

August 11, 2020

Dear Parents:

This letter includes information concerning the return to school for the 2020-2021 school year at Latta High School. Earlier this month, you were asked to complete a registration form indicating the type of educational format that you wanted for your child. The two options included receiving education virtually or receiving education in a hybrid face-to-face model. In order for you and your student to better understand the option that you selected, information in this letter provides details for each educational model. Please let us know by **August 24** if you want to change the model selected for your child based on the explanations listed below. You may call the school at 843-752-5751 to make changes Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. You may also email Melanie Blanchard, school counselor, at melanie.blanchard@lattavikings.com to indicate your change.

You selected the following model for _____

Virtual

Face-to-Face Monday/Wednesday

Face-to-Face Tuesday/Thursday

The **hybrid face-to-face model** requires students to attend school two days per week. They will either attend on Monday and Wednesday or on Tuesday and Thursday. During days of attendance, students will follow a normal block schedule, be in a traditional classroom setting during each block, and will receive instruction from their assigned teacher. Safety protocols will be followed for the protection of everyone on campus. Teachers will give assignments for students to complete on the days that they are at home. These assignments may be presented virtually or by paper. Students will be responsible for submitting assignments as required by the individual teachers. These assignments may be submitted virtually or presented to the teacher during the face-to-face session. **Teachers will be checking in with students on the days that they are not physically at school to help monitor their progress on the at home assignments.** Students should plan to maintain their normal schedule during the days that they are working from home.

Students using the **virtual/homebased model** will complete courses through APEX Learning. All of the assignments for these courses will be completed online. These courses are not taught by a Latta High School teacher and are not “live” courses with a teacher on the screen instructing the students at a specific time each day. This online program provides lessons with videos and interactive simulations accompanied with assignments students will be responsible for completing and submitting. Each student will have a staff member that is his/her contact person for the virtual program. This staff member will provide the student with login information and instructions on how to use the program and will assist the student with questions concerning technological issues or questions related to the course content. **He/she will check in with the**

student on a daily basis to ensure they the student is completing assignments as needed in order to stay on target for completing the assignments in the appropriate time frame. The staff member will indicate times during the day that he/she will be available to respond to any problems to ensure students are able to receive the support they need to be successful in this type of educational setting. Although students will not be physically coming to school, they should plan to maintain their normal school schedule during the day while working from home.

Communication will be key to having a successful school year for everyone. Parents and students may communicate with teachers and/or staff throughout the week by email, phone, or Google Meet. It will be important for students to develop and utilize strong time management skills in order to complete assignments in a timely fashion. We will work diligently to ensure we are offering a quality education to all students regardless of the setting that each family has selected and will be available to answer questions when needed. Please let us know what we can do to better serve your child at Latta High School.

Sincerely,



Nanette W. Carmichael
Principal

Latta High School Schedule:*

Morning IPASS:	7:50 – 8:20
Class Change:	8:20 – 8:25
1st Block:	8:25 – 9:50
Class Change:	9:50 – 9:55
2nd Block:	9:55 – 11:20
Lunch:	11:20 – 11:45
Class Change:	11:45 – 11:50
3rd Block:	11:50 – 1:15
Class Change:	1:15 – 1:20
Enrichment:	1:20 – 2:05
Class Change:	2:05 – 2:10
4th Block:	2:10 – 3:35

***We recommend virtual/homebased students plan their day in a similar structure to Latta High School's block schedule.**