

# Calvert Schools To Plan For Hybrid Or Fully-Online Learning; Need Stage 3 From Hogan For Full Resume

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**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md.** — If Stage Three of Governor Larry Hogan's[R] "Roadmap to Recovery" isn't reached by the fall, Calvert County Public Schools(CCPS) can expect to see the foundation of their educational experience shift somewhat drastically.

Ahead of their July 16 meeting, the Calvert Board of Education received what is currently the foundation for their back to school "road to recovery."

Among the plans were mentions of two options: a hybrid learning program which would involve multiple cohorts of students going back to classrooms on rotating days of the week, and a fully-online integration plan.

With the rotational schedule, students will have to attend in-person classes twice a week. The first group of students would go in on Monday/Thursday and the second group on Tuesday/Friday. Wednesday would then become a planning and professional development day for teachers, where teachers will have "office hours" and provide several resources for students. Students would then have "virtual learning" on three days out of their week.

Some parts of this hybrid plan that still need to be addressed include providing adequate and socially-distanced transportation to schools, the supply of personal protective equipment(PPE) in schools, and improved "health and safety practices, especially with our youngest learners."

With the second option on the table, a fully-online plan, students would be subjected to a blend of synchronous and asynchronous instruction. This means there would be a real-time schedule of classes that students would be required to be online for, similarly to a traditional school day, as well as learning that would take place outside of traditional teaching hours.

Additionally, with the online option, students would still have online attendance taken and families may be required to transport learning materials in-person. According to the plan, students may need to go to school testing sites to complete state and local standardized assessments.

But with a fully-online plan, comes additional needs and costs from the school board. Lacking technical support and comprehension, lack of internet and technology in households and slow communications plagued the online learning transition last spring. The board is hoping to address some of those problems in the new plan, to close any "achievement gaps" that might have been created.

Some problems that are being addressed include having the availability to provide students from 3rd to 12th grade a laptop, on a one-to-one basis. The plan also mentions putting webcams in classrooms, providing teachers with document cameras, additional "digital resources," and of course working with families who do not have internet access at home.

Athletics and extra-curricular activities also get glanced over in the plan, providing some brief guidance on what sorts of activities and exercises can still happen amid the pandemic.

Some of this planning may not matter if any drastic changes happen over the next month. The plan outlines that full resumption to classrooms "coincides with Governor Hogan's stage three," which has not been discussed much yet.

While the listed plans could change up until the state's deadline of Aug. 14, even though the board will likely finalize their version at there Aug. 13 meeting after opening up for public comments, parents will still have the choice over a large portion of the upcoming school year.

To view the whole 84-page plan, click [HERE](#).

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