



Swan Creek School

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Reimagining and Redesigning
Alternative Education

December 18, 2023

Presentation Outcomes

By the end of this presentation, you will have:

- Learned how HCPS interprets and defines **Alternative Education**.
- Learned how Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) **Reimagined and Redesigned** Alternative Education.
- Learned how Swan Creek serves various unique **Student Populations** within Harford County.
- Learned next **steps and opportunities** for Swan Creek School

Alternative Education in HCPS

A program of study for students who desire/need an educational experience outside of the traditional setting. This includes students who:

- Excel in Non-Traditional Learning Environments
- Experience Physical and/or Mental Health Related Concerns
- Struggle with Peer Relations or Size of Comprehensive Schools
- Experience Discipline Related Issues
- Many More...

Background



Personalize

Personalize opportunities for all students by providing alternative educational options.

Support

Increase accountability, equity, graduation rates, and attendance by providing student support services for all students.

Flexible

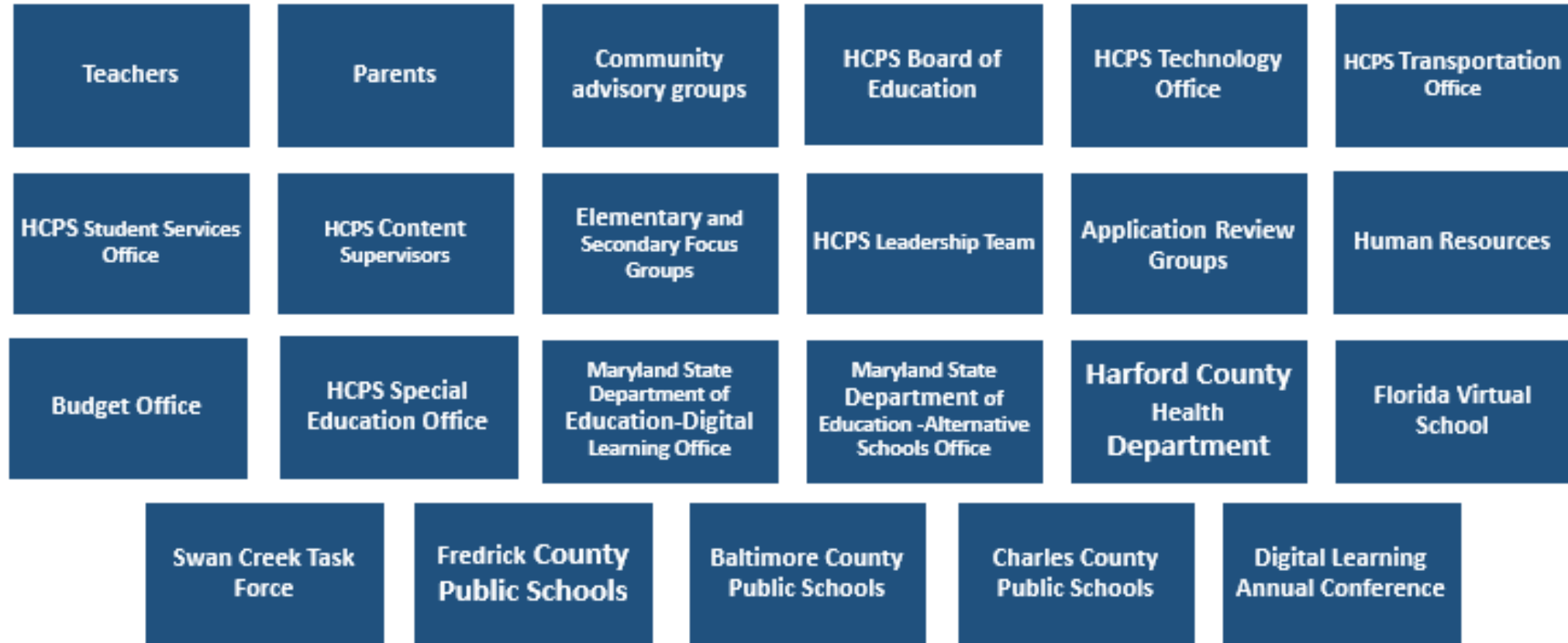
At all three levels, these learning models provide flexibility to students and families as they can access HCPS teachers and HCPS curriculum from an environment that best suits their individual needs or circumstances.

