



First Week

Fall 2020

September 2, 2020

Coming Back Together....



LPES
@lpes_smcps

Our Front Office Team is here to help Panda Nation in anyway they can! Happy Tuesday Panda Nation! #PandaPride



LPES
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A sweet surprise for our staff 🐼 and Ms. Belisario and Ms. Buckler getting ready for our morning meetings! Happy Second Day of School Panda Nation! 🐼



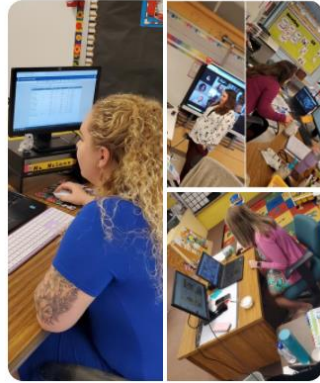
EMS
@ems_smcps

Day 2 is going great!! We love seeing our students over Google Meet!



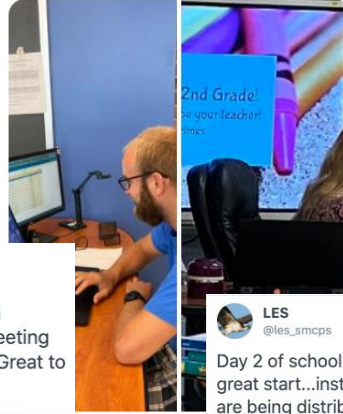
GKES
@gkes_smcps

GK staff and students did an amazing job greeting and meeting new classmates/students!! Great to see so many little smiles 😊



LES
@les_smcps

Teachers connecting with their students this morning. Great to see everyone back!:) We missed you!



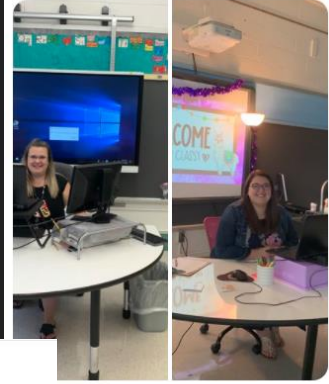
LES
@les_smcps

Day 2 of school!:) We are off to a great start...instructional materials are being distributed and students and teachers are connecting to start the day. Great attendance!:) #GoOspreys!



TCES
@TCES_SMCPs

Our teachers are thrilled to be connecting with our students!



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PHES
@phes_smcps

Park Hall has the best kindergarten team ever!!! It was such a coincidence that they all wore the same shirt on the same day.



Topics

- COVID Guidance for Maryland Schools
 - Governor's Press Conference August 27, 2020
 - Local COVID data - Navigating Dashboards
 - Timeline for Transition to In-Person Hybrid Instruction
- Getting Connected with Technology Resources
 - One to One in SMCPS
 - Getting Connected in Schoology
- Special Education Update and Overview
- Food Services Update

Governor Hogan and Superintendent Salmon

Press Conference on Thursday, August 27 @ 4pm



 **Governor Larry Hogan** @GovLarryHogan

Watch today's press conference live on YouTube:
youtu.be/GdWXWL1RN8

 **Schools Update - August 27, 2020**
youtube.com

4:02pm · 27 Aug 2020 · Twitter

172 Replies 35 Retweets 82


 **Governor Larry Hogan** @GovLarryHogan

As a result of dramatically improved #COVID19 health metrics across the state, today I announced that every county school system in Maryland is now fully authorized to begin safely reopening.


Details:
governor.maryland.gov/2020/08/27/gov...

5:56pm · 27 Aug 2020 · Twitter Web App

484 Replies 195 Retweets 793 Likes

 **Governor Larry Hogan** @Gov... 3d
@MdPublicSchools Superintendent Dr. Karen Salmon urges local school systems to reevaluate their modes of instruction at the end of the first quarter. The state is making \$10 million in grant funding available to help systems that are able to move toward in-person instruction.

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 **Governor Larry Hogan** @GovLarryHogan

The authority to reopen continues to rest with county school systems, but nearly everyone agrees that there is no substitute for in-person instruction. It is essential that we all work together on flexible hybrid plans to safely get some of our kids back into classrooms.

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Governor's Press Conference September 1



What does Stage 3 mean
for schools?

MARYLAND STRONG: ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

STAGE THREE

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, SEPT 4 AT 5:00 PM,
ALL MARYLAND BUSINESSES WILL BE
ABLE TO OPEN.



Venues for movies and live performances may open to the general public at 50% capacity, or 100 people per auditorium (if indoors) or 250 people (if outdoors)—whichever is less.



