



Return to Learn Plan

2020-2021

Second Semester Student Learning Commitment

For the 2020-21 school year, families were provided with the option of selecting In-Person Learning or Full-Time Virtual Learning for their child. A semester commitment was **required** for selecting Full-Time Virtual Learning. We realized as we began the semester that some of the expectations for both learning formats were not fully explained, and reasons for changes became apparent...lack of home support, lack of dependable internet, difficulty understanding online format, or even concern for health and safety. We did allow for some changes, but this also caused some issues, with students transferring mid-semester into a new class, with a new teacher, and new curriculum.

We have learned from these challenges, and would like to start the second semester with even more clarity of expectations. Right now, we will continue to offer two learning format choices to our families for the second semester. We are asking ALL families to return the Student Learning Commitment Form, either online or in person, so that we can know for certain how to plan staffing for the second semester. If you are planning on switching from in-person to 100% virtual, we will request that you complete a parent assurances document. **This semester, we will only allow changes between either format for the first two weeks of the semester. We will not allow changes after this time.** Please be sure to carefully review each option. School staff are available to help answer questions that you may have to ensure that you are picking the option that is the best fit for your student and your family.

<p>MI Safe Start Phase 4</p> <p>In Person Learning</p> <p>Strict Safety Protocols</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Follow all required components of Michigan's Safe Schools Roadmap.● Students will have as "normal" a school day routine as possible.● At-home screening will be required of all staff and students.● Face coverings are required for all students and staff in hallways, and in classrooms, grades K-12.● HCS will cooperate with Calhoun County Health Department for all appropriate steps should a student or staff come down with COVID-19.● Elementary lunch will be in classrooms. MS lunch will be in the cafeteria with seating arrangements to allow for distancing. HS lunch will be in classrooms.● PE courses and recess will take place outside as much as possible.● Assigned seating, hand sanitizer, and masks will be required on buses.
<p>MI Safe Start Phase 1-6</p> <p>Full-Time Virtual Learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Families will be required to make a semester commitment to this program.● A full schedule of all core subjects and elective options for students K-12.● Michigan certified teacher will be provided, with a HCS mentor. If participation numbers for Full-Time Virtual Learning warrant, HCS teachers will instruct this model.● Students will be provided with a district Chromebook. Assistance with internet accessibility devices will be available to families in need.● Students are considered a full time Homer student, and can participate in athletics and extracurricular activities.

**Please return the appropriate form
even if you are remaining in the same learning format!**



Traditional, In-Person Learning Commitment Form Parent Assurances

Please complete and return this form if you are selecting this option for your student(s).

Please initial next to each assurance to indicate that you understand the expectations of this learning format.

Parent Initial

_____ I understand that this learning format will include 5 days of in-person instruction. Attendance is expected each day that school is in session.

_____ I understand that any transitions to remote learning will require that my child continue instruction with his/her current teachers and current classes, following all of the requirements in the Return to Learn Remote Learning Guide.

_____ I understand that my child will be expected to comply with all safety protocols as outlined in our Return to Learn plan, including but not limited to mask wearing, physical distancing, and sanitizing.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to monitor my child's health, and keep my child home if he/she fails the daily health screener. I also understand that it is my responsibility to follow any quarantine issued for the health and safety of my child and others.

_____ I understand that this learning format is subject to change, based on state or health department recommendations or operational concerns. Students enrolled in this format could be transitioned into remote or even hybrid learning. However, the intent will always be to transition back to 5 days of in-person learning when feasible.

_____ I understand that by selecting this learning format, I will be committing to remaining in this learning format for the entire semester. If I request a change to fully virtual, I **MUST** request this change within the first two weeks of the new semester. **NO changes for any reason will be allowed after that time.**

Please list all students' names and grades on the back of this form that are committing to the traditional learning format for the second semester for the 2020-21 school year.
The second semester will begin on January 4, 2021.
Please return a commitment form even if you are remaining in the same learning format.



Traditional, In-Person Learning Commitment Form Student Names

Please list all students in your household that will be enrolled in this learning format for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year.

*****Please review and initial the assurance on the other side of this form to ensure that this learning format is the best fit for your students and your family!*****

Student Name (First and Last)	Current Grade
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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Print Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to any of the building drop boxes no later than Friday, December 11.



Full-Time Virtual Learning Commitment Form Parent Assurances

Please complete and return this form if you are selecting this option for your students.
Please initial next to each assurance to indicate that you understand the expectations of this learning format.

Parent Initial

_____ I understand that this learning format will be 100% online. No written packets and hard copies will be provided. All of the curriculum and assignments will be provided in a digital format only.

_____ I understand this format requires a high level of parental/adult involvement. I have watched the "[Role of the Learning Coach](#)" video to understand the significant role that an adult must play for all students, but especially for all elementary virtual students.

_____ I understand that it is my student's responsibility to read and respond to all emails, check Google Classroom daily, and participate in scheduled Google Meets. All of these forms of communication are designed to help all students be successful!

_____ I understand that my child will need to have access to sufficient internet to support fully virtual learning. By selecting this learning format, I am stating that we currently have access to a consistent internet connection. *Verizon Jet Packs have already been made available to all families through Homer Schools. If the jet pack was not able to provide a consistent internet connection, then please strongly reconsider if this is the best learning format for your child. This is the only internet assistance available from the school.*

_____ I understand that the online teachers assigned to my child will be available during their posted office hours, and it is my responsibility to contact them during these times. Contacts made outside of these times will be responded to in a timely manner. Teachers are not expected to hold meets or respond to emails/texts outside of the school day.

_____ I understand that students are responsible for all assignments and work assigned as part of the online curriculum. Teachers can post due dates and have consequences for late work, including but not limited to reduced points, similar to the in-person classroom. All official grades will be posted in PowerSchool for grades 6-12, and in Canvas for grades K-5. Late work submitted will not be graded and posted to PowerSchool unless the student informs the teacher the specific work that has been completed.

_____ I understand that by selecting this learning format, I will be committing to remaining fully virtual, regardless of the in-person schedule. If I request a change to in-person, I **MUST** request this change within the first two weeks of the new semester. **NO changes for any reason will be allowed after that time.**

Please list all students' names and grades on the back of this form that are committing to the fully virtual learning format for the second semester for the 2020-21 school year.

The second semester will begin on January 4, 2021.

Please return a commitment form even if you are remaining in the same learning format.



Full-Time Virtual Learning Commitment Form Student Names

Please list all students in your household that will be enrolled in this learning format for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year.

*****Please review and initial the assurance on the other side of this form to ensure that this learning format is the best fit for your students and your family!*****

Student Name (First and Last)

Current Grade

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Parent/Guardian Print Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

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