Areas of Focus



- Programmatic Changes
- Physical Appearance
- School Culture

Collaboration and Best Practices



Considerations

Student needs- academically/Social Emotional	COMAR Regulations	Terminology	Special Education Services	Teacher Responsibility	Data Collection
Support Roles	Marketing	Equipment	Curriculum	Professional Development	Assessments
Software/Hardware	Rebranding/Naming	Scheduling	Grading	Attendance	Enrollment Procedures
Staffing	Transportation	Teaching Stations/Available Space	Meals	Additional Administrators	Teacher Evaluation

Additional Considerations

Substitutes	Materials Distribution	Registration	Family/Community Engagement	Continued Professional Development	State Testing
Attendance Tracking	Student Engagement	Student Learning Space	Maintaining Community Amongst Staff	Student Clubs	Newsletter/Communication
PTSA	Academic Interventions	Data Review	Student Expectations	Monitoring SE Students	Emergency Response Protocols
Vision/Mission/Values	Technical Roadblocks	Various Family Technical Support Positions	Peer Visits/PD	SEL	Flexibility

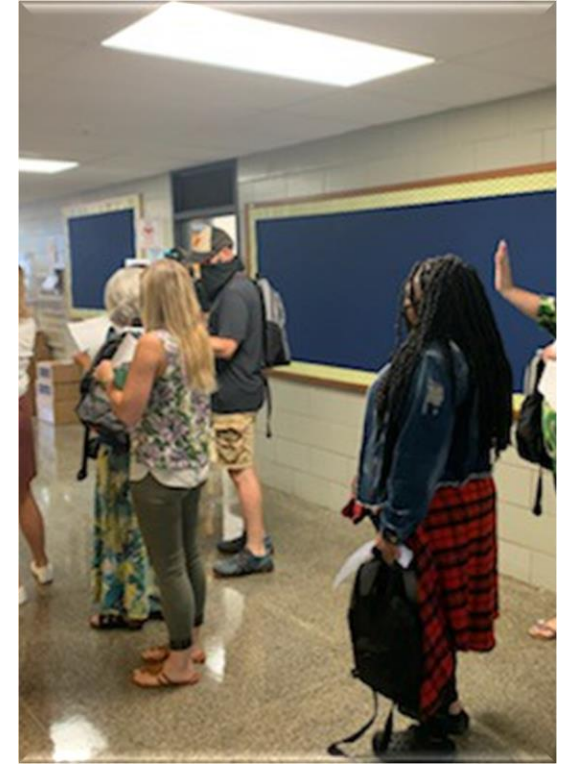
Programmatic Changes

- Semesterized Courses
- Expand Offerings
- Replace Twilight Program with Credit Recovery
- Personalized Learning Time
- Additional Resources

School Appearance



School Culture





Swan Creek School

MISSION

Swan Creek School's mission is to provide an engaging and flexible personalized educational experience empowering our students to develop the skills, knowledge, and values that lead to a fulfilling life of service and ethical leadership in a global community.





