

Getting Ready for the First Day of School 2020

Greetings Maverick Families!

We are working hard to prepare for the start of the 2020-21 school year from an instructional and a procedural standpoint!



In addition to the resources and information we have organized below for you related to the re-opening of schools, please visit the following UCPS website for a wealth of additional information and resources: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/3389>

Health & Safety Procedures

There are many important safety protocols that we will be following as we open the schools in UCPS following the Plan B model. Essential safety and health procedures with items specific to MRHS are detailed in the following document for student and family reference: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xi7m6lbq1-Wnahfufokmc4qagjjF-ABDF2eERaACDY/edit>

Please review the content of the document and discuss with your student prior to the first day of school. We ask for the cooperation and support of our students and parents as we seek to safely re-open schools. We must all do our part in this process and consistently comply with all protocols to keep everyone safe.

If you have any specific questions about your student's health at any time, please contact our school nurse, Lucinda Ourant, at lucinda.ourant@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Bus Transportation Information

Please use the links below for information regarding bus transportation for this school year. We will not be printing bus passes this year. Please have your student download the app for their mobile device for live tracking of bus location.

- [Transportation FAQ](#)
- [Here Comes the Bus App](#)
 - *Here Comes the Bus [Quick Tips](#)*
- [Weekly Attestation Form](#) – *Must be turned in to the bus driver each week*
- [Parent Acknowledgement Form](#) – *Must be turned in to the bus driver on the first day a student rides the bus*

MRHS Bell Schedule

Working within our new school day hours of 8:10am-3:05pm, we have finalized the specific class times for each block. The detailed bell schedule is linked here for your reference: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/15FHe4aSiSHa-6iwzJ6xhioo2olaaNq5WzHmR3O2Wrcl/edit?usp=sharing>

*Note Regarding Year-Long A Day/B Day Classes: Please note that while we are following the Plan B model with students attending one school day per week, the students will attend each of their classes (both the A-day and the B-day course) for the block on their day of attendance. Students in year-long classes who are participating remotely or virtually will follow along with this same schedule from home, having instead an A and B portion of the block divided in half, instead of participating in the class every other day or every other week. For example, the time for second block in our schedule is 9:53am - 11:21am. Second block A day classes will meet during the first half of the block from 9:53am - 10:36am, and second block B day classes will meet during the second half of the block from 10:39am - 11:21am.

It is very important that students familiarize themselves with the bell schedule, as beginning from the first day of school on Monday, August 17, we look forward to having our students engage with their classes, following the bell schedule for our day, whether they are at home or in-person with us. The Canvas courses for each section will be essential. Canvas is the on-line learning management system (LMS) supported by UCPS for teachers, students and parents. Students are enrolled in courses according to their schedule in Powerschool. Teachers and students use the course to share resources, information and assignments.

Canvas Courses and Conferencing

Prior to Monday, August 17, teachers will publish their Canvas courses and these will show up in the students' Canvas Dashboard. As noted above, Canvas is the learning management system (LMS) supported by UCPS for teachers, students and parents. Students are enrolled in courses according to their schedule in Powerschool. Teachers and students use the course to share resources, information and assignments.

To support students' in logging into the NCEdCloud successfully and accessing their Canvas courses, the following instructions have been provided by our district technology staff:

Written Instructions:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11zKM6cCwE-yEXI4fsnedsR_wCUb_nK_BdRa6qLW-C6k/edit

Video Instructions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLO64JnYVrl&feature=youtu.be>

In addition to the resources, information and assignments that teachers will post through Canvas, teachers will be working to provide access to live conferences beginning next week as

well. It is their goal to go “live” and engage students in real-time, synchronous experiences through video conferencing as soon as possible. The schedule and access information for scheduled live conferences would be accessible through the Canvas course. Student attendance will be taken by record of their daily engagement with the Canvas course and participation in conferences for each course. We will certainly need to allow room for everyone to solve technical problems and acclimate to this “way of doing school” with Plan B and Plan D students co-enrolled in most all of our courses. We will need to allow room for a “learning curve” for all involved as we settle in, work out the glitches, and get students engaged in the learning process through their hybrid face-to-face and virtual learning environment, or completely virtual learning experience. As noted before, two-way video conferencing capability is to be part of the experience in high school courses this fall, with student cameras to be enabled. Teachers will communicate video conferencing norms and expectations to the students.

Our Media Coordinator, Carren Heartley, can assist if your student has questions about access to their student start-up page, NCEdCloud account, or Canvas. She can be reached via email at carren.heartley@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Student HelpDesk Tickets

If your student has any issue with their Chromebook computer, please have them enter a helpdesk ticket by following the process described in the instructions provided on the UCPS Technology Services website: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7372>

New Student Chromebook Pick-Up- Friday, August 14

On Friday, August 14 from 10am-2pm, our Desktop Engineer, Fabian Camargo-Soto, will lead the process of distributing Chromebook computers and provide set-up/log-in information to students new to UCPS. This will take place under the awning at our back entry by the tennis courts. Students will need to get out of the car briefly and complete their initial log-in while on our school network.

Parents of new students must sign off on the electronic Chromebook parent notification which is linked below prior to picking up the Chromebook, or they may sign the form in hard copy on Friday when picking up the computer:

<https://forms.gle/hSX43mYWAWqSsfgy8>

In order to minimize lines or wait times, we suggest that new students with last names A-M arrive during the first half of the timeframe if possible (10am-12pm) and last names N-Z arrive during the second half from 12pm-2pm. Please remember to wear masks and bring your own pen for any needed signatures.

If new students and their families are unable to pick-up their Chromebook on Friday, Mr. Camargo-Soto can arrange another time. He can be reached at fabian.camargo-soto@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Parking Pass Pick-Up

Seniors will be able to pick up their parking passes during the Senior Parade event at the front of the school on Friday, August 14 from 10am-noon. Juniors will pick up their parking passes from 1pm-3pm, and sophomore temporary parking cards will be available from 2pm-4pm for those who have completed the application process.

*Please note that while we are on Plan B, student drivers will be able to park in the spot of their choosing in the student lot, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please contact MRHS Assistant Principal, Nancy Claudio, at nancy.claudio@ucps.k12.nc.us for questions related to student parking.