



Polaris High School Main Campus Responsible Restart Plan

Students will receive instruction five days a week on a modified time schedule. Instruction may vary week to week by program and include in person or virtual assignments. Parents will be notified in advance of any schedule changes. Students will adhere to strict safety modifications that model the industry requirements for their field of study. In-person instruction will incorporate components that can easily transition to a blended hybrid or remote style of instruction when necessary. As the school year begins, students will need to practice safety precautions of physical distancing, the use of face coverings, hand washing and cleaning protocols that are in place to support student and staff safety.

Specific Information

Communication

Up-to-date information regarding Polaris is available to Parents by visiting our Restart Polaris web page at www.polaris.edu. We will be sending you alerts via Infinite Campus when updates occur. Should you have specific questions please contact our High School office at 440.891.7600.

School Calendar

We have modified the Polaris School Calendar to provide additional time for staff training and a gradual start-up of school.

The first day of school for all Polaris students will be Tuesday, September 8, 2020 utilizing a blended learning model with a specific schedule for each program.

- Juniors will report to Polaris from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
- Seniors will report to Polaris from 12:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

During the week of August 31, Polaris program teachers will be contacting students and parents to communicate specific program information regarding instruction and weekly program schedules.

Also, during the week of August 31, students and parents are encouraged to schedule a time with their teacher to drop off their tools, tour programs and ask questions.

We anticipate that our instructional time will return to our normal schedule of 7:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. for Juniors and from 11:20 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. for Seniors by October.

Transportation to Polaris

Bus transportation will be provided by each Associate School while Polaris is in session. During the days that a student's Associate School is closed, and Polaris is in session,

transportation will be provided to and from their high school and Polaris. Students will need to adhere to their Associate School policies and procedures to ride the bus which will likely include face coverings and a designated number of students per seat. Students may drive to Polaris and park in our student lot. Parking passes are free of charge this year and are available the first week of school at the Welcome Center or Atrium.

Arrival at Polaris

Students may enter through our two main entrances. The Atrium entrance is dedicated for student drivers while the front entrance is dedicated for students who are dropped off and for students who are riding the bus. Upon entering, students will need to wear face masks or shields. Polaris will provide each student their individual mask for use to enter Polaris and a shield for use in classroom and lab activities. School personnel will be assigned to designated student entrance doors to supervise the flow of student traffic using physical distancing requirements. There will be sanitizer and hand wash stations at building entrances. Infrared temperature scanners are located at each entrance to verify student temperatures. Our school nurse will assist any student who may appear to have an elevated temperature.

Hallway Travel, Lockers

Face coverings will be required for all hallway travel. Stairs and hallway travel will be one-way with signage and markings to indicate the flow of student traffic. Locker rooms will be available with a limited number of students in the locker room at any given time.

Sanitation

Drinking fountain spigots have been disconnected but individual water bottles may be filled at the fountains. The District has identified and purchased proper cleaning products and has established a cleaning protocol that meets safety standards established by the Cuyahoga County Health Department. Each classroom will be equipped with cleaning wipes, hand sanitizers and extra face coverings. Students will sanitize their own face shields and workstations at the end of each day and will sanitize their hands between classroom and lab instruction.

Clinic

An additional space has been prepared (located near the high school office) to separately support the safety protocol we have in place if a student has a fever or is displaying symptoms associated with Covid-19. Taking student temperatures and contacting parents for student pick-up are two of the action steps associated with this separate clinic area. The school nurse, provided through Southwest General Hospital, will assist students who may be feeling ill.

Food Service - Polaris Café

Students will be able to purchase breakfast and lunch through our Center Café or may bring packed items with them. Students may eat in the center of our Commons with a maximum of four (4) students per table with additional tables located around the perimeter of the Commons for students not consuming food. Our Center Café will be modified to reduce lines. Payment is now available through ApplePay or a touch-less system. Cash will also be accepted. Lunch choices will be limited and social distancing will be enforced for students while waiting in lines.