Swan Creek School Virtual Program

- In 2021, HCPS established the Swan Creek School (SCS) **Blended Virtual Learning Program** (BVLP) which offers two formats: (1) **eLearning**; and (2) **Hybrid**.
- HCPS Curriculum
- HCPS Teachers
- Program enrollment ranges between **500-600 students** and **55+ teachers/support personnel**.
- SCS Current Enrollment – represents 41 of 53 comprehensive HCPS schools
 - eLearning Elementary School: 54
 - eLearning Middle School: 162
 - eLearning High School: 250
 - Hybrid Middle School: 45
 - Hybrid High School: 110



Swan Creek School Virtual Program

SCS offers 2 types of alternative learning environments for students:

eLearning Blended Virtual Learning Program

- Elementary, Middle, High
- Grades 2 through 12
- Scheduled synchronous instruction
- With teachers 5 days a week in a virtual learning environment
- Scheduled in-person events occur monthly
- HCPS Curriculum
- HCPS Teachers

Hybrid Blended Virtual Program

- Middle, High
- Grades 6 through 12
- Students attend classes in person 2 days a week
- Students attend virtual classes in person 2 days a week
- Students complete asynchronous assignments 1day/week
- HCPS Curriculum
- HCPS Teachers



Individualized Supports/Resources

- FIT Assessment
 - Attributes of a virtual learner
 - Self-Survey
- FEV Tutor
- Smaller Class Sizes
- Partnership with Brighter Stronger Foundation
- Personalized Learning Time (PLT)
- After School Credit Recovery
- Behavioral/Academic Interventions/Content Acceleration
- Clubs/Activities

Student Population

Student Supports

- Alternative Learning Environment
- Smaller Class Sizes
- Flexible Scheduling
- Accelerated Learning
- Personalized Learning Time
- Credit Recovery
- Continuity of Learning for Transient Students

Students Served

- Home and Hospital
- Discipline Process
- Administrative Transfer (Alternative to Discipline)
- Interim Alternative Placement (IEP)
- Volunteer (85%)
 - Transition from Home Teaching
 - FIT Assessment
- All HCPS




In-Person Curricular Events

- Student/Family Orientation
- Testing, field trips and SEL opportunities
- Optional Family Engagement Opportunities
- Building a Community Culture for Students and Families
- Elementary-Secondary Connections
- Personalized family and student support

Family and Community Engagement

FAMILY TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

- Reference the How-To HCPS Technology Access documents: <https://www.hcps.org/hcpstogether/>
- Call-in for Technology Support on days when school is in session:
 - 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (410) 809-6336
 - 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (410) 809-6370
- Email technicalquestions@hcpso.org for personalized support.
- Submit a technical support request for HCPS equipment and digital resources: <https://www.hcps.org/helpform>



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THE Talent SHOW

We are pleased to announce our 2022 Winter Swan Creek VIRTUAL talent show!

Do you have a talent or skill to share with our school community? It's time to showcase it to our Bayhawk family!

<input type="checkbox"/> Magic	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance
<input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics/Tumbling Routines	<input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts
<input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Performances	<input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Performances
<input type="checkbox"/> Stand Up Comedy	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Poetry	<input type="checkbox"/> Acting

Rules for participation:

- Performance should be 2.5 minutes or less
- Must be school appropriate (this includes lyrics and song meaning)
- Must feature an SCS student but can have family members in supporting rolls
- No lip syncing for vocal performances
- Make sure the camera captures the full performance (don't stand where we can't see you!)
- Check the sound quality where you are performing to make sure you are heard.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 1ST ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 5pm - 7pm

253 PARADISE ROAD, ABERDEEN

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (K-5th)

PICK UP YOUR DISTRIBUTION MATERIALS WHILE YOU ARE HERE! (OR COME BACK ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 FROM 11am-6pm)



Connect with us!

Swan Creek School

Systemwide Communication

Use the Blackboard Connect5 Parent Portal to:

- Add multiple phone numbers and email addresses
- Choose to get calls, emails, and/or texts
- Assign specific alert types to certain contact types* (i.e. attendance alerts to cell phone only, or closing alerts to email and text)

The Parent Portal login can be accessed from hcpso.org, in the upper right-hand corner.

