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D.A.T.E. COVID-19 Reopening 2020

Questions and Answers Regarding Opening of School Year for 2020-2021

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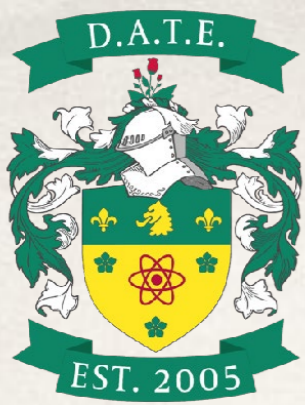


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- ◆ D.A.T.E Stakeholders,

As we prepare for the upcoming school year; we want to make sure that all stakeholders are informed and enlighten about our efforts, practices, and procedures the academy is implementing to ensure that students, staff, and parents are all placing emphasis on safety, physical, and emotional well-being. We are maintaining transparency in our efforts of providing an authentic and a quality educational experience, during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In this reading, you will find questions and answers to some of the challenges we will face, as well as, our role that we must collectively play to ensure that all are safe.



ACADEMY'S OPENING DATES AND STRUCTURE

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- ◆ **When will DATE re-open?** D.A.T.E will start school on August 17, 2020 with Virtual/Distance Learning taking place.
- ◆ **What are the choices for my child attending D.A.T.E.?** D.A.T.E will only offer Virtual/Distance Learning for the first 9 weeks. If the traditional school option is permissible for DeKalb County Schools after that period, there will be two choices available, which are continued Virtual and A/B Days Hybrid.

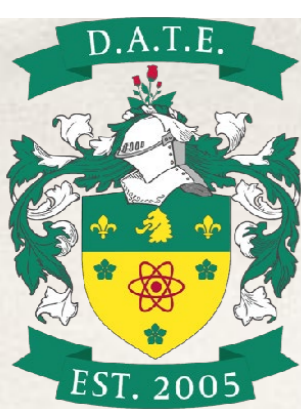
A/B Days: If the parent's last name ends with A-M, then the children in that household would attend school on Mondays and Wednesdays. If the parent's last name ends with N-Z, then the children in that household would attend school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fridays will be virtual meetings/learning/follow up for teachers and parents/students and no children will come to school on Friday. D.A.T.E will gather this information through a survey that has been distributed through Renweb. *D.A.T.E will not return to a traditional setting for the first semester, which means every child is not expected to return to class everyday (M-F).*



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ACADEMY'S REOPENING AND HYBRID A/B STRUCTURE-

- ◆ **How will the academy support (PPE) Personal Protective Equipment?** Students are required to bring and wear mask, face covering to the academy each day. All students and adults are also required to wear face mask/guards. For PPE that is damaged, this will be replaced by the academy. The academy will supply gloves, sanitation stations, wipes, and disinfectant will be available. We do encourage parents to donate these items to the academy as well.
- ◆ **How will the academy limit possible transmission of spread of COVID?** The academy will reduce the number of students in the classroom, limit transitions from class to class, remove large gatherings for lunch and assembly with students eating in their rooms, maintain 6 to 10 feet distance among students and teachers, place sneeze guards on each student's and teacher's desk, have separate building entrances and exits for grades, released to the restroom individually, and the academy (classrooms, common areas, restrooms/ offices) will be cleaned and sanitized, thoroughly, after school each day. Students will receive daily instruction and safety protocol, training on keeping distance, washing hands, and emotional well-being and safety. Signage will be posted to support and remind students of protocols. All clubs and sport organizations will be canceled and redirected to virtual meetings and opportunities. Each student's temperature will be read with a Non-Contact Infrared Medical Grade Thermometer, upon entering the school. Each teacher will also have a thermometer available in the classroom to monitor throughout the day. Students with an above average fever, will be placed in an isolation room and required to be picked up from school immediately. We are also working on staggered times for A/B days for grads with intervals of 10 to 15 min for arrival and departure to limit congregating large number of students at one time. Parents are not required beyond the lobby at any time and must not congregate in the lobby with more than 10 people and must be socially distant in the parking lot.
- ◆ **Will Aftercare and Before are be provided?** Yes, After Care and Before Care will be provided, with implementation of social distancing during the program, along with proper PPE.
- ◆ **Will students be required to wear the Academy Uniform?** Students will be required to wear the school uniform, with the exception of the Blazers, Ties, and Long Sleeve White Shirts. Students may wear a Polo Shirt that is green or white or Short Sleeve White Dress Shirt.



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- ◆ **How will Virtual/Distant learning look for my child?** D.A.T.E. will maintain its integrity in delivering high quality instruction, via virtual and distant learning. Although this is a partnership, there must be student and parent buy-in and accountability, to ensure that our students are getting appropriate and challenging instruction. Virtual learning will take place with the A/B schedule, as well as, with the expectation of a variety of formats, ranging from **project -based learning, flipped classroom, and homework**. Virtual/Distance learning will not solely take place with a camera in the classroom taping the teachers nor students, during the duration of class. However, prerecorded and live classroom instruction may take place at the teacher's discretion. The teachers are committed to planning, providing students with knowledge, and delivering highly effective instruction, while assessing remotely.



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- ◆ As we continue to prepare for reopening, please make note that this information is subject to change, and we want to first make sure all of our Stakeholders are informed and safe! We will continue to update this information on Renweb!
- ◆ We are also planning a Virtual: Orientation, Back to School, and Drive Through First Day of School Parade.- More to Come!