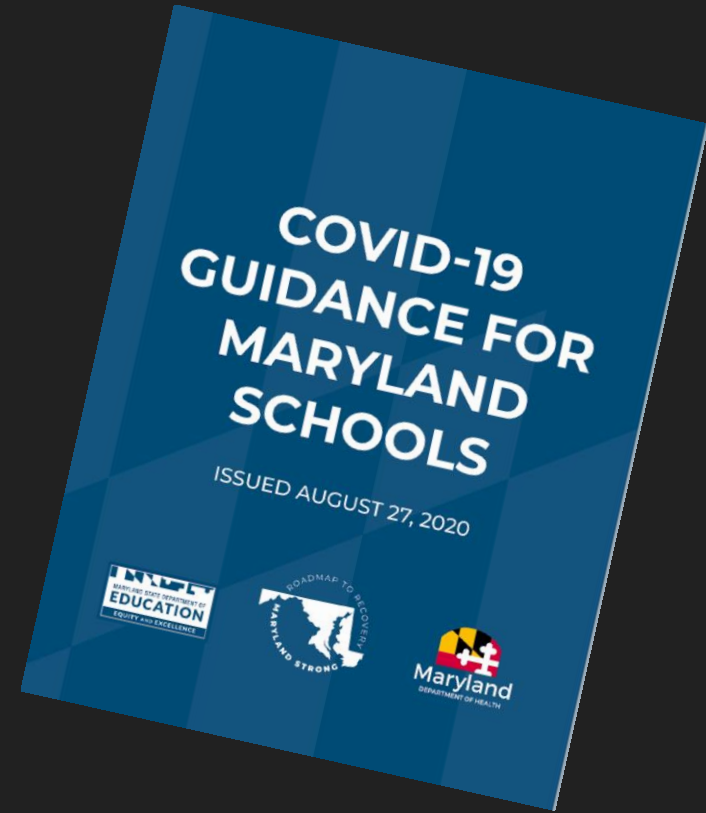
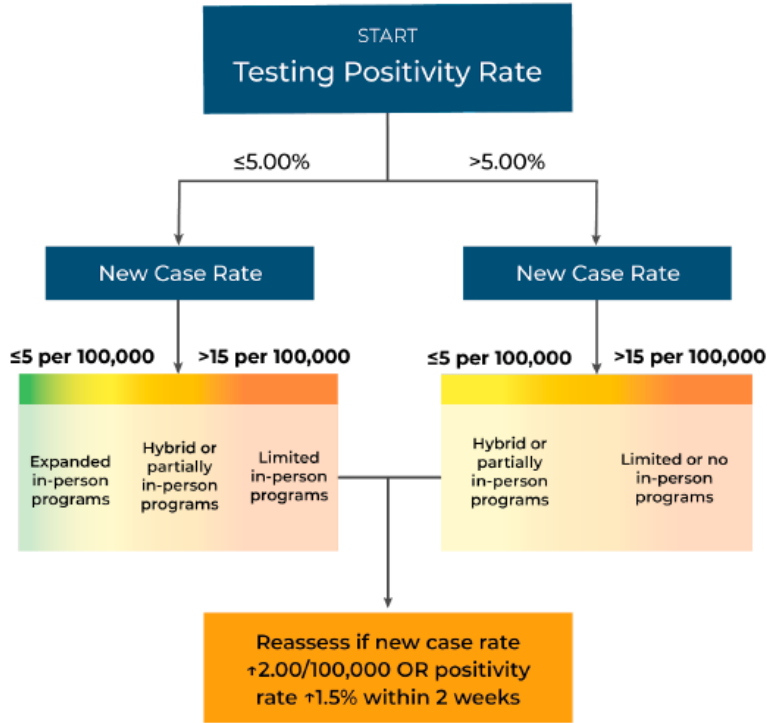
Retail stores may expand operations from 50% to 75% capacity with strong physical distancing, masking, and other safety precautions in place.



Religious facilities may increase capacity from 50% to 75%. Distancing, masking, and safety protocols are strongly advised to keep congregants safe.

FIND HEALTH RESOURCES: [CORONAVIRUS.MARYLAND.GOV](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov)

COVID-19 Guidance for Maryland Schools



Testing Positivity Rate

Positivity % by Jurisdiction - [Full Screen View](#)

Daily Positivity Percentage by Jurisdiction

St. Mary's



New Case Rate (per 100,000)

