



Office of the Superintendent

November 18, 2020

Dear SCPS Families and Staff,

Next week our school system is closed from Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The only day scheduled for hybrid instruction was Tuesday, November 24. Due to the shortened week, it has been decided that on both Monday and Tuesday next week we will provide virtual instruction, except for the exempt categories previously identified.

Synchronous instruction will take place on both Monday and Tuesday at High School and Middle School levels. Monday, November 23 will be a Y-Day; Tuesday, November 24, will be an X-Day. Students who regularly attend classes in our buildings will attend in-person on Monday and Tuesday.

At the elementary level, Monday will be an asynchronous virtual day, as usual. Tuesday will be a synchronous virtual instruction day with Group A students provided synchronous virtual instruction from 8-11 a.m. or 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Group B students will receive synchronous virtual instruction from 1-3 p.m. or 2-4 p.m. Internet Cafe service will operate as normal on both days. Elementary parents will receive more detailed information from their child's school to include the specials schedule and any additional school-based information.

There are no changes to Early Childhood Education. Students at this level will follow their regular schedule for these two days.

Students with an IEP in elementary school will transition to Plan C as outlined on their IEPs for these two days. All accommodations and goals as outlined in your child's IEP will continue to be implemented as indicated. Transportation will be offered (to include special transportation) for students that are coming into the building during plan C for in-person instruction. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's case manager or the building-level designee. Students with 504 plans will continue to have access to their accommodations. The following week, students will transition back to Plan B as outlined in their IEPs.

Bus distribution and curbside meal service will take place on Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24 only. Students will receive two breakfasts and two lunches per day on these two days.

I want to again remind everyone as we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, or any time that we are out in the community, we must remain vigilant in following all the recommended health mitigation strategies that have been identified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to minimize the spread of COVID-19. It is essential that proper social distancing be maintained and masks are worn as required.

As I reported last week, our school system has effective health mitigation strategies in place. Right now we are seeing very little evidence of school-related transmission and this is due greatly to these practices and the cooperation between families and school personnel. However, as the COVID-19 rates are increasing in our

community, we can potentially see an increase of COVID-19 related issues in our schools due to community spread. This is why it is essential that wherever you go and whatever you do during the Thanksgiving break, you continue to follow the important health mitigation strategies defined above, even with family members during the holiday.

We will continue to evaluate our local health data during the Thanksgiving holiday. It is important for parents to have plans in place in case it is decided that our school system has to move from a face-to-face/hybrid learning model to a virtual only instructional model. It is my intention to give parents and staff as much notice as possible if this change is to be made, but please understand that the COVID-19 virus remains a very fluid situation.

As always, I greatly appreciate your cooperation and support during these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Kizner, Ph.D.
 Superintendent

	Monday 23rd	Tuesday 24th	Wednesday-Sunday 25th-29th	Monday 30th
High School	Y (Synchronous)	X (Synchronous)	Holiday break	No Change
Middle School	Y (Synchronous)	X (Synchronous)	Holiday break	No Change
Elementary	No change	Group A (Synchronous) 8-11 a.m. or 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Group B (Synchronous) 1-3 p.m. or 2-4 p.m.	Holiday break	No Change
Early Childhood	No Change	No Change	Holiday break	No Change
Students with IEPs	Elementary (Follow Plan C – as per IEP) Middle and High (No Changes)	Elementary (Follow Plan C – as per IEP) Middle and High (No changes)	Holiday break	Elementary (Back to Plan B) Middle and High (No changes)