



SHARKEY ISSAQUENA ACADEMY

July 27, 2020

Dear Parents:

SIA Board, Administration, and Faculty have worked diligently this summer in preparing a plan to reopen the school on August 10, 2020. In this changing environment, no plan is perfect. However, we feel we have developed a plan for a safe return to school. We realize that new situations will arise, but we will work extremely hard to remedy those problems as they occur.

In these unprecedented times, COVID-19 has presented the nation with a period of uncertainties. The virus is fluid and everchanging; therefore, the school is prepared to make the necessary safeguards for a more stringent plan. SIA's goal is to protect our students, their families, the faculty, and staff. As the year progresses, the restrictions may relax if the virus lessens. We want our children back on campus to continue learning in a classroom setting and the opportunity to participate in sports and extracurricular activities.

Again, we want our students to return to a regular classroom setting, so please continue to pray for the safety of our administration, faculty, staff, students, and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sadie Hester".

Sadie Hester
Head of School

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Return to School Plan 2020-2021



SHARKEY STRONG

The Mission of Sharkey Issaquena Academy

“The administration, faculty, students, and parents of Sharkey-Issaquena Academy shall strive to provide educational and social opportunities that will enable the student to attain maximum growth mentally, physically, morally, socially, culturally, and spiritually.”

MSAIS/COGNIA Accreditation

SIA GOALS

1. Provide a safe and healthy environment
2. Safely return our students and faculty/staff to the classroom
3. Provide social support through extracurricular activities and sports
4. Adhere to Sharkey Issaquena Academy’s academic standards

Red/White/Grey Plan	Green Plan	Red Plan	Yellow Plan
On-Campus Learning	On-Campus Learning	On-Campus Hybrid Schedule 7-12	Distance Learning
No restrictions	Modified restrictions	On-Off Campus Instruction 7-12	Off-Campus Learning

For the well-being of our students, having our children on campus with a dedicated faculty is the most beneficial plan for Sharkey Issaquena Academy. Our students need the structure and instruction provided in a classroom setting. They need the support and the love that our faculty and staff will provide.

Sharkey Issaquena Academy will begin the school year on August 10, 2020, under the GREEN PLAN. Doors will be open for student entry at 7:30 a.m. The cafeteria will provide space for those students who need to arrive earlier than 7:30 a.m. Students will not be allowed to remain in vehicles once they arrive on campus. They need to arrive and approach the entrance for a temperature check and be seated in the classroom by 7:55 a.m.

Duty teachers will operate two drop-off stations for elementary students. Temperature checks will be given to each student before allowed to enter the building.

Dismissal time for all students who are not participating in sports will be 2:12 p.m. Those who participate in sports will report to the designated areas. Dismissal for elementary is 2:40 p.m. Elementary students will remain seated in the classroom until called for pickup by the duty teachers. A name placard will be issued to families to display in the window to aid the duty teachers to expedite loading.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the parents to screen their child's health daily before bringing them to school. Please inform the school if you choose to keep your child home by 8:30 a.m. each morning.

Screen for the following:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Cold or flu-like symptoms
- Gastrointestinal problems
- Persistent cough
- Contact the school office immediately if a COVID-19 test proves positive

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Elementary students will have temperature checks at drop off with an infra-red thermometer. The thermometer will not touch the forehead. If a fever is not detected, the student will enter the building and proceed to his/her classroom.
- JH/HS students will have temperature checks at the door before entering the building. If a fever is not detected, students will enter and proceed directly to the classroom.
- Face masks or face shields are required for all students. A lanyard is also required for each student.
- Teachers will wear face shields each day.
- Elementary classes may go outside for a break, but classes must be staggered so that no two classes are out at the same time unless the classes are in different locations on the campus.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Parents should screen children each morning for signs for COVID-19.
- Any student or staff who becomes ill or shows any symptoms will be required to go home immediately.
- If a family member or sibling of a student or staff test positive, ALL members of the family must go home.
- A “sick area” will be set up to separate a sick student until a parent or guardian arrives.
- All other students in that room will go to another room, and the room will be disinfected. Children may not return to that room until the next day.
- Any student or staff sent home for illness must remain at home for 72 hours with no symptoms and must be fever free for 24 hours.
- A diagnosis is a requirement if symptomatic: MUST have a doctor’s note (strep, etc. if not the COVID virus).
- A student or staff sent home for illness may return to school before the 72 hours is up with clearance from a doctor with a doctor’s signature.
- Upon returning to school, parents must bring the child to the foyer, and personnel will meet the parent in the foyer to sign a reentry form.
- Upon a positive test result for COVID-19, parents should contact the school office immediately.
- If a student or school personnel are exposed to someone with COVID-19 at school, an email will go out to parents, and parents will notify the school of any adverse symptoms.
- Contact tracing is required to identify students who have been in close contact with confirmed positive cases.
- Both staff and students will adhere to strict sanitizing protocol when entering each classroom. Sanitizing foam receptacles will be found in each classroom. Sanitizers are throughout the school.
- If space allows, arrangements will take place in the classroom to ensure social distancing.
- Buildings will be cleaned and sanitized regularly throughout the day by our teachers and custodial staff.
- Water fountains will be closed.

CLUBS

- Clubs will have a designated time of the month to meet.
- Clubs will meet once a month in the gym bleachers with social distancing. If a club consists of JH and HS students, the students must be divided into the respective groups to meet at different times.
- FCA will meet twice a month. JH will meet together the first week of the month in the gym with social distancing, and the HS will meet the third week of the month in the gym to ensure social distancing. The speaker will have to arrive at the gym door for entry. A temperature check will be required.

SCHOOL SNACK AND LUNCH

- Elementary snacks will be delivered to the classroom each day. The snacks will be individually wrapped with the name of the student labeled on it. Canned juice and bottled milk will be available.
- Lunches will be served in to-go trays. All food on a day's menu will be placed on the tray. Students will not be able to choose what foods they do not want on the tray. No extra food will be available unless ordered in the morning. Microwaves will be managed by the cafeteria staff.
- Payment for lunches and snacks should be made through the office. The teachers will not handle any money. Further instructions will follow.
- Parents or visitors will not be allowed in the cafeteria.

VISITORS

- No visitors will be allowed on campus without an appointment.
- Visitors with appointments will have a temperature check before entering the building, and a face mask is required.

COMMUNICATION

Posting of news and information will be on the school website or Facebook page. Mass emails will be delivered through Gradelink. Please include your email address on the Student Information Sheet sent home with students on Monday, August 10.

DISCLAIMER

The Board and Administration of Sharkey Issaquena Academy realize the guidelines for this virus change daily and will effectively alter the direction of the academic and campus affairs of SIA, if necessary, to protect the welfare of our students, families, and staff. Of course, should the medical and scientific community make significant advances against this virus, SIA may take measured steps in the relaxation of these protocols and advise our families accordingly.

NOTICE OF RISK

We have taken enhanced health and safety measures for those who come to our campus – students, faculty and staff, and visitors. While on campus, everyone must follow all posted instructions. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public space where people are present. COVID-19 is a contagious disease. If infected, one may exhibit no symptoms or mild symptoms, or become severely ill or die. According to the CDC, senior citizens and persons with underlying health conditions are especially vulnerable. By visiting our campus, one voluntarily assumes all risks related to the possible exposure to COVID-19.

Your child's attendance on campus at SIA demonstrates the agreement to these terms and conditions.

PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE WORK THROUGH THE REOPENING OF SCHOOL. SIA WILL NEED THE HELP OF THE PARENTS TO MAKE THIS REOPENING A SUCCESS.