



# HERTFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Learning Preference Choice Remainder 2020-2021 School Year

The passing of Senate Bill 220 mandates school administrative units to provide two options for instruction grades kindergarten through 12 for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. The start date for the new options for instruction will begin in April following Hertford County Public Schools (HCPS) Spring Break. Specific dates and times to be announced. HCPS instruction options for grades PreK through 12 will be:

- In-person instruction (*students report to school site up to 4 days per week; remaining school day(s) students participate online or paper packet*)
- 100% virtual learning (*online or paper packets – students do not report to school site*)

ALL parents/guardians have an opportunity to select a new learning preference for the remainder of the 2020-21 School Year. HCPS will implement all health/safety protocols as directed through the Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) dated March 4, 2021. A copy of the Toolkit document can be found on the district web page under “For Parents and Students” menu. Before completing your form(s), please read the following carefully:

- Students remain on their current Learning Choice Option until after Spring Break.
- Regardless of your new Learning Preference Choice, all students will have the responsibility for attending and completing all assignments each week.
- HCPS and students remain accountable for academic growth and performance. All end-of-year state assessments are required in-person and cannot be conducted virtually. Students are requested to attend state assessment sessions. Health/safety protocols recommended will be implemented during these testing sessions. Transportation will be provided for all testing sessions.
- Learning Preference Choices are subject to change based on the health/safety of our students and employees.
- If a parent/guardian does not submit a Learning Preference Choice form, HCPS will place student on 100% virtual learning.

**Learning Preference Choice forms must be signed and dated by the parent/guardian and returned to the student’s school site NO LATER THAN Friday, March 19 2021.**

### **Health/Safety Protocols that will continue:**

- **Temperature checks and wellness attestations for staff and students daily**
- **Scheduled time for cleaning and sanitizing school sites.**
- **Social distancing in the classroom, hallways and buses**
- **Masks required except during lunch and mask breaks**