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CHALLENGE SCHOOL



This Week's News

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A Message from the Principal



I hope that this message finds your entire family safe, well, and enjoying your summer! I know that the urgent question on everyone's mind right now is whether or not we will be able to return to Challenge School for in-person learning. Believe me, we're all awaiting the answer to that question! I will answer the most common questions about structure, operations, and safety as clearly and succinctly as possible. Here is some of the most pertinent information for you.

- A final decision will be made on our format (in-person or remote) by August 3.
- School will definitely start on August 17 - either in person or remotely.

CHL Start Dates:

1. CHL Middle School (Grades 5-8) Monday, August 17, 2020
 2. CHL Elementary School (Grades 1-4), Wednesday, August 19, 2020
 3. CHL Kindergarten (K), Thursday, August 20, 2020
- If we implement remote learning, learning activities will be both synchronous (online together), and asynchronous (can be completed independently).

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Important Summer Links:

[Planning Forward 2020-2021](#)

[Challenge School Website](#)

[CCSD Summer Meal Service](#)

[CCSD Summer Reading 2020](#)

Summer Reading Assignments:

Teams A (Kindergarten) & B (Grades 1 & 2) do not have specific assignments. Please continue to read, read, read! Follow the CCSD Summer Reading 2020 Guidelines found on the link above.

[Team C \(Grades 3 & 4\)](#)

[Team D \(Grades 5 & 6\)](#)

[Team E \(Grades 7 & 8\)](#)

Happy Reading!

- All CCSD schools will work to create smaller “cohorts” of students and keep them together.
- We will work to reduce/eliminate the commingling of cohorts as much as possible.
 - For elementary classes (Grades K-4), we will cohort by individual classroom as much as possible.
 - For middle school classes (Grades 5-8), we will cohort by team as much as possible.
- Middle school (Grades 5-8) will operate on an alternating block schedule to reduce the number of periods and transitions each day.
- Students will be expected to wear masks and wear them appropriately.
- Frequent handwashing for all students
- We will implement physical distancing as much as possible
- Classrooms will be spaced out to provide as much physical distance as possible.
- Transitions and passing periods will be limited as much as possible.
- Students will use individual school supplies that they carry with them (not community supplies).
- All parents are required to assess student health daily (temperature checks, overall wellness, etc.).
- Due to ongoing changes, we are not able to share classroom assignments until the week of August 10 - 14.

Approximately 10,000 CCSD students will attend online schooling this fall. The district is currently making significant staffing adjustments in order to accommodate student intent at this time. We're working

around the clock to make preparations for multiple scenarios to start the year.

Above all else, we will work to keep our students and staff safe and healthy during this time. Our greatest hope is that we can return to in-person learning and maintain that throughout the year. We miss your kids, and are so excited to see them return!

Please see detailed answer to our most common questions here:

[Planning Forward 2020-21 FAQs](#)

More information regarding in-person learning can be found here:

[Planning Forward 2020-21 In-Person Learning](#)

More information regarding our remote learning scenario can be found here:

[Planning Forward 2020-21 Online Learning](#)

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