7 Day Moving Average Case Rate per 100K by Jurisdiction - [Full Screen View](#)

7 Day Moving Average Case Rate per 100K by Jurisdiction



Source: <https://governor.maryland.gov/recovery-schools/>

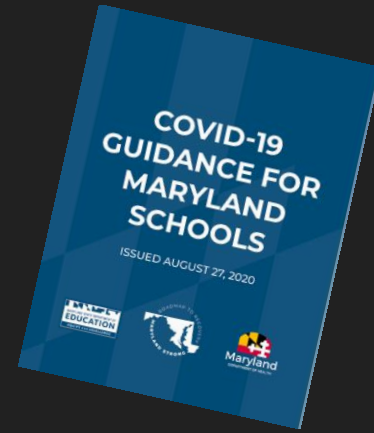
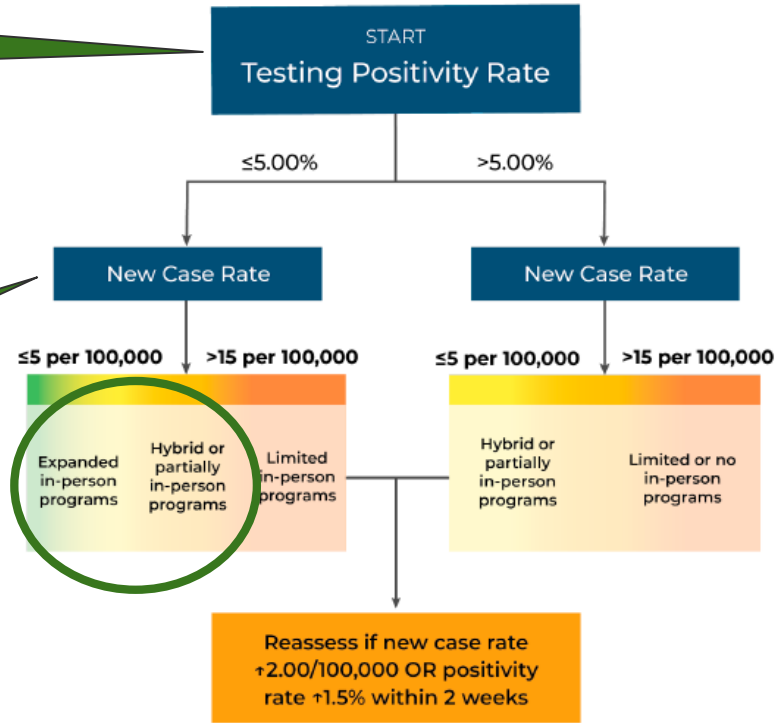
COVID-19 Guidance for Maryland Schools

St. Mary's County
Positivity Rate

1.4%
(9/1/20)

St. Mary's County
New Case Rate

4.4
(9/1/20)

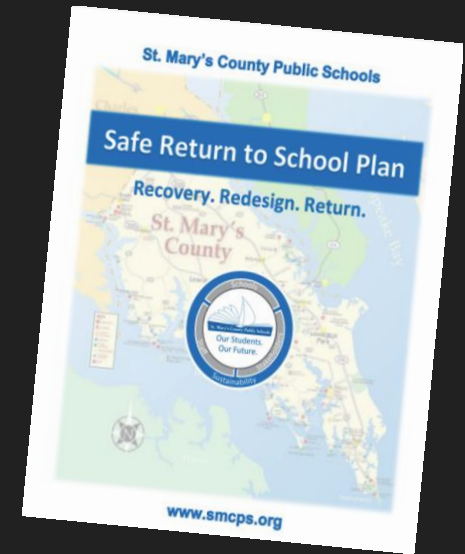


State Superintendent Salmon

“... in light of those improving numbers and with these specific metrics provided by the Department of Health, I am strongly encouraging local school systems to reevaluate their mode of instruction by the end of the first quarter.”

