



Holmes District Schools

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Back to School 2020-21

Instructional Options

Option 1: Traditional School

- Schools will be open 5 days a week and follow our approved school calendar.
- Blended seat time environment: Standards-based textbooks plus online curriculum
- 1:1 devices: Each student has a computer to use in class daily.

Option 2: Holmes Virtual School

- Courses accessed solely from online curriculum
- Flexibility in scheduling: Students can take one or two online courses while still attending the “brick and mortar” school or a full class load online from home
- Curriculum provided by Florida Virtual School, but taught by Holmes County teachers. No worries about not being able to receive assistance locally.
- NO COST to parents
- Must enroll for a full semester

Option 3: Innovative Learning Environment

- Instruction takes place online with a Holmes County teacher; still enrolled in home school
- Student can interact with teacher and other online students
- Same curriculum as traditional school
- All core subjects available; elective offerings will be limited
- Will require a set daily schedule with several hours dedicated to learning
- Must have reliable internet connection

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Additional Information

- Additional computers have been ordered to enable us to provide a device for each student. However, due to supply issues in the technology industry, they may not arrive prior to the beginning of school.
- Using a blended model combining traditional and online curriculum in our traditional classrooms will allow for a smooth transition to remote learning in the event of a future closure.
- As a franchise partner with Florida Virtual School (FLVS), the Holmes County School District is able to provide one of the best virtual curriculum programs in the country, while using our own teachers.
- Students who begin in a traditional brick and mortar school and want to transfer to Holmes Virtual School will not be able to transfer any credits unless they have completed a full semester course and received a grade in that course. For example, if a student begins in the traditional school, and decides to move to Holmes Virtual in the middle of the semester, the grades earned to that point will not be able to transfer to HVS.
- The Innovative Learning option is scheduled to run August through December. Students will be able to return to their traditional school at any time their families feel comfortable.

Once your family has made a decision regarding your student's learning option for 2020-21, here's the next step:

If choosing Option 1, Traditional School, you do not have to do anything differently than what you normally do when beginning the school year.

If choosing Option 2—Holmes Virtual or Option 3—Innovative Learning, please complete the following online form. Your child's home school will contact you to make an appointment to complete the registration process. Please make your selection by **Wednesday, July 29**.

<https://forms.gle/uT6gDWrgQM7oMvFA7>