.) will be cleaned with hospital-grade disinfectants throughout the school day.
- Teachers and students will take additional breaks in order to wash or sanitize hands.
- Schools will be equipped with water bottle filling stations (Water Fountains Turned Off)
- Limiting On-Campus Visitors inside our Schools (Parents will be unable to walk children into the building/visit for lunch etc.)
- Visible Signage on school campuses that encourages social distancing and Covid-19 symptom checks
- Plexiglass protectors/dividers installed in our main offices and in some classrooms, as needed
- Small, plastic dividers provided for one-on-one assessments with students and meetings where participants are in close contact.
- Attendance incentives put on hold to encourage students and staff to stay home when sick

# REPORTING & Exclusion Guidelines



## ● WHEN SHOULD A STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE STAY HOME?

The following school exclusions have been provided by DHEC. These guidelines were developed based on what is currently known about COVID-19 and are subject to change.



Students and staff should be excluded from school if they have:

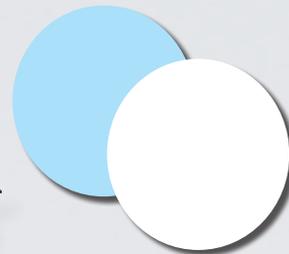
- Any one (1) of the following
  - Fever – or-
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing -or -
  - Loss of taste or smell -or –
  - New or worsening cough”
- Any two (2) of the following:
  - Sore throat
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Chills
  - Fatigue
  - Headache
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Diarrhea
  - Nausea or vomiting

*"Any child with any one of these symptoms should consider not attending school regardless of meeting exclusion criteria. If these symptoms are explainable by an underlying condition (such as shortness of breath or cough for an individual with asthma) exclusion may not be necessary.*

## ● WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT/STAFF MEMBER HAS SYMPTOMS LISTED ON THE COVID-19 EXCLUSION LIST?

- Students and staff members who have COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home from school or asked to stay at home if the school is notified by phone
- Students and staff members who have COVID-19 symptoms must present a negative COVID-19 testing result or present a physician statement that the symptoms were diagnosed to be due to another cause other than COVID-19 or stay in isolation until the following criteria is met:
  - Ten days have passed since symptoms started
  - Twenty-four hours have passed since last fever without fever reducing medication
  - Overall improvement of symptoms

# REPORTING & Exclusion Guidelines



## WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

**Students and staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to notify the school nurse and isolate at home until the following criteria is met:**

- Ten (10) days have passed since symptoms started
- Twenty-four hours have passed since last fever without taking fever reducing medication
- Overall improvement of symptoms

**What happens if a student or staff member is exposed to a COVID-19 positive person at school?**

- Close contacts must quarantine at home for 14 days from the last day of contact with the COVID-19 positive person.

*A student or staff member is considered to be a close contact if they are determined to have been within six (6) feet for fifteen (15) minutes or more to a COVID-19 positive person.*

**What happens if a student or staff member is exposed to a COVID-19 positive person outside of school?**

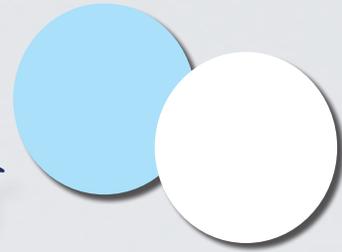
- Notify the school nurse of the exposure
- Quarantine at home for 14 days from the last day of contact with the COVID-19 positive person
- If the student or staff member lives in the same household as the COVID-19 positive person, they must quarantine for an additional 14 days after their household member has been cleared from their isolation period.

*\*Students who fall within these quarantine guidelines will still be able to participate in distance learning, if they are physically able.*

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES PUT ON HOLD

We encourage students and employees to stay home if they are not feeling well. At this time, District Six will no longer offer awards and incentives for perfect attendance. This decision is based upon recommendations from public health officials and the following guidance from the SC AccelerateED Task force, "*Districts should review and consider discontinuing attendance incentive programs for staff and students in order to diminish pressure for an individual to report to school when feeling ill.*"

# FREQUENTLY ASKED Questions



WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR REOPENING PLAN?

We know this is a lot of information to process at once and many of you may still have questions. District Six has compiled a list on our website of the most frequently asked questions from our parents, students, and staff. The Roadside to Reopening Information center will be updated frequently so be sure to check it out. Feel free to click on the links below for more information. If you still have a question that has not been answered, be sure to email us at [reopening@spart6.org](mailto:reopening@spart6.org)!

CLICK THE LINKS BELOW TO VIEW OUR FAQs

[Roadmap to Reopening Information Center](#)

[Face-to-Face Instruction FAQs](#)

[District Six Virtual Academy FAQs](#)

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