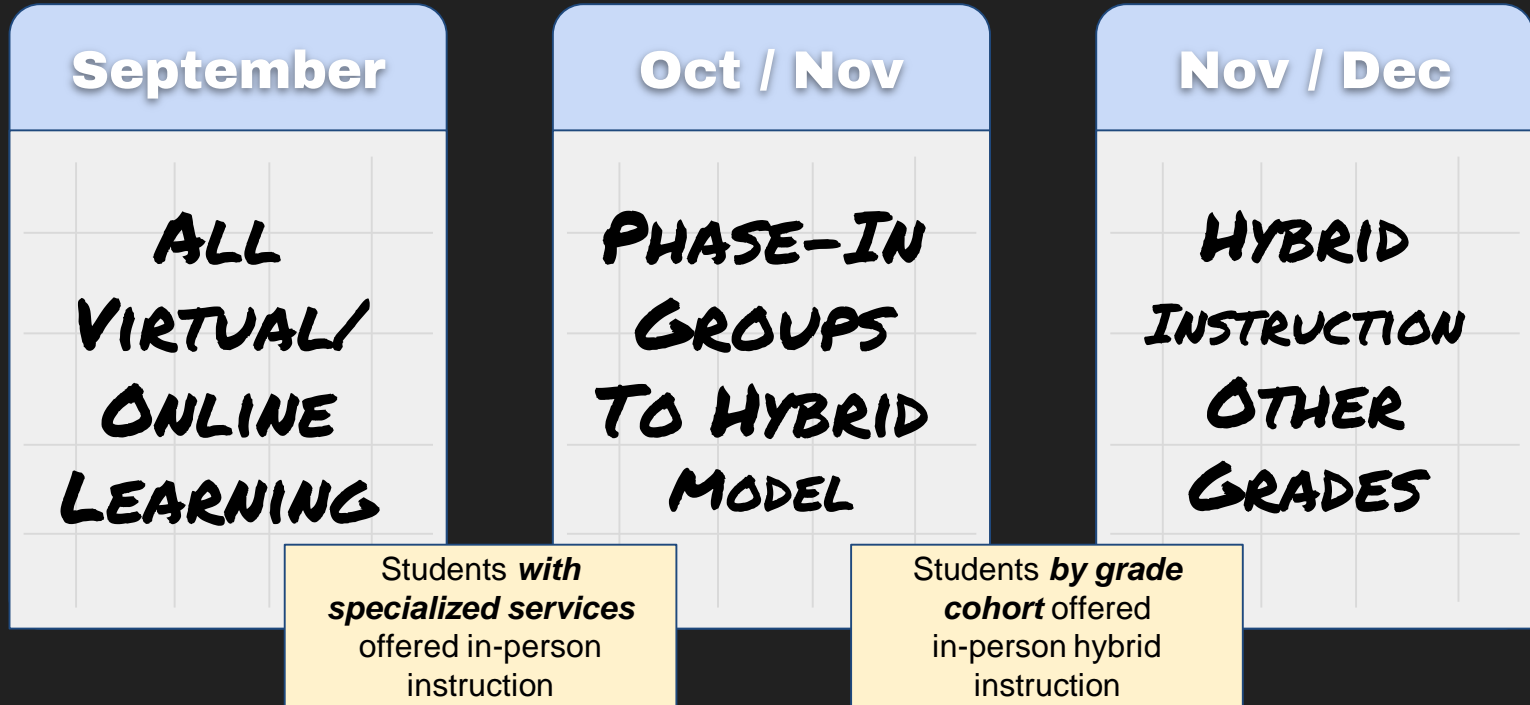
St. Mary's County Public Schools was one of the 16 districts in MD recognized for meeting this first quarter return target.

- The SMCPS Safe Return Plan provides a process for reviewing data, changing public health conditions, and implementation experience.
- Throughout the first quarter, this information will be reviewed to phase in students for returning starting with a hybrid learning model.



SMCPS Fall Instruction

Dates and progress of phases will be reviewed before each step to determine next steps moving forward.



September

**ALL
VIRTUAL/
ONLINE
LEARNING**

Students *with specialized services* offered in-person instruction

September 21-October 2, 2020

Specialized programs return

- Head Start
- Pre-K
- SAIL
- COMPASS

These students will return to **regular schedule** with in-person instruction being delivered each school day (Monday-Thursday)

Oct / Nov

**PHASE-IN
GROUPS
TO HYBRID
MODEL**

Students *by grade cohort* offered in-person hybrid instruction

October 5-16, 2020

- Elementary Level
 - Kindergarten
 - Grade 1
- Middle School
 - Grade 6
- High School
 - Grade 9
 - Grade 12

Students will begin hybrid model with in-person instruction 2 days per week and online instruction 3 days per week

Data and CDC guidelines will be reviewed regularly to evaluate next steps.

October 19-30, 2020

Oct

**PHASE-IN
GROUPS
TO HYBRID
MODEL**

Elementary Level

- Pre K - 5

Middle School

- Grade 6 - 8

High School

- Grade 9 - 12

All Students in hybrid model with in-person instruction 2 days per week and online instruction 3 days per week.

Data and CDC guidelines will be reviewed regularly to evaluate next steps.

Nov / Dec

**FULL
HYBRID**

Phasing into a Hybrid Schedule

Phased In Schedules



Step

1

Begin with online learning with consideration for students receiving specialized services

