

# Starting school online

*Hazelwood School District joins several other school districts in St. Louis County who are beginning the school year with 100 percent virtual schooling due to pandemic*

By Charlotte Board

When classes resume this fall, Hazelwood School District (HSD) will be using a model of fully educate its students virtually and measure them for students in return to classrooms. School will resume Aug. 24.

Lennie Martin, a fourth grade teacher at the Twyman Elementary who helped write the English Language Arts curriculum (ELA) shared that the school experience will be different from the abrupt implementation in the spring due to COVID-19.

"We were in crisis mode," Martin stated. "We were trying to make sure that school went on for all students, and we only had days to prepare for 100 percent virtual school."

Anthony Kirkem, HSD Director of Communications and Public Relations states, "Teachers and curriculum coordinators have created curriculum for the school year that is conducive to virtual instruction. They have also identified technology that can enhance the virtual learning experience, such as web cameras for teachers. Also, they have created a framework for how to assist students with special needs in a virtual environment."

According to HSD, the virtual school day will be structured with assignments and allow for live feedback and breaks to help relieve stress. The district is working with Special School District on virtual education needs for students with IEPs.

Martin states, "In my class, the first thing students will see is a quick good morning message. Next, we will begin direct instruction."

Google Classroom will be used by HSD



Anthony Kirkem/Hazelwood School District

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students each morning to access Google Meets and begin their school day.

"Students will log into their teacher's Google Classroom and interact with the teacher and classmates during direct instruction periods throughout the day," stated Kirkem. "Occasionally, classes will also be separated into smaller virtual chat rooms to work on group projects. The teacher will

be able to monitor each group and provide assistance."

According to HSD, over the summer teachers are being provided access to a variety of professional development opportunities for virtual instruction. The Curriculum Aid, EdTech, and Instructional Strategy

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## Weather

- FRIDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
81/70
- SATURDAY**  
Sunny  
84/78
- SUNDAY**  
Sunny  
84/78

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 'SCHOOL' from 'cover

(CARES) Act funding allowed the district to purchase 1,300 web cams which will aid teachers in recording and live streaming for the virtual classroom experience. Kiekow stated that the district has a little over 1,300 teachers. Kiekow also stated that the district has enough chrome books and mobile hotspots to serve every student. The district has over 17,000 students. HSD will provide more information on the mobile hotspots before the fall semester begins.

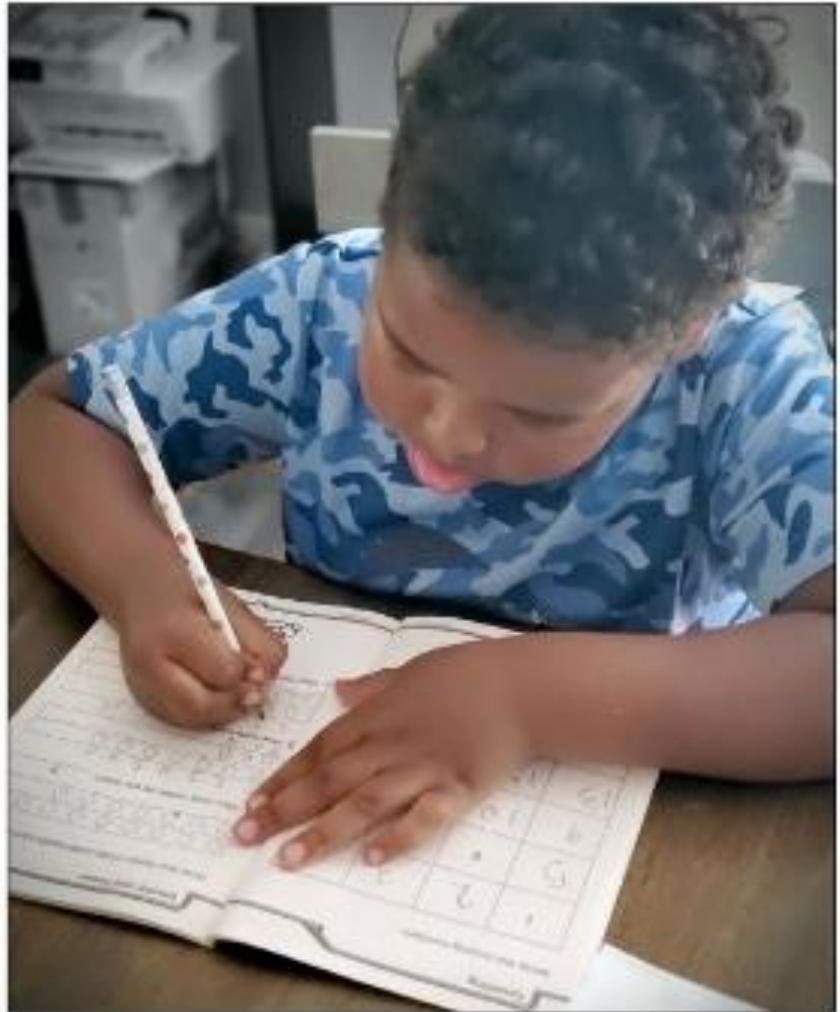
Although the semester will begin 100 percent virtually, the district advises families to obtain school supplies for its students and recommends they take advantage of the Tax Holiday Weekend which is Aug. 7-9. HSD states that their supply lists for students are designed to support in-person and virtual instruction. HSD's free Back 2 School Drive Thru Fair for its families takes place Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. while supplies last. Details are on the district's website.

