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## HCS Offers Remote Learning Evening Program for K-5

Learners Alternative remote learning option provides flexibility for families of young students

HENRY COUNTY, GA – With the fast-approaching start to the new school year less than two weeks away, Henry County Schools officials want families of students in Kindergarten through  $5^{th}$  grade to know of a new evening option for their remote learning this fall.

The Remote Learning Evening Program for K-5 learners is available to families who find this unique adaptation to the regular remote learning experience favorable to their family schedule. The evening program allows students to partake in remote learning from 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday each week, with additional independent work time to enhance the experience taking place outside of those hours. The first day of school for all students in Henry County Schools is Monday, August 17.

Knowing that families around the district face different challenges with the remote learning plans, the Henry County Board of Education and district leaders wanted to extend another option to families who find the evening hours more advantageous for helping students complete lessons and work that is delivered remotely by certified classroom teachers in the district.

"After examining the experiences from the end of last school year and listening to families across the county, we knew that our youngest learners oftentimes had more challenges with the remote environment," said Melissa Morse, Chief Learning & Performance Officer. "After making some adjustments and enhancements, we feel that this new evening option for the families of our youngest learners will enable greater involvement from students and support from parents and guardians."

All core content areas will be covered during the evening sessions, along with fine arts and physical education components, too. Resources available to students during the regular remote learning hours will also be utilized by families selecting the evening option.

"We are committed to making this year the best year for all students and staff," said Superintendent Mary Elizabeth Davis. "Through intense planning and preparation, our district is poised to elevate the remote learning experience from what people may have experienced to end the previous school year. Our teachers are amazing and have been taking part in extensive and intensive professional development to help ensure that the needs of our students will be met remotely until a time in which we can safely bring everyone back to campuses. We are ready to continue the progress our incredible students and staff have been making."

Registration is currently underway for those families wishing to select this option for their child. Families may visit the district's website for more information and click on the Back to School tab on the left side of the page. Once there, they can find the evening program information in the Return-to-School Playbook area.

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