Step

2

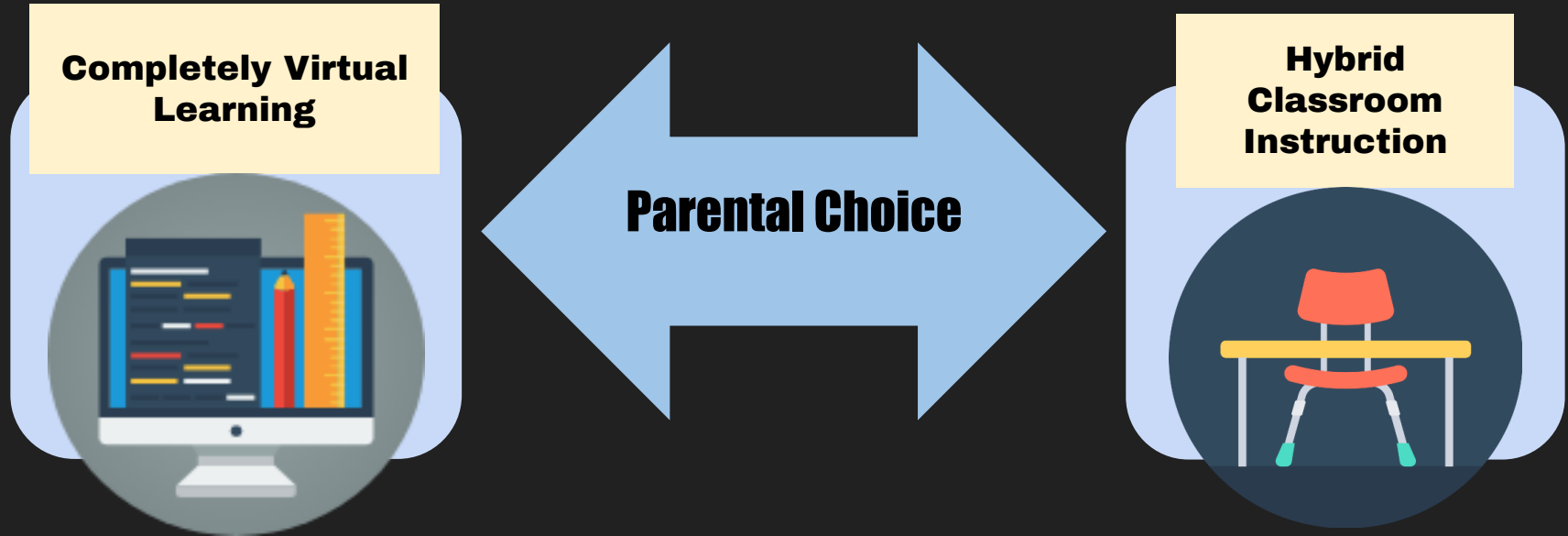
Sequence bringing in grade-level groups starting with Pre K/Kindergarten, 6, 9, 12 grade

Step

3

Monitor and add additional grades until all levels are back pre K-12

Fall Instruction for All Students



Schools will be contacting parents of students in Head Start, Pre-K, and Regional Programs next week to determine if they wish their children to return to school or continue with online learning.

CONNECTING ONLINE

- Do you have access to a device?
- Can you login to your student email?
- Can you login with Clever?
- Can you access Schoology?



Need Technology?

Contact Your School

They can help provide information and help you get what you need.

- Do you need a device?
- Do you need a connection?
- Does every student have a device?
- Siblings should have their own device



The header of the Chopticon High School Device Response Form features a dark red background. On the left is the Chopticon Braves logo, which includes a large white 'C' with 'BRAVES' written in red below it. On the right is the St. Mary's County Public Schools logo, a circular emblem with a ship and the motto 'Our Students Our Future'.

Chopticon High School Device Response Form

Please provide this important information that will assist us in planning for online instruction this fall.

Please complete this form for EACH student in your household attending a school in St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS). Each student will require access to his/her own device.




The header of the Great Mills High School Device Response Form has a green background. On the left is the Great Mills logo, featuring a stylized 'GM' and a bee. On the right is the St. Mary's County Public Schools logo.

Great Mills High School Device Response Form

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Please complete this form for EACH student in your household attending a school in St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS). Each student will require access to his/her own device.



The header of the Leonardtown High School Device Response Form has a blue background. On the left is the Leonardtown High School logo, featuring the letters 'LHS' and a figure. On the right is the St. Mary's County Public Schools logo.

Leonardtown High School Device Response Form

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Overall Schoology Access Data

