



The Columbus Gifted Academy

**Transition to Hybrid Learning
Parent Information Session**

Friday, January 29th
2:00 p.m.



Welcome Back, Phoenix Scholars!

3rd Grade Scholars

Cohort A -- Monday, February 1st

Cohort B -- Thursday, February 4th

4th and 5th Grade Scholars

Cohort A -- Monday, February 8th

Cohort B -- Thursday, February 11th



Before Arrival

We are asking that all families conduct a **Daily Health Assessment** before sending their scholar to school.

Please ensure your scholar is not exhibiting any of the following **symptoms**:

- A fever of 100.4 degrees or greater in the previous 24 hours
- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- Fatigue
- Headache or Body Aches
- Nausea, Vomiting and/or Diarrhea
- Been in contact with anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the previous 10 days



Bus Procedures

- Scholars will be required to wear **masks at all times** while at bus stops and on school buses.
- **Social Distancing** of six feet apart, when possible, will be implemented on all Columbus City Schools buses.
- Scholars will **enter the bus through the regular entry door** and be seated from the rear of the bus to the front. Scholars will **exit the bus through the main door** from the front seat to the rear seat.
- The bus will contain a bottle of hand sanitizer and a spray pump bottle containing disinfectant.
- Scholars will be provided **one “squirt” of hand sanitizer when boarding** the bus.
- Drivers will create and maintain a **seating chart** for scholars who ride their buses.
- Every **bus will be disinfected** by the bus driver after each run. Driver will spray disinfectant on common touch points (handrails, seats, etc.).
- Each **bus will be disinfected** at the Bus Compound after its morning and afternoon routes are completed.



Arrival

- **Buses** will arrive on Greenwood Avenue and unload in staggered order.
- **Cars** will enter the neighborhood via W. 4th Avenue then turn SOUTH on Apollo Place. Parents will drop off/pick up scholars at the front of the school along Apollo Place then continue traveling SOUTH on Apollo Place to exit the neighborhood via 3rd Avenue. Once scholars are dropped off, they will enter the building via the front, red main entry doors and proceed down the main stairwell to the cafeteria.
- **School staff will be present** to greet and welcome scholars.



Meals

Breakfast

- Scholars will enter the building, sanitize their hands, grab their breakfast, report to their assigned seats, and eat while social distancing.
- Scholars will sit one per table and face the same way to promote social distancing.
- A seating chart has been created and will be maintained.

Lunch

- A. Teachers will escort students to the lunch room using social distancing protocols.
- B. No items (i.e. back packs, pencil bags, stuffed animals) may be taken to lunch.
- C. Scholars will wash their hands in the classroom before reporting to Lunch/Recess.
- D. Scholars will sit in assigned seats facing the same direction for health tracking purposes.
There will be one student per table in the cafeteria and two students per table in the main gym.
- E. Scholars will clean up their areas after eating.



Recess

- Scholars will be provided a **30-minute socially-distanced recess**.
- Playground fixtures will not be in use, however scholars may bring their own equipment for individual play.
- Students are not to share playground equipment.
- Scholars are to thoroughly wash their hands in the classroom after recess.



Classroom Set-Up/Supply Management

- Classrooms have been arranged for a **maximum of 15 scholars**. Tables/Desks have been set up **6 feet apart to promote social distancing**.
- **Seating charts** will be managed and maintained in each classroom.
- **Desk dividers** are provided for each scholar desk. The teacher has also been provided with a desk divider.
- **Hand sanitizer, gloves, disinfectant wipes, and cleaning supplies** have been provided.
- Classrooms will not feature communal supplies. **Scholars will be responsible for managing their own individual supplies**.
- We've put in place a process to allow **safe transfer of supplies between home and school**.
- We will provide **pencil bags and gallon baggies** for every scholar. Scholars will have a Home Ziploc baggie and a School Ziploc baggie. The School baggie will be placed in the pencil case for scholars to carry with them throughout the day. At the end of the day, needed supplies can be placed in the Home baggie for safe transfer home.



Transitions

- Unless in the case of emergency, there will be **no restroom breaks** during transitions.
- **Water fountains** have been **turned off** throughout the building.
- Each scholar will be provided with a **bike bottle** to bring water with them to school. Bike bottles must be **clearly labeled**.
- The district is also providing a **supply of bottled water for all students** -- 2 bottles per day.



Restrooms

- Only **two scholars will be permitted to use the restroom at one time**. Stalls not in use have been taped.
- Each scholar will have a gold lanyard with a name tag that will serve as her/his/their **travel pass**.
- **Scholar whereabouts will be closely monitored** for health and safety purposes.
- Scholars are to **thoroughly wash their hands** each time they use the restroom.



Masks

- **Masks are to be worn at all times** while on CGA property. This includes the playground and all outdoor areas.
- Scholars will be provided safe opportunities for **mask breaks** at the teacher discretion throughout the day.



Library

- As of now, Professor McGonigle is not planning on having scholars come into the library for checking out books.
- **Library classes will remain on Zoom**, and Professor McGonigle will be spending time educating scholars on how to use the library catalog. She's talked about the catalog with all of her classes, and instructions are posted in every Google Classroom.
- **Scholars can request CGA Library books**, and Professor McGonigle will deliver them to classrooms on appropriate days.



Ventilation

- All classrooms in use include **multiple functioning windows** and were designed with **forced mechanical fresh air supply** as required by building code.
- Even though not yet air conditioned, the building includes a **central exhaust system and air handlers** that help pull outside air through to individual classrooms.
- **Air filters are routinely inspected** utilizing a combination of internal and external resources, and the district uses **higher quality air filters than recommended by the CDC**.
- The district has completed a **full inspection and repairs of all exhaust fans** to ensure they're operating as intended, and **outside airflow has been increased** where possible.
- **Plexiglass barriers** have been installed in areas where six feet of social distancing isn't possible.
- Our **plumbing systems have also been flushed** to eliminate stagnant water.



Illness/Exposure

- We have set up a **Separation Room** for scholars who exhibit symptoms.
- If a scholar exhibits a COVID-19 symptom, she/he/they will be **assessed by the school nurse and monitored in the Separation Room**.
- You will be **notified immediately and must pick up your child** within 30 minutes of the notification.
- If a scholar is **exposed or tests positive**, you will also receive a **notification**.
- If your child has been exposed, please **continue routinely checking for COVID-19 symptoms**. If anyone in your household develops symptoms or tests positive, they should isolate and contact Columbus Public Health (614/645-1519) or your medical provider.
- In the case of exposure, your child should still **self-quarantine at home avoiding all outside activities**.
- If **no symptoms** develop and you have not been instructed otherwise to quarantine for a different exposure, **your child may continue to attend school or extracurricular activities**.
- If someone in your household tests positive, your child should be **considered an exposure** and not attend school.



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