



Media Release

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY FIRST DAY FACTS FOR 2020-2021

(Bradenton, FL – August 17, 2020) Below you will find some highlights and fundamental facts about the School District of Manatee County as we begin the 2020-2021 school year on Monday, August 17, 2020. Also, we have attached a description of the academic options available to students this school year and the Parents and Students Back to School Checklist:

Schools: 64

47 traditional public schools (31 elementary, 9 middle, 7 high schools)

3 Non-Traditional Public Schools

- Palm View K-8
- Louise R. Johnson K-8 School of International Studies
- Horizons Academy

13 charter schools

Manatee Technical College – Three campuses: (Main on S.R. 70; West on 34th St. W. in Bradenton; East on Lakewood Ranch Blvd.)

Projected Student Enrollment For The Manatee District:

50,200 – Approximate projected student enrollment

Number of Employees:

6,163 - Approximate number of employees (including short-term and part-time employees)

Number of Teachers and Paraprofessionals:

2,613 – Approximate number of Teachers

745 – Approximate number of Paraprofessionals

3,358 – Approximate total of Teachers and Paraprofessionals

Student Selections of Back-to-School Plans by Percentage:

48% - Full-time, on-campus learning

29% - Full-time eLearning

23% - Hybrid option (on-campus learning two days a week, eLearning three days)

Total Projected Budget:

\$880.3 million (all funds based on current projections)

Food and Nutrition Services:

960,000 – Approximate number meals served from March through May last year when our schools were closed for full-time eLearning.

570,000 – Approximate number of meals served during the summer.

1,530,000 – Approximate number of meals served between March 12, 2020 and August 17, 2020.

3 – Different ways meals will be served to students when school begins: On-campus; after-school to Hybrid students; curbside distribution to eLearning students on Mondays.

Transportation:

14,667 - Approximate number of students who “Registered to Ride” a school bus for this school year.

128 - Approximate number of Bus Drivers to start the school year.

15 – Approximate number of Bus Drivers still looking to hire.

133 – Approximate number of Bus Aides to start the school year.

10 – Approximate number of Bus Aides still looking to hire.

10,000 – Approximate number of miles driven by our bus fleet every school day.

COVID-19 Related Supplies:

293,000 – Approximate number of free face masks received from state and federal sources.

221,000 – Approximate number of face masks issued to traditional, charter and contract schools.

31,000 – Approximate number of face masks ordered by schools with school colors and logos.

43,000 – Approximate number of disposable masks in inventory available to schools.

12,000 – Approximate number of face shields received.

9,000 – Approximate number of plastic partitions deployed prior to school starting.

52,000 – Approximate number of pairs of gloves issued to schools and departments.

140,000 – Approximate additional pairs of gloves expected to arrive for first week of school.

140,000 – Approximate additional pairs of gloves expected by the end of August

9,728 – Approximate number of gallons of hand sanitizer received.

1,250 – Approximate number of cases of wipes on order.

2,800 – Approximate number of buckets of wipes on order.

5,000 – Approximate number of refills of anti-bacterial soap issued to schools.

2,400 - Approximate number of refills of anti-bacterial soap in inventory.

400 – Approximate number of thermometers issued to schools and support sites including thermal, temperature gateways, optical sensing and high-speed temperature devices.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR OPTIONS



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All Options Include

- Face coverings (masks/shields) will be worn by students and staff on all school campuses
- When they are in school, children will be randomly screened for signs of illness. Temperatures may be taken as they board the bus and enter school
- After each quarter, you will have the opportunity to change your selection. Requests for transition to virtual learning during the quarter will be considered individually by the administrator
- Additional safety measures: All schools will be deep cleaned on Wednesdays and frequent handwashing will be part of the day
- Schools will account for individual needs of students
- All IEP/ESOL services will be provided
- 1-3 assignments each week will be given to the students for each subject
- All state and district-wide assessments will be required for each option
- Social workers, counselors, and psychologists will be available for each option
- Upon arrival and dismissal, steps will be taken to minimize risk of exposure (social distancing, minimal contact, face masks)

Option A: 5-day On Campus

This is a model for families who want daily face-to-face instruction with teachers.

- Traditional school setting with enhanced safety features
- Enhanced safety features, such as wearing masks/shields, hallways one-way, social distancing throughout school, including cafeteria, plexiglass dividers and more
- Limited touch in cafeteria, option of breakfast bag to dine in the classroom
- Perform routine sanitation of general facilities throughout the day

Option B: 5-day Hybrid

- Across the district, this model will include 2 consecutive days of instruction on campus (face-to-face) and 3 days virtual learning online. A teacher's class will be divided in half. Half the class will attend on M/T and the other half on Th/F with Wednesday scheduled as an online day. On the e-learning days, students will check in to Schoology daily
- Teachers will be provided with district-developed curriculum content. This would allow a seamless transition into distance learning
- Standards-based grading expectations will be posted on Schoology by the teacher for each course. Grading will be based on grade level and course standards
- Specials will be offered during the regular school year
- Must complete virtual learning assignments in order to be prepared for the next day in school
- The School District of Manatee County may issue computers; however, home internet will be necessary for online learning
- Limited touch in cafeteria, option of breakfast bag to dine in the classroom
- Transportation: [You will need to complete the application for Register to Ride if your child needs transportation for the on-campus days](#)
- Final decisions to keep hybrid students scheduled separately from the 5-day On Campus students will be based on enrollment and capacity
- The 5-day Hybrid is not an option for VPK

Option C:

5-day eLearning Manatee

eLearning Manatee is a model designed for families who want to maintain their connection to their enrolled Manatee County school, yet don't feel comfortable sending their student(s) back to campus in-person this August.