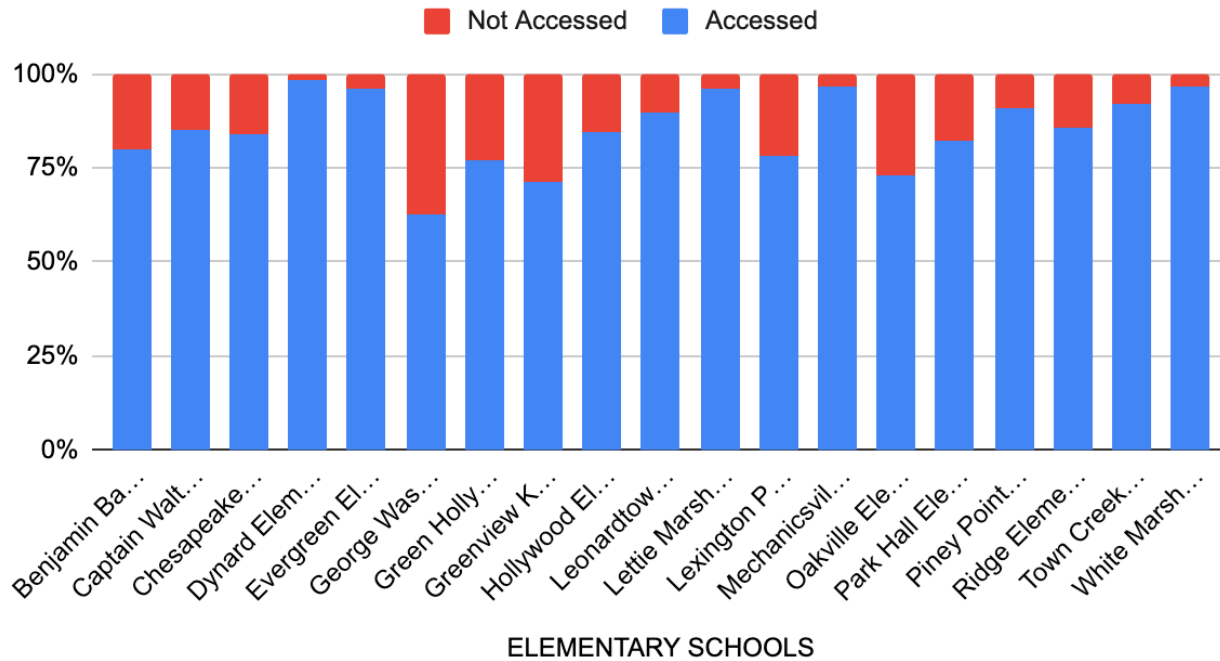


	Accessed	Total Students	Percent
Elementary	7034	8277	85.0%
Middle	3759	4045	92.9%
High	4930	5364	91.9%
Totals	15723	17686	88.9%

Schoolology Access: Elementary Schools



ES: Accessed and Not Accessed

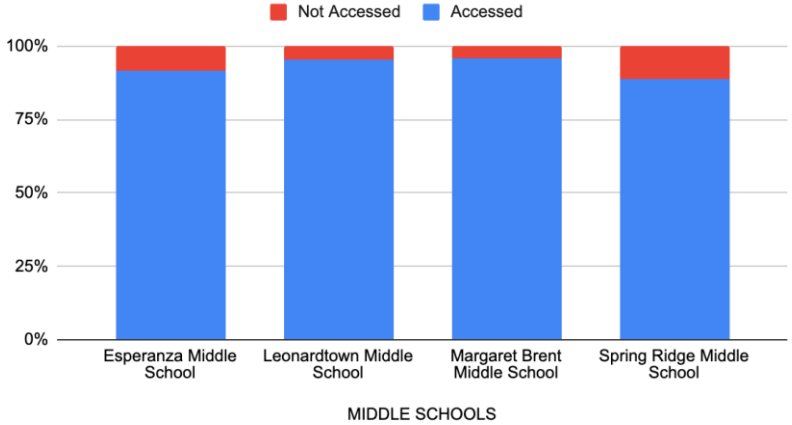


85.0% of all enrolled elementary students have logged into Schoolology and are engaging with their teachers and peers

Schoolology Access: Secondary Schools



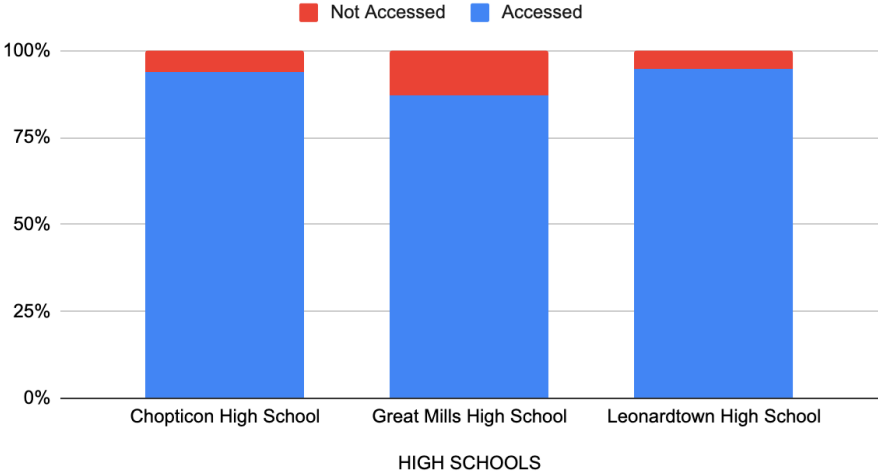
MS: Accessed and Not Accessed



92.9% of all enrolled middle school students have logged into Schoolology and are engaging with their teachers and peers

91.9% of all enrolled high school students have logged into Schoolology and are engaging with their teachers and peers

HS: Accessed and Not Accessed



Access to Email & Internet Resources

Each year, students are required to change their SMCPs email password.

