



The continuity of learning plan focuses on delivering learning objectives in a variety of ways, leveraging the tools and resources that students and families have available and accounting for the supports they require. It does not seek to replicate the classroom experience as courses and content will not be taught live at a certain time on a particular day. Rather, teachers provide course or grade-specific work that can be completed independently, guide students through a variety of learning experiences, and provide opportunities for students to ask questions and engage with the teacher remotely during scheduled online sessions.

A typical week for a secondary student will look this way:

- On Monday morning, students will log into Canvas and receive their weekly assignments for all instructional areas.
- Throughout the remainder of the week, students will have opportunities for live virtual check-ins with teachers.
- The majority of each day will be designated as time for students to complete assignments.
- Assignments will be turned in for feedback on Fridays.
- Elementary students will follow a similar schedule and have more frequent interactions with their teachers.

Continuity of Learning Opportunities: Phase 1

HCPSS staff worked diligently to provide resources to families for supporting students at home. These were provided on two different dates in order to bridge the gap to phase 2.

- March 13, 2020: Resources for supporting students at home were sent home and posted online.
- March 26, 2020: Additional resources for supporting students at home were posted online and offered at meal distribution sites.



Continuity of Learning Opportunities: Phase 2

A staggered professional development schedule allows ample opportunity for needed training and support in preparation for students to begin remote learning. The simultaneous professional development of all instructional staff is not feasible so high school staff will be trained first, followed by middle and elementary staff. During this time, teachers on all levels are connecting and engaging students and families prior to the start of phase 3. Here are the planned windows when staff will receive training and have time to prepare instruction for phase 3:

- March 30–April 8, 2020: High school staff will receive training and have time to prepare to engage their students in learning opportunities
- April 1–17, 2020: Middle school staff receive training and have time to prepare to engage their students in learning opportunities
- April 3–17, 2020: Elementary school staff receive training and have time to prepare to engage their students in learning opportunities

Continuity of Learning Opportunities: Phase 3

Students begin remote learning. The staggered approach aligns with necessary training for staff at each level and provides time to ensure staff and students have technological resources and training to implement this phase.

- April 14, 2020: High school students begin remote learning.
- April 20, 2020: Middle school students begin remote learning.
- April 20, 2020: Elementary school students begin remote learning.

For more information on the Continuity of Learning Opportunities Plan, visit www.hcpss.org/health/coronavirus/continuity-learning/.

**Students in need of access
to a device should visit:
[www.hcpss.org/health/
coronavirus/devices/](http://www.hcpss.org/health/coronavirus/devices/)**

HCPSS Continuity of Learning Opportunities Plan

Access to Student Technology

HCPSS staff have been working on designing a Continuity of Learning model that will engage students in teacher-supported and teacher-directed distance learning. Of utmost concern is equitable access to devices by all our 59,000 students. For details on the HCPSS Student Technology plan, visit www.hcpss.org/coronavirus/devices.

Comcast Internet Essentials

To help connect more families to the internet at home, Comcast is offering two months of free internet to new Internet Essential customers.

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The Comcast program is open to Free and Reduced Meals (FARMs) program participants, or those eligible for FARMs. Applications will be accepted through April 30. For more details, visit: <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>.

Mental Health and Community Services

The HCPSS website contains information and links to access the many community services that are in place to assist during the Coronavirus epidemic as well as ways to access a variety of mental health supports. For more information and access to resources, visit:

www.hcpss.org/coronavirus/#mental-health



HCPSS COVID-19 Information

Visit the HCPSS website for daily updates and updated information and resources related to Coronavirus and the impact on HCPSS students, staff and families:

www.hcpss.org/coronavirus/.



Bright Minds Foundation Access to Learning Fund



Bright Minds Foundation, the educational foundation of the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS), and HCPSS have launched an emergency Access to Learning Fund to raise money for critical education access supports for HCPSS students during the extended COVID-19 school closure. More information can be found by visiting: <https://brightmindsfoundation.org/access-to-learning-fund/>.

Para información y apoyo adicionales, por favor, llame al 410-313-1591.

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