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Hanover-Horton School District is committed to providing high-quality instruction while keeping our staff and students safe! We also understand that it is vital that our plan is communicated effectively in order for you to have updated and accurate information! Below is a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that will help communicate our plan.

Educational Options

Q: What options for learning do I have?

A: You have two options for learning for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year.

1. *In-Person Learning*: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at school; learning at home on Wednesdays.
2. *Learn-at-Home*: Daily at-home learning.

Q: What is In-Person Learning?

A: In-Person Learning is most like the traditional learning you normally experience. It follows the same type of schedule you and your child would follow if there were no pandemic with the exception of learning at home on Wednesdays in order to do additional deep cleaning throughout the district. Students at the elementary level will still enjoy specials, recess and lunch in the cafeteria. Students in the middle school and high school will switch classes and receive daily instruction from their teachers. There are still options for middle college, dual enrollment, Career Center and elective courses. Students will not be divided into A/B groups. If you choose this option, your student will attend all four days.

Q: What is Learn-at-Home?

A: Teachers will upload video recordings with new content. Many of the lessons will be downloadable in order for students to work offline. Chromebooks and iPads are available for those who need to borrow a school issued device. This learning path can be changed after the marking period.

In-Person Learning

Q: When does In-Person Learning begin?

A: We will meet on the scheduled first day of August 26th for a half-day.

The Wednesday Learn-at-Home for In-Person Learning students will begin on **September 2nd**.

Q: How do I know who my child's teacher is?

A: Student schedules and teacher assignments will be communicated by your individual buildings. This communication may take several weeks in order for staff assignments to be determined following the completion of registration.

Q: Does my child have to wear a mask on the bus?

A: If your child rides a bus, he/she will need to wear a mask for the entire ride. The mask will need to stay on as the student moves from the bus to their classroom. In the middle school and high school, the masks need to be left on during the day except when seated at a table to eat lunch.

Q: Does my child have to wear a mask in our vehicle?

A: If you are dropping off your child, he/she will need to exit the car wearing a mask and keep the mask on. In the elementary, once students are in their seats in their classroom, they can remove their mask.

Q: Does my child have to wear a mask in class?

A: At the high school and middle school, masks are required all day unless eating lunch. At the elementary, students must wear masks when leaving their own classroom.

Q: Does my child have to wear a mask in the cafeteria?

A: Seating in the cafeteria will be limited to seating that meets the social-distancing requirements. Once at a seat, the mask may be removed. Your elementary child will need to wear a mask going to and returning from the cafeteria. 6th-12th grade will wear masks all day except for when seated at a table to eat lunch. Clear dividers will be in place in order to minimize the spread of any germs during mealtimes.

Q: What if my child has a medical condition that prevents him/him from wearing a mask?

A: Students who have an IEP, a 504 plan, a medical condition documented by a doctor, or some other mitigating situation that specifically indicates the student should not wear a mask will be exempted from wearing a mask upon the school's receipt of a medical waiver from the student's physician. Doctor's notes can be written by anyone on the student's medical team who is qualified to make that determination. For example, notes from a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner will be accepted. Adaptations and alternatives will be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a mask or to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear a mask. Best practice is to consult with your child's healthcare provider for advice about wearing face coverings.

Q: Will my child have to eat lunch in the classroom?

A: At this time, Hanover-Horton School District will utilize the cafeteria for lunch by using social-distancing and acrylic dividers. The cafeteria will be cleaned following each lunch group.

Q: What happens if I decide I don't want my daughter/son to wear a mask?

A: In Phase 4 & 5, masks are required for 6th-12th graders at all times and for Pre-K-5th graders on the bus and anytime they are out of their classroom. If you would rather your child not wear a mask, in order to follow state guidelines, the Learn-at-Home option may be better for your family.

Q: Does my child have to have a temperature check each day?

A: At this time, Hanover-Horton is waiting for additional guidance on this process.

Q: What happens if my child has a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees?

A: Students with fevers of 100.4 degrees and higher need to stay home until they are fever free for 72 hours without the use of ibuprofen, Tylenol, or other fever reducing medications. This is based on current guidelines.



Q: What happens if my child has a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees at school?

A: The student would be moved away from healthy students until they are picked from school. The student would be supervised until a parent/emergency contact arrives.

Q: What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 or a student or staff member is exposed to someone who has tested positive?