St. Mary's County Public Schools Employees: Normal
Employee Status Codes

HOME ABOUT US STUDENTS STAFF PARENTS SCHOOLS OFFICES ACADEMICS CALENDAR

Search: Search ... QSearch

Schoolology is the online learning platform powering our online return to school this 2020-2021 school year.

S schoolology student login

Students in St. Mary's County Public Schools have access to [online instructional resources](#) aligned to the content and instructional program. Each student's login gives them access to resources that match their grade level and content. Many resources are open to all students, and some are specific to the grade level, content, or schedule of the student. Use your SMCPs Login to access resources through Clever.


[To access these resources, sign in through Clever.](#)

Parents can find useful links on [The Parent Portal](#).

Sign in with **Clever**

[Forgot your clever password? Issues with your login? We can help.](#)








Pre-Kindergarten and Head Start students do not get a Clever ID. To access developmentally appropriate online resources for hands-on learning packets will be mailed to them.





Webmail


Access your SMCPs Gmail account

GENERAL RESOURCES

-  [Meet the Student Board Member](#)
Ms. Naggena Ohi
-  [Student Handbooks](#)
Navigating the school system as a student
-  [Calendar](#)
School System Events, Holidays
-  [PeachJar](#)
Digital files and newsletters
-  [Student Risk Behavior](#)
Help reduce high-risk youth behaviors
-  [Rising Freshmen Orientation](#)
Info about prepping for freshman year
-  [SMCPs Public Library Partnership](#)
Learn more about our library partnership

 [Home Access Center \(HAC\)](#)
Check on your grades & classes

 [My School Bucks](#)
Add money to your lunch account

 [Summer Camp](#)
Sign up for our awesome summer camps!

One to One and Connectivity

- Significant progress has been made throughout the summer
- New Devices working toward 1:1

SMCPS purchased over 9,000 devices in the past 4 months

- Many of those devices have arrived- others on the way!
- Some are slightly delayed due to high demand for mobile technology across the country and world.
- First phase of technology distribution targeted to students without a device
 - As of 8/28/2020, **6,013 devices had been delivered to schools for distribution to students**
 - Of the devices issued to students, about 4,487 (75%) were successfully set up **by noon on the first day** of school (August 31)

Internet Connectivity

Broadband Grant

- **Hotspots:** SMCPS staff will be in touch with families to distribute hotspots
 - For those provided by the grant for families without broadband connectivity as defined at: <http://www.stmarysmd.com/Broadband>

Comcast/Atlantic Broadband (essential services/low cost plans)

- **Atlantic Broadband ([Internet Assist](#))**
 - Offering basic internet speed tier to those who live in their serviceable area, do not currently have Atlantic Broadband internet service in their home, and meet specific need-based qualifications.
- **Comcast ([Internet Essentials](#))**
 - Need-based qualifications to be eligible for the Internet Essentials program.
 - New Internet Essentials customers will receive two free months of Internet service if they enroll in the program by December 31, 2020.

Atlantic BB Internet Assist

ATLANTIC BROADBAND INTERNET ASSIST PROGRAM

What is the Atlantic Broadband Internet Assist program?

In direct response to the COVID-19 situation and the increased need to connect to work and/or school from home, Atlantic Broadband is offering a 15 Mbps downstream / 1 Mbps upstream internet speed tier to those who live in Atlantic Broadband's serviceable area, do not currently have Atlantic Broadband internet service in their home, and meet specific need-based qualifications.

How much does the Atlantic Broadband Internet Assist program cost?

The program offer is for \$9.99 per month plus tax.

What do I need to do to qualify for the Atlantic Broadband Internet Assist program?

The Atlantic Broadband Internet Assist program has been designed to provide internet access to in-need households that meet all of the following qualifications: Those who 1) do not currently subscribe to an Atlantic Broadband Internet Service and who have not subscribed to Atlantic Broadband Internet Service in the last one hundred and twenty (120) days; 2) do not have any past due balances with Atlantic Broadband; 3) have not been disconnected from any Atlantic Broadband service within the last twelve (12) months due to non-payment; and 4) are eligible for any of the following public assistance programs: National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Housing Assistance, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and/or Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Customers will be required to provide proof of eligibility subject to the review and discretion of Atlantic Broadband.