Social Media

	@swancreekschool		#HCPSSchools
	@swancreekschool		@HCPSSchools
	@swancreekschool		@hcps_schools
			@HCPSSchools

SUPPLY PICK UP

January 27- 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
January 28- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ELEMENTARY MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION #5

FINAL distribution of 2021-2022

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
9AM-7PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
9AM-12PM

SHOP! the Scholastic book fair anytime during distribution!

COME TAKE PICTURES WITH BINX AND WITH OUR NEW PHOTO-OP

NOTE: NO CLUB MEETINGS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31 DUE TO MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

Material Distribution #3 AND FALL FEST

Monday, November 22

MATERIAL PICK-UP
(9am-3pm AND 5pm-7pm)

FALL FEST (5pm-7pm)

Celebrate Fall with Swan Creek School while picking up materials. Enjoy fun Fall-themed crafts with some of our Swan Creek staff.

ALSO, our food pantry will be open for donations and those in need.

Onboarding and Progress Monitoring

Onboarding

- Back to School Orientations
- Student Record Review
- Schedule Creation
- Interventions and Supports
- Materials and Resources
- Technology Navigation



Welcome to eLearning at Swan Creek School!

Below are the resources you need to get started online your first day. Individual teachers may have additional information and resources for you, but this should assist you in getting started.

- Before your scheduled first day, please be sure to set up your laptop according to the directions provided to you. Make sure your device is CHARGED nightly!
- Check your email for important information that may have been sent to you! This is in your Microsoft Office-Outlook. Your student email is your firstandlastname@student.hcps.org (no spaces)
- If you have not received a schedule, this can be found in your email from guidance or in your Home Access Center (HAC)
- Go to Canvas and click on your Period A1 class. Teachers will conduct homeroom and attendance at 7:25-7:35. Your camera MUST be ON for Homeroom.
- Continue to click on the appropriate Canvas button for each class period according to your schedule.
- Personal Learning Time (PLT) is built into the schedule as a designated time to meet with your teachers for extra help, questions, or concerns. Meet with your teachers during this time by clicking the PLT/Class button on the teacher's page.

DAY 1: COMPLETE THE ORIENTATION MODULE

A graphic showing two steps for the orientation module. Step 1: 'Click on Student Library Resources on the Canvas Dashboard.' Step 2: 'Click on the button for HS eLearning Resources.' The graphic includes icons for 'STUDENT RESOURCES' and 'HS eLearning Resources'.

Progress Monitoring

- Daily Monitoring
 - Attendance
 - Engagement
 - Work Completion
 - Mastery of Skills
- Formal Monitoring
 - Student Support Team (SST)
 - 504 Team
 - Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Program Evaluation of the SCS BVLP



- The HCPS Office of Research and Program Evaluation designed a multi-year and mixed-methods comprehensive evaluation framework for Swan Creek School (SCS)
- Monitor the implementation of the SCS **Blended Virtual Learning Program (BVLP)**.
- Leverage multiple methodologies to ensure an effective comprehensive evaluation

The Program Evaluation of the SCS BVLP included but not limited to the following projects:

- 1.Pre-Survey: Open-Ended Response Analysis (Fall 2021)
 - 2.Qualitative Research (e.g., SCS Student interviews – Experiences with BVL)
 - 3.Teacher Observation Report Examination (e.g., Data: classroom observations)
 - 4.Quantitative Research (e.g., Student Outcome Data)
 - 5.Post-Survey: Open-Ended Response Analysis (Spring 2022)
- Capstone Report: Executive Summary (Key Findings and Recommendations)



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY-CAPSTONE REPORT

PROGRAM EVALUATION OF THE SWAN CREEK SCHOOL BLENDED VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAM

FINAL CAPSTONE RESEARCH REPORT

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Program Evaluation & Research Reports

[Access to the Comprehensive Capstone Report](https://hcps.org/superintendent/docs/Capstone_Report_Executive_Summary_Program_Evaluation_Swan_Creek_School_Blenched_Virtual_Learning_Program.pdf)

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Swan Creek Overview



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfZIG-D3FE>





Questions

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