HSD has plans to notify families of the schedule for the fall semester Grab & Go Meal program and their efforts to gather resources to help families deal with the stress of 100 percent virtual learning. In addition, HSD has plans to begin providing students education via two days in the classroom and three days virtual when conditions related to COVID-19 improve.

For the latest updates visit <https://www.hazelwoodschools.org/>.

*Photo courtesy Hazelwood School District*

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## No. 26: Hazelwood Central's Long just starting to tap into his potential



Hazelwood Central's Kyle Long (75) pass blocks during week nine of football in Missouri and Illinois on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at McCluer North High School in Florissant, Mo.

**Kyle Long's** size 15 feet know what it's like to pound the pavement.

A senior left tackle for [Hazelwood Central's football team](#), Long has adapted his training regimen since the coronavirus pandemic altered life as we know it in March. A constant presence in the weight room since he arrived at Central as a sophomore, Long adjusted his workouts when schools and gyms shut their doors. "I'm working out every day," Long said. "I got everything I need." Long has been knocking out push ups and sit ups. He's got a speed ladder and training ropes. He'll go for a run to a nearby park. There's a hill not far from his house he'll run up and down. FOLLOW LINK FOR FULL STORY

[https://www.stltoday.com/sports/high-school/football/super-30/no-26-hazelwood-centrals-long-just-starting-to-tap-into-his-potential/article\\_acd4cd28-d5d0-11ea-8e85-e3efef6ae8ad.html](https://www.stltoday.com/sports/high-school/football/super-30/no-26-hazelwood-centrals-long-just-starting-to-tap-into-his-potential/article_acd4cd28-d5d0-11ea-8e85-e3efef6ae8ad.html)

Aug 4, 2020

## St. Louis County youth sports can move into Phase 2 on Monday



Nearly 20 area school districts including Affton, Brentwood, Ferguson-Florissant, Hazelwood, Kirkwood, Maplewood-Richmond Heights, Pattonville, Parkway, Valley Park and Webster Groves have opted to begin the school year with distance learning. MSHSAA's reversal of its previous position has put the decision to allow student-athletes to compete in organized sports and activities on the individual school districts.

"The (MSHSAA board of directors) determined this should be a local school decision. Upon the approval of the Board, a member school may now determine if its teams will participate in MSHSAA activities while its students are receiving virtual instruction only, while following all requirements and guidelines set forth by their health department officials," MSHSAA's statement reads. FOLLOW THE LINK FOR THE FULL STORY

[https://www.stltoday.com/sports/high-school/football/st-louis-county-youth-sports-can-move-into-phase-2-on-monday/article\\_c4bec798-d780-11ea-88c3-53f12494b97c.html](https://www.stltoday.com/sports/high-school/football/st-louis-county-youth-sports-can-move-into-phase-2-on-monday/article_c4bec798-d780-11ea-88c3-53f12494b97c.html)

# Man facing several charges of rape during the time he worked as security guard in 2 school districts



## Statement from the Hazelwood School District

"Today, Hazelwood School District received notification from the St. Louis County Police Department that a former HSD security guard has been charged with statutory rape. The security guard was employed by the district from November of 2013 to November of 2016. The alleged crime happened between August of 2016 and June of 2017.

In the interest of privacy, police have not revealed if the victim was an HSD student. However, the district believes it is crucial to share this information with our school community. Our paramount concern is the safety and wellbeing of our students. With that in mind, all HSD staff are carefully screened and complete thorough background checks. Additionally, we have active training protocols in place to prevent inappropriate activity and thoroughly investigate all claims of inappropriate behavior. FOLLOW LINK BELOW FOR FULL STORY

<https://www.ksdk.com/article/news/crime/man-facing-charges-rape-security-guard/63-a693dcb6-b207-407a-9252-c5736b36532c>

## Government, Politics & Issues

### **Webb, Dunaway prevail in St. Louis County Council race**

One St. Louis County Council member lost the primary while another cruised to victory. Shalonda Webb defeated 4th District Councilwoman Rochelle Walton Gray and **Hazelwood School Board member Mark Behlmann**, taking in about 43% of the vote. Webb is a software manager for Boeing who had the support of some key political figures, including U.S. Rep. Lacy Clay and state Sen. Gina Walsh. She made refurbishing Jamestown Mall and increasing public safety priorities of her campaign. FOLLOW THE LINK FOR THE FULL STORY

<https://news.stlpublicradio.org/government-politics-issues/2020-08-04/page-wins-contentious-primary-for-st-louis-county-executive>