## Halstead Academy’s Opening Information

**School Hours:** 8:45 – 3:45

*Halstead Academy is excited to welcome our students back to school. We are committed to providing a safe learning environment, while maintaining a high-quality instructional program and strong partnerships with our families.*

Use this [site](#) to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.

### Arrival & Dismissal Procedures
**Arrival:** Car riders and bus riders will be greeted by a staff member and will maintain social distancing as they enter the building. Students in PreK will enter the building through the gym doors at the front of the building. Students in Kindergarten through grade 2 will enter the building through the lobby doors. Students in grades 3 through 5 will enter the building through the intermediate exterior doors by the PAL Center.

**Dismissal:** Walkers will be dismissed from classrooms using the exterior classroom doors with some exceptions. Mrs. Rutherford and Ms. Klein will dismiss through the lobby and Ms. Miller will dismiss through the art room. Students in Ms. Richardson, Ms. Arnold, and Mr. Dillon’s classes will dismiss through the intermediate exterior hallway doors by the PAL Center.

### Screening & Testing (Safety is Our True North)
- All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home.
- Please use this checklist to determine if a student should or should not go to school.
- Persons with COVID-19 symptoms in school will be required to be tested or will be placed on quarantine, in alignment with guidance from the Maryland Department of Health.

### Face Covering (Safety is Our True North)
**Requirements:** All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering while inside a school. Exceptions to this requirement are:
- The person is alone in a private space.
- The person is eating or drinking.
- The person has a documented physical or developmental disability that makes wearing a mask unsafe.
- The person is under the age of two.
- The person is a student athlete engaged in the sport in the field of play.

### Social Distancing (Safety is Our True North)
**Requirements:** Physical distancing of students from each other and between students and adults will be provided to the greatest extent possible, considering school enrollment and facility constraints. Strategies include:
- Use of classroom and cafeteria configurations that provide maximal separation between students.
- Plans for arrival, dismissal and change of classes to reduce gathering of students in any area.
- Restriction of field trips to day trips only, with plans to reduce exposure to large crowds.
- Plans for supervision of restrooms, locker rooms, and school lockers to prevent congregation of students.

### Hand Hygiene (Safety is Our True North)
**Requirements:** Employees and students have been instructed to adhere to best practices in hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Times for handwashing or use of hand sanitizer to include before and after meals, upon arrival to schools’ offices and home, before and after use of any shared items, after use of the restroom, after sneezing/coughing and other time hands are contaminated.

### Breakfast & Lunch
**Breakfast and Lunch Menus - Division of Business Services (sharpschool.com)**

**Breakfast:** Students will eat breakfast in their classrooms. Upon arrival, students will receive their breakfast and take it to their classrooms.

**Lunch:** Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria with the exception of Kindergarten. Kindergarten students will go through the lunch line and bring their lunches back to the classroom to eat. All other grade levels will go through the lunch line and eat in the cafeteria.

- There is no charge for breakfast or lunch.
- Snacks will not be available.

### Supplies & Devices:
Students should bring the following items daily:
- Charged BCPS Device*
- Face Covering (1 worn and 1 extra)

### Visitors (Safety is Our True North)
- To visit a BCPS school, visitors must have an appointment.
- Visits will be conducted remotely or outside, whenever possible.
- If an indoor visit is required, visitors will be required to wear...
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<td><strong>Requirements</strong>: BCPS staff will continue to provide safe and clean school environments by ensuring daily cleaning of buildings using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved germicidal agents that kill coronavirus. BCPS staff will:</td>
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