

SCGSAH's Plan for Return to Campus

The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities (SCGSAH) is known for excellence in academics and a nationally-acclaimed program of pre-professional training in the Arts and Humanities. With the input of the entire campus community, SCGSAH has approached the challenges of COVID-19 with the same creativity and determination that our students demonstrate in their pursuit of artistic excellence.

Reopening School -- Hybrid Model in Fall 2020/Full Return to Campus January 2021

1. Implement bookmobile service on July 29 to 16 sites throughout the state to deliver iPads and instructional supplies to the student body.
2. Teachers and all employees return and meet for professional development days August 11-14.
3. School will start on a synchronous virtual platform as scheduled, with orientation on August 15 (new students) and August 16 (returning students) with classes beginning on August 17 for all students.
4. Face-to-face instruction with students on campus for regular in-person instruction on a rotating schedule of short-term residencies (two-week intervals) starting in mid-to-late September. Students will be grouped by artistic discipline and grade level to ensure safe distancing in residence hall, instructional spaces, and dining facilities.
5. Fall arts performances will be conducted via Livestream. Community meetings, family weekend, the annual college fair, and fall admissions events will shift to virtual platforms for the fall.
6. Continue to explore the option for day students in all of the above scenarios to ensure maximum instruction time on campus while maintaining necessary safety measures and social distancing in our residential campus environment.
7. Resumption of full in-person instruction on campus in mid-January 2021.

Special Measures to Support Students and Their Families

- Enhanced support for the mental health and wellness of all students and staff. We will continue to offer individual services in a telehealth model in addition to group work.
- All Students have been issued iPads. Cellular Data Plans provided for those needing internet access at home.
- Each student's academic load will be carefully reviewed and monitored to ensure that they are meeting the requirements of their individualized graduation plan to ensure student success, while providing necessary support to vulnerable student populations and their families.

As a statewide agency serving all 46 counties in a residential living and learning environment, our plan is uniquely crafted to ensure the health and safety of our students, employees, and their communities while continuing to support a high level of academic learning and offering life-changing opportunities for our students through the Arts and Humanities. While the physical constraints of our residential campus, statewide student population, and unique requirements of arts rehearsals and performances pose particular challenges during the pandemic, we believe that this plan represents the best course of action to ensure safety while moving toward a resumption of normal school operations.

This plan was approved by SCGSAH's Board of Directors on July 17, 2020.