



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN ACADEMY

PROVIDING PARENTS OPTIONS DURING A PANDEMIC

HOLY CROSS LEARNING ADVANTAGE

Whether they are learning in the classroom or at home through our synchronous learning, your child will receive the same high-quality Christian education. The decision is yours!



The current pandemic has caused a scenario that is fluid - changing on a daily basis. Communication will be continual and ever changing as we are frequently informed of changes from the FLDOE and local DOH.

EDUCATION OPTIONS

5 days per week on campus or 5 days virtual learning. Specifics apply to Lower and Upper Campus. See detailed information - visit www.thehcla.org/learning-advantage

STUDENT SAFETY MEASURES

*K - 12 Students will be required to wear masks during school hours. With allowances for mask breaks. No water fountain usage. Staff hired on each campus to sanitize and clean during the school day.

DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURES

Temperature checks will be taken before students leave their cars. A full policy will be distributed with CDC / DOH recommendations and maps to show new carline instructions.

Temperature Checks | Masks | Small Class Sizes | CDC/DOH Guidelines

*safety measures may change based on CDC or local DOH recommendations

Holy Cross Learning Advantage

As we prepare for the new school year, there are many uncertainties. We have worked hard to develop a plan that aligns with our priorities of keeping our students as safe as possible and providing them with great Christian education. This is an unprecedented year and we take this seriously. Continued academic progress is important, so we invite you to partner with us on this journey.

Should school close in the future, we will be ready to switch immediately to at-home learning for all our K-12 students. A spot is held for students who opt to stay at home, so that when they are ready at a new quarter, there is room for them to return.

Extra Precautions

- Temperatures taken before students enter school.
- K-12 Students will wear masks on campus with allowances for mask breaks.
- Smaller class sizes.
- Additional staff to clean/sanitize throughout the day. High-touch areas, desks, doorknobs, etc.
- Misting classrooms and restrooms throughout the day
- Evening custodial care will include UV lights in bathrooms to kill germs.
- Additional hand washing



WHAT DOES AT HOME LEARNING LOOK LIKE?

K-5 Virtual Learning

Elementary Teachers will utilize Google Classroom, post lessons, link documents and provide content that mirrors that of the actual classroom. There will be a weekly learning plan instructed by the classroom teacher and an Elementary Virtual Learning Coordinator will follow up with each virtual student live via video conferencing on a daily basis to check progress and answer questions.

6-12th Virtual Learning

All Upper School teachers will use Google Classroom to ensure continuity in the Upper School. Lessons will be delivered live via video conferencing in all classrooms utilizing a standardized platform.

Students will attend each class following their individual student schedules.

Parent Partner Agreement

Before choosing the at home option, a signed parent agreement must be turned in to the school office. Please read through and carefully consider the expectations.

Tuition

Student tuition remains the same if the at home option is chosen. Choosing virtual learning through HCLA allows the student to come back on campus at the beginning of a new quarter.

Chapel

Pastor Ethan will be conducting chapel live from one classroom each week and we will live stream it to the other classrooms. This will enable us to worship together without gathering as a large group. Even while at home.

IF I CHOOSE TO KEEP MY STUDENT AT HOME, WHAT HAPPENS TO MY EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP?

On Monday, July 6 we were informed that all Private and Public schools needed to submit their alternative learning plan to the Florida Department of Education. We have been given the go ahead to enroll scholarship students in our Learning Advantage plan. This allows scholarship families to choose virtual learning with HCLA instead of the usual in class requirement.

The State has approved scholarships to be funded for the first semester for families even if they choose virtual learning with their associated school. The external scholarships awarded to families (ie, Step Up, McKay) typically require a student to be in class a certain number of days.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

We have committed to small class sizes to assist with social distancing. Our elementary classrooms will be no more than **12 students** and our middle and high school classes will have **15 students**.