Comcast Internet Essentials

When you're
connected,
you're ready
for anything.

You may qualify if you are eligible for public assistance programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, and others. Learn how to get connected today!

[Learn More](#)

Looking to Apply?

It's easy to get affordable high-speed Internet at home with Internet Essentials. [New customers will receive two months of free service](#) in response to the Coronavirus emergency.

[Pricing & other info.](#)

[Apply Now](#)

WiFi hotspots

In addition to in-home WiFi, access to Xfinity WiFi hotspots is included with Internet Essentials.

Learn more about Xfinity WiFi Hotspots and how to connect outside your home.

[Get Help](#)

Need Help?

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

SMCPS is here to support your online learning process.

What do you need help with today?

Getting Started

[Setting up your computer or device](#)

[Connecting to the internet](#)

If you have not already provided information to your school: [Complete the Technology Survey](#).

Logging in

[Logging into my computer](#)

[Logging into Schoology](#)

Tech Support

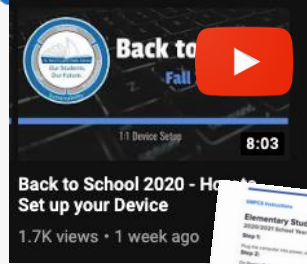
[I need help with my computer.](#)

[My computer is broken.](#)

Acquiring a computer.

[What are the technology requirements for student computers?](#)

[Where do I get a computer for online schooling?](#)



Specific guidance is provided based on the issue you are experiencing.

Users can also work through their teacher, media specialist, or administrator

If online resources don't resolve the issue

Need Tech Help?

- Includes hardware and device support such as:
 - turning on the machine
 - initial login
 - password issues including account lockouts,
 - hardware malfunction
 - Technical issues typically do NOT include software or application support

In addition, you can email:

helpdesk@smcps.org if you need help with **logging in or connecting**

Phone: (301) 475-2138 Option 1

Technical support hours:

Mon - Thur 7a - 7p; Fri 7a - 4p

Or

schoology@smcps.org if you need help **accessing online instructional resources**

Device exchange process

- If you are experiencing issues with an SMCPS issued device, please contact our Helpdesk at 301-475-2138 or helpdesk@smcps.org for support.
- If an SMCPS issued device is unable to be repaired remotely, a replacement will be made available in coordination with your school.
- Once a machine is ready and delivered to your school, you will be contacted to pick up the replacement and drop off the faulty device.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Updates and Frequently Asked Questions

Special Education

How will IEP services be incorporated into the daily schedule?

- Special education teachers will collaborate with general education teachers to establish a schedule that provides all students access to the general education curriculum. An intervention schedule will then be established to provide services written in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

How will students get the materials needed for interventions that are being held virtually?

- All materials will be provided and can be picked up at the school. Schools will have scheduled times for this to occur.

FOOD SERVICES

- Updates

Food Services Update

As a result of waiver extensions from USDA, **beginning September 9, 2020**, breakfast and lunch pick-up service will be offered to all children 18 years of age and under free of charge.

- Meals will be offered at **all locations** (except FLA II) for pick-up during the hours of **11:00AM- 1:00PM**.
- **Two day's worth of meals** (breakfast and lunch) can be picked up on **Monday** and **Wednesday** and one day of meals on **Friday**.
- **Online pre-orders for meals is encouraged but same day pick-up will be available.**

Visit Meal Services on SMCPS.org



The screenshot shows the homepage of St. Mary's County Public Schools. At the top left is the school district logo, a stylized open book. To its right is the text "St. Mary's County Public Schools". Below this is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT US, STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS, SCHOOLS, OFFICES, and ACADEMICS. A search bar is located below the navigation menu. In the center, there is a "NEWS" section with three featured articles: "ONLINE INSTRUCTION", "MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES", and "MEAL SERVICES". The "MEAL SERVICES" article is highlighted with a red border and features a green banner with the text "MEAL SERVICES" and an image of three children eating lunch.

Food & Nutrition Services

[Assistance and Contacts](#)

[Farm To School](#)

[Forms](#)

[Healthy Fundraising](#)

[Meal Benefit Information](#)

[Meal Benefit Status Letter](#)

[Meal Prices](#)

[Meal Services](#)

[SchoolBucks](#)

[Nutrition Information](#)

School Lunches, Menus & Meal

Plans

[Student Meal Account Refund](#)

[Wellness Policy](#)

SCHOOL MENUS



Lunch Menus for All Schools

Check our [Nutrislice Webpage](#) for monthly menus, nutrition information, and to print out a copy of your school's menu!

The website features include:

- View Helpful nutrition info
- Download our FREE mobile app!
- Print your menus



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