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RETURN TO LEARN PLAN



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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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Our top priority is the collective health and safety of our scholars, staff, and families.

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We are committed to maintaining a strong educational experience for our scholars through the pandemic and will make sound financial choices and optimize the use of resources to ensure the long-term sustainability of our school.

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Monitoring of illness and continuous evaluation combined with clear and regular communication with our school community is critical for maintaining trust and ensuring the smoothest experience for all involved.

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The “power of small” – as a small school, we will adapt as needed to meet the changing situation and to minimize disruption for our scholars.

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Supporting the well-being of our scholars, families, and staff while remaining inclusive in our decision-making will help us best address the needs of our diverse student population.

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HEALTH & HYGIENE

Our top priority is the collective health and safety of our scholars, staff, and families.



SCA is establishing heightened deep-cleaning and disinfection protocols utilizing Environmental Protection Agency products. The school will be cleaned throughout the instructional day. Deep cleanings will be performed during periods when few or no scholars are on campus or during low traffic periods. Classrooms will be provided with cleaning supplies to be used between the transitions of scholars. SCA will ensure the sanitization of frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles and light switches.

We have contracted with Ecovasive to protect our SCA families. Ecovasive will improve the overall health and safety of our buildings and playground equipment by controlling and killing pathogens such as Flu, Norovirus, Strep, Staph, MRSA, Coronavirus, and E. Coli. Ecovasive kills 99.9% of bacteria upon contact. These products are natural and safe for young children with no harsh smelling or corrosive chemicals. Ecovasive's combination of safe and natural EPA registered Botanical Disinfectants and Electrostatic delivery system results in full coverage with a 4-minute kill rate, and the treatment lasts up to 90 days per application.

At school, scholars and staff can reduce the spread of COVID-19 by maintaining healthy behaviors, including regular hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer. Scholars will be encouraged to bring a water bottle. We will educate our scholars and staff on measures to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

Face Coverings

Face coverings will be optional for staff, scholars, and visitors.

Meal Service

Scholars will resume eating in the Dining Room.

2 EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE



SCA is committed to maintaining a strong and innovative educational experience for our scholars and will make sound financial choices and optimize the use of resources to ensure the long-term sustainability of our school.

It is our goal at SCA to create an educational community of creative, joyful, compassionate learners who courageously use innovative thinking to grow up to become active contributors to building a better world. For the 2021-2022 school year, all SCA scholars will participate in face-to-face learning.

Technology & Access

All scholars will be assigned an individual technology device at the beginning of the school year.



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MONITORING OF ILLNESS

Monitoring of illness and continuous evaluation combined with clear and regular communication with our school community is critical for maintaining trust and ensuring the smoothest experience for all involved.



Health & Wellness Partnership

By signing the Health and Wellness Partnership at the beginning of the school year, families will commit to checking each morning to ensure scholars do not have symptoms associated with COVID-19 or other communicable diseases.

Staying home when exhibiting any signs of illness is particularly important and we ask that all families adhere to this request. Families should follow the guidance of their child's physician for clearance to return to school following sickness and adhere to SCA's health policies. SCA will work hard to ensure children remain connected to their classrooms, and teachers will make reasonable adjustments to support scholars' continued learning. In this way, no one will need to take the risk of coming to school when sick.

Illness on Campus

Scholars who show any signs or symptoms of any illness that could be passed on to others will not be allowed to attend school. If scholars are well enough to attend classes, scholars will participate virtually by completing activities through Google Classroom. What this looks like may vary from grade to grade, depending on what is developmentally appropriate for the age of the child. Attendance policies will consider these absences excused when medical documentation is provided so that scholars are not penalized if they are sick. We will have measures in place to prioritize scholars' continuity of learning if the child is absent for an extended period of time.

Response to COVID-19 Cases

In working with local health authorities a course of action will be determined regarding the necessary communication, required sanitation, and contact tracing. Upon notification of a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case at SCA, we will communicate with teachers, staff, and families of scholars who were potentially exposed.



4 RIGHT MODEL. RIGHT MOMENT

The “power of small” – as a small school, we will adapt as needed to meet the changing situation and to minimize disruption for our scholars.

Traditional Learning (5-days/week)

SCA will provide face-to-face instruction using a 5-day model (Monday- Friday) unless government or health official guidance prevents all scholars from attending five days per week.

Remote Learning

SCA will only use the Remote Learning model if there is a widespread outbreak, a shelter-in-place order, or multiple COVID-19 cases on campus that requires us to close part or all of the campus for a short period of time, as determined by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and our local health officials.

5 Social-Emotional Health & Wellness

Supporting the well-being of our scholars, families, and staff while remaining inclusive in our decision-making will help us best address the needs of our diverse student population.

Welcoming Students & Families

School visitors will be allowed and masks will be optional. Open House will continue to be structured as individual sessions for each family. A virtual option for individual Open House sessions will be available by request.

Electives/Extra-Curricular

Scholars will attend elective classes. Enhanced cleaning protocols for each particular space, materials, and equipment will be applied. Scholars will be required to use hand sanitizer before attending electives and before returning to the classroom. Scholars will have the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Crew

There is no doubt that the emotional well-being of our scholars is as important now as ever. Crew is a daily routine at SCA that supports the creation of a close-knit school community. Crew is a place where character education and team building are intentional, assuring success for all of our scholars. It’s a structure that fosters a sense of belonging within scholars, and a place where they can be their best selves while lifting up their peers to achieve more than they think possible.

Community Circle

SCA will resume Community Circle in the Dining Room each Friday. Community Circle will continue to be live-streamed on our YouTube channel for families to view remotely.



WE ARE CREW!

“We are Crew, not passengers.”



As you prepare your children and yourselves for this school year, please feel free to contact the appropriate contact below should you need anything or have any additional questions.

Do you have questions regarding returning to school?

Email: info@scintillacharteracademy.com

Do you have questions regarding returning to school through the virtual learning model? Email:

virtual@scintillacharteracademy.com

Do you have questions regarding your child’s schedule, records, etc.?

Email Kay Hardesty at kharesty@scintillacharteracademy.com

Families are encouraged to reach out to our school counselor with any concerns about their child’s mental health or learning support needs. Email Staci Haire at

shaire@scintillacharteracademy.com

Do you have questions regarding Ignite, SCA’s before and after school program?

Email Kelsi Holmes at kholmes@scintillacharteracademy.com

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Would you like to provide input on SCA's Return to Learn Plan?

Please complete our Stakeholder Input Form available on the Return to Learn page on the SCA website here: www.scintillacharteracademy.com/backtoschool/