- Students will maintain their connection to their enrolled school
- There will be live teacher instruction for daily lessons
- Students will be assigned a teacher from their enrolled Manatee County schools
- Teachers will be provided with district-developed curriculum content
- Assignments will be submitted according to instructional expectations
- The teacher will post standards-based grading expectations on Schoology
- Grading will be based on grade level and course standards
- Specials offered during the regular school year will be provided
- Students will be able to participate in all school activities and events
- The School District of Manatee County may issue computers; however, home internet will be necessary for online learning
- The 5-day eLearning Manatee is not an option for VPK

Back to School Checklist

for Parents and Students

- ✓ I will make sure I feel good before I come to school. If I have a fever of 100.4 or higher, or a cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, or if I have been in direct contact with someone who has COVID-19, I will stay home and not go to school.
- ✓ When waiting for the bus and riding on the bus, I will practice social distancing and wear my face covering. My bus will be cleaned throughout the day and nightly.
- ✓ If I ride in a car to school, my parent or guardian will drop me off in the car rider area; parents will not be able to walk me to my classroom or to the cafeteria.
- ✓ If I ride my bike or walk to school, I will enter the school at the designated entry point with my face covering on.
- ✓ When I arrive at school, I will wear my face covering, head to a designated breakfast area if needed, and report to my classroom.
- ✓ When I am in my classroom, I will wear my face covering, practice social distancing, wash my hands frequently and use hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- ✓ When I am changing classes or going to a special area class, I will wear my face covering and practice social distancing. I will follow directional signs.
- ✓ When I am in music, band, chorus and other electives, I will practice social distancing and wear my face covering.
- ✓ I will bring a water bottle to school, as water fountains will be closed for regular use. There will be water filling stations to refill my water bottle. Water will be available to purchase.
- ✓ In the cafeteria, I will wear my face covering when waiting in line for food, and I will practice social distancing. Before picking up my food, I will use hand sanitizer. I understand every effort will be made to socially distance. I may remove my face covering while eating but will put my face covering back on before leaving the table.
- ✓ The school nurse will have a designated isolation area in the event that a child or a staff member comes to school and presents COVID-19 symptoms. Parents will be contacted to pick ill students up immediately.

All buildings and work spaces will be cleaned throughout the day and nightly



Lista de verificación de regreso a la escuela

para padres y estudiantes

- ✓ Me aseguraré de sentirme bien antes de venir a la escuela. Si tengo fiebre/calentura de 100.4 o más, o tos, falta de aire o pérdida del gusto u olfato, o si he estado en contacto directo con alguien que tiene COVID-19, me quedaré en casa y no iré a la escuela.
- ✓ Al esperar el autobús y viajar en el autobús, practicaré el distanciamiento social y usaré mi cubierta de cara. Mi autobús se limpiará durante el día y cada noche.
- ✓ Si voy en automóvil a la escuela, mi padre o guardián me dejará en el área de pasajeros de automóviles; mis padres no podrán acompañarme a mi salón de clases ni a la cafetería.
- ✓ Si voy en bicicleta o camino a la escuela, entraré a la escuela en el punto de entrada designado con mi cara cubierta.
- ✓ Cuando llegue a la escuela, me cubriré la cara, me dirigiré a un área designada para el desayuno si es necesario y me reportaré a mi salón de clases.
- ✓ Cuando esté en mi salón de clases, me cubriré la cara, practicaré el distanciamiento social, me lavaré las manos con frecuencia y usaré desinfectante de manos durante todo el día.
- ✓ Cuando esté cambiando de clase o vaya a una clase de área especial, me cubriré la cara y practicaré el distanciamiento social. Seguiré las señales/los signos direccionales.
- ✓ Cuando esté en música, banda, coro y otras materias electivas, practicaré el distanciamiento social y me cubriré la cara.
- ✓ Llevaré una botella de agua a la escuela, ya que las fuentes de agua estarán cerradas para uso regular. Habrá estaciones de llenado de agua para llenar mi botella de agua. Habrá agua disponible para comprar.
- ✓ En la cafetería, me cubriré la cara cuando esté esperando en la fila para recibir comida y practicaré el distanciamiento social. Antes de recoger mi comida, usaré desinfectante para manos. Entiendo que se harán todos los esfuerzos posibles para distanciar socialmente. Puedo quitarme la cubierta de la cara mientras como, pero me la volveré a poner antes de dejar la mesa.
- ✓ La enfermera de la escuela tendrá un área de aislamiento designada en caso de que un niño o un miembro del personal venga a la escuela y presente síntomas de COVID-19. Los padres serán contactados para recoger a los estudiantes enfermos inmediatamente.

Todos los edificios y espacios de trabajo se limpiarán durante el día y cada noche