

August 21, 2020

DHS Students and Families:

I am extremely honored to begin the 2020-21 school year with you.

Although the 2019-20 school year did not end as we expected and the summer may not have been exactly what you desired, I hope that you are eager to begin the school year with a new zest for learning. Whether you will be returning in-person or virtually, I am confident that this is going to be another successful year for you and our school community.

It is the desire of the Dinwiddie High School Team to create an environment where every student feels safe, valued, and supported. We also remain committed to building positive relationships, creating new and innovative opportunities, and bringing everyone back into the building as soon as it is safe to do so.

With our continued focus on support, high expectations, accountability, consistency, and professionalism, we are confident that this will be possible in the very near future. We have already proven that no challenge is too great for us as long as we work together!

You are returning to one of the greatest high schools in the Commonwealth and, possibly, the nation because of the people who serve here. I want you to know that you can always count on everyone in our school community to serve with dignity, integrity, and Navy Nation pride!

On behalf of the entire administrative team, consider this your official welcome to the 2020-21 school year...one of building excellence as we **Go the Distance** in all that we do!

Yours in dedicated service,

Robbie M. Garnes

Mr. Robbie M. Garnes

Dinwiddie High School Important Dates

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 8/26/20	9th Grade/New Student Chromebook Pick-up (Please use the cafeteria entrance.)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 3:00 PM- 6:00 PM
Tuesday 9/1/20	<p><u>Teacher/Class Info Links</u> (Students can visit the school's website and view each of their teachers' links to find valuable information for each class.) Links will be available for the entire month.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Schedules</u></p> Students and Parents may visit the school's portal to view the student's schedule at 9:00 AM. You may contact Ms. McFalls or Ms. Lundy in our Guidance Office if you have questions at 804-469-4280.	<p style="text-align: center;">Available at 9:00 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Important Schedule Info:</u></p> Look at the top of your schedule. If you see ' M R ' (in green) at the top, you are an A Day student who will attend on Mondays and Thursdays . If you see ' T F ' (in red) at the top, you are a B DAY student who will attend on Tuesdays and Fridays .
Monday 9/7/20	<p style="text-align: center;">HOLIDAY Labor Day!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p>
Tuesday 9/8/20	<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (WELCOME BACK!)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School Start time 7:40 AM (Class begins at 7:40 AM) School End time 2:30 PM</p>

Dinwiddie High School Important Information

We want to ensure the safety of all Dinwiddie High School students and staff.

Masks

Dinwiddie County Public Schools is providing one cloth mask for each student.

Based on the guidelines of the Dinwiddie County Public Schools mitigation plan, all students are required to wear masks unless the student is not physically, developmentally, or medically able to wear a face covering as documented in an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) or a 504 plan.

If a student refuses to wear a mask who does not have medically approved documentation, the following steps will occur:

1. Warning from teacher with a brief explanation of guidelines and safety
2. Discipline referral if student refuses after the warning
3. The student may be placed on the virtual learning option and will not be allowed to return to the hybrid model form of instruction.

If a student does not have a mask, the student may ask for a mask from the main office.

Temperature Checks

Each student will receive a temperature check before entering the building.

All bus riders will receive temperature checks before entering the building. If a bus rider has a temperature at or above 100.4, the student will be taken to a safe isolation area and taken to the school nurse. A parent will be notified to pick up the student.

Car riders will receive temperature checks while remaining inside of the vehicle. If a car rider has a temperature at or above 100.4, the student must be taken home by the parent/guardian/driver.

Student drivers will receive temperature checks upon arrival while remaining in the vehicle. If a student driver has a temperature at or above 100.4, the parent will be contacted and the student will have to return home.

NOTE:

There will be a station for temperature rechecks in cases where a temperature is close to the 100.4 limit.

You may find more specific safety information by viewing the Dinwiddie County Public Schools Mitigation Plan and Return to Learn documents. You can find those documents by visiting the Dinwiddie County Public Schools website (<https://www.dinwiddie.k12.va.us/>).

All parents are encouraged to update their child's medical condition/s with our school nurse. All medical updates may be faxed to (804) 469-2093. Please send it to the attention of Nurse Reiter.

Other Important Information

Student Portal (To view schedules on September 1, 2020)

Students can log onto the student portal by **visiting the** Dinwiddie County Public Schools website: <http://www.dinwiddie.k12.va.us/>. Click on the blue bar at the top of your screen, choose Student/Parent portal from the "Quick Links" option.

Lunch

Students will have lunch in their third period classrooms to avoid large numbers in the cafeteria and to provide space for them to socially distance.

Hand-sanitizer

Hand-sanitizer stations will be available throughout the school building as well as classrooms. If possible, students are also requested to bring their own individual size hand-sanitizer for personal use.

Headgear

Students are not permitted to wear hats, hoods, or any headgear that obstructs the view of the student's face.

Website

Please view the Dinwiddie High School's website. We will do our best to provide updates as we move through this process.

Yearbooks

Due to the pandemic, there has been a delay in yearbook delivery. We will provide more information when yearbooks arrive.

Senior Pictures

Due to the pandemic, there will be a delay for senior pictures. We are working closely with the company to resolve this issue. We will provide updates as we have more information.

DHS OPEN HOUSE

Parents and students will be able to visit teachers' links from our school's website to gain valuable information about each teacher (expectations, supply lists, class information, etc.). Teacher links will be ready for view on September 1st at 9:00 AM. Open House will not be an in-person event. We plan to hold an in-person Open House later this Fall. We will provide more information as we continue to watch all safety guidelines/restrictions.

Student and Parent/Guardian Learning Checklist

Attached is a check-list that you may refer to in order to make certain that you are successful on virtual learning days. There will be more information to help you better understand the process.