



### Our Vision

To help all students reach high levels of achievement in a safe, secure, and positive learning environment.

# HMS 2021-2022 RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDE

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## Arrival/Departure:

Students may arrive at 8:00 a.m. and report directly to their homeroom. Your child is late at 8:50 a.m. If they are late, a parent will need to get out of the car & meet the attendance secretary at the door. Do not leave child/ren unattended at the front door.

1. No one is allowed in the building or to congregate at the front entrance doors. This is for students. A staff member will ensure your child reports to his or her assigned class.
2. On early dismissal days, classes will end at 12:00 p.m. Class ends at 12:00pm and there are no early dismissals. No exceptions will be permitted. You are required to submit excuses in writing to your child's teacher by MS Teams or e-mail. You may also fax (803-733-4329) or email Kaaren Rue at kaaren.rue@richlandone.org.
3. Dismissal is 3:45p.m. Do not request early dismissal as we will not be able to accommodate your request.

## Arrival and Staggered Dismissal:

<b>Car Riders and Walkers Drop off and Pick up</b>			
	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>
<b>Arrival Entrance</b>	Wheat Street (Stairwell 2)	Woodrow Street Stairs	Door <b>entrance</b> nearest track (Stairwell 5)
<b>Dismissal Exit</b>	Wheat Street (Stairwell 2)	Woodrow Street Stairs	Woodrow street gate near track (Stairwell 4)

<b>Bus Riders Drop off and Pick up</b>			
	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>
<b>Arrival Entrance</b>	Stairwell near King St. parking lot (Stairwell 6)	Gym Entrance near Track (Stairwell 7)	Door <b>exit</b> nearest track (Stairwell 5)
<b>Dismissal Exit</b>	Stairwell near King St. parking lot (Stairwell 6)	Door <b>exit</b> nearest track (Stairwell 5)	Door <b>exit</b> nearest track (Stairwell 5)

## Communication (stay connected):

Dr. Green sends weekly emails via school messenger as we strive to keep you connected and informed. We would also love for you to follow us on Facebook, Followers of Hand Middle School, the Hand Webpage, <https://www.richlandone.org/Domain/39> Instagram @handmiddlesc, and Twitter, @HandMiddleSC.

## Schedules (access via PowerSchool-Parent Portal):

Should you need assistance with Parent Portal please email Jamie Mickens at [jamie.mickens@richlandone.org](mailto:jamie.mickens@richlandone.org). For questions regarding schedules, please email your grade level counselor. 6<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, Latriya Spain; [latriya.spain@richlandone.org](mailto:latriya.spain@richlandone.org) , 7<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, Bruce Davis; [bruce.davis@richlandone.org](mailto:bruce.davis@richlandone.org) , 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, Leah Jones; [leah.jones@richlandone.org](mailto:leah.jones@richlandone.org)

## Instruction:

Teachers and students will be teamed; teachers will rotate within the teams.

## Recess:

Students will have recess every day.

## Related Arts (Electives):

Students will have 2 electives. **Electives will be held on A and B days (attending each elective every other day).**

## At Home Daily COVID Screening:

For the health and well-being of our school and community, please do not send your student to school if they have any of the following COVID-19 related symptoms:

- Fever 100.4 or higher –or-
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing –or-
- New loss of taste or smell –or-
- New or worsening cough

**Note: New symptoms are different than symptoms of ongoing health issues such as asthma, allergies, etc.**

**For any of the above symptoms, contact your healthcare provider or call SC DHEC at 1-855-472-3432.**

Children with a positive COVID-19 test or monitoring symptoms at home should stay home until they have had no fever for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication AND improvement of

symptoms AND at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Siblings and household members should also stay home for the recommended length of quarantine.

For the list of conditions that require exclusion from school attendance please visit the DHEC website at <http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/ChildTeenHealth/SchoolExclusion>

Please note that the parent/guardian MUST notify the school within 24 hours after the child has developed a known suspected communicable illness listed on the Exclusion List. Communicable diseases include Flu, COVID-19, Strep Throat (please use the above link for a full list).

## Meals:

**\*\*All meals will be delivered to and eaten in classrooms. \*\***

## Mitigation Strategies:

- Masks are not mandatory but strongly encouraged.
- Social distancing of 3' is the expectation.
- Plexiglas desk shields will be in place.
- Student may bring their lunch from home.
- Water fountains will be shut down; please require your child to bring bottled water or a full water bottle to school.
- Signage with expectations will be present around the building.
- Parents are asked to self-monitor their child for symptoms. Do not send a sick child to school.
- There will be staggered dismissal at the end of the day.
- Isolation rooms have been developed for those presenting symptoms.
- Strict quarantining procedures have been designed with the help of SCDHEC and Richland One. Please understand that anyone with certain combinations of symptoms, a positive COVID test result, and/or close contact with anyone testing positive for COVID will be quarantined and not allowed in the building for a specified period.
- Wipe-down cleaning will occur during each class period and overnight deep cleaning will occur daily to include the use of an electro-static sprayer

**We look forward to an awesome school year. Please contact your grade level administrator with any questions or concerns:**

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- 7<sup>th</sup> grade administrator, Devin Robinson; devin.robinson@richlandone.org
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade administrator, Joshua Dundr; joshua.dundr@richlandone.org