A: At this time, Hanover-Horton School District is working with the Jackson County Health Department in order to create appropriate steps for staff and students to return to school safely.

Q: Can my child use a water fountain at school?

A: Water fountains may not be used. Students are encouraged to bring a clear water bottle from home. Touch-free water bottle filling stations are being added in the district that the students will be able to use throughout the day.

Q: What will the classrooms look like? Will the students be social-distanced?

A: After the results of the student registration forms are analyzed, our team will be able to better assess our needs in each classroom. Class sizes should be lowered and give us the ability to space out our students in each classroom.

Learn-at-Home

Q: When does school start for Learn-at-Home?

A: August 26, 2020.

Q: How do I know who my child's teacher is?

A: Class schedules and teacher assignments will be communicated in the next few weeks.

Q: What technology is required to have at home in order to participate in Learn-at-Home?

A: Any internet accessible tablet or computer will work to Learn-at-Home. If you don't have a device to use, Hanover-Horton has school-issued Chromebooks and iPads for students to borrow. Details on how to obtain a device will be communicated to families who indicate a need to borrow a device on the Hanover-Horton Student Learning Registration Form.



Q: Can I opt for Learn-at-Home if I don't have internet service?

A: Yes, however, it may make the learning significantly more challenging. If you don't have internet service, you would be able to travel to the school parking lot to access the internet to download lessons and materials needed. You could also visit other locations that provide free internet access.

Q: How often does my child have to participate with the teacher?

A: Daily. Requirements for each class will be communicated by the teacher.

Q: Can my child attend Learn-at-Home one day and In-Person Learning another day?

A: No. Once you select a learning option that will be your option for a full marking period. However, if you choose In-Person Learning and don't feel comfortable with that choice, you can change to Learn-at-Home during the marking period.

Q: Can my child be considered truant if he/she is using Learn-at-Home?

A: Yes, there will be requirements on how and when to communicate with the teachers.

Q: Does my child have to complete and submit assignments?

A: Yes, your teacher will explain when and how to submit assignments.

Bus Transportation

Q: Will the school district offer bus transportation?

A: Yes, buses will run routes as normal. Routes will be similar to previous years. If your student was able to ride the bus last year, the bus will pick them up again this year if you select busing on the registration form.

Q: *What are the rules for buses?*

A: Masks must be worn on buses. Additional procedures are being developed at this time.

Q: *Does my child have to ride the bus?*

A: No, parents may arrange to drop off and/or pick up students.

Q: *Will buses be cleaned regularly?*

A: Yes, buses will be cleaned before and after each run.



Car Transportation

Q: *Can I drop off and pick up my child each day?*

A: Yes, there will be new procedures for student drop off this year in each building.

Student Entry to School

Q: *What happens when my child enters school?*

A: Students will enter school with a mask. Parents, visitors and volunteers are not permitted at this time under the current guidelines.

Q: *What if I want to walk my child into school?*

A: Parents/Guardians will be limited to the entryway and office only. This is due to the current orders in place for schools in order to minimize the risk of exposure to our staff and students.

Food Service

Q: *How do we get breakfast and lunch if we are using Learn-at-Home?*

A: Meals will still be available for the Learn-at-Home option. Details of this plan will be communicated in the next few weeks. The Backpack Food Program will continue to operate as well!

Cleaning Protocols

Q: *What cleaning products will you be using in order to minimize germs but also keep our children safe?*

A: The primary disinfectant/degreaser that we use on all surfaces is RE-JUV-NAL. This product is the same product we have used in the past and is an EPA approved product for COVID-19 and many other viruses and bacterias. Classrooms, bathrooms and desks will be cleaned with this product after-school. It may also be used during the day by custodial staff while student

Q: *How often will areas of the school be cleaned?*

A: Elementary classrooms containing a primary group will be cleaned often throughout the day. Elementary groups changing classrooms and high school/middle school classes will be cleaned in between every class change. Lunch tables will be cleaned between every lunch hour. Door handles, bathrooms, water bottle filling stations and other frequently touched areas will be disinfected frequently. The elementary playground will be wiped down at least once per day with children sanitizing their hands before and after recess. Each classroom has a large supply of disinfectant wipes to use as needed. After-school and on Wednesdays, a thorough deep cleaning will be done of all rooms in the buildings. We will be monitoring and adjusting our cleaning plan as needed.

Q: *When will the busses be cleaned?*

A: Busses will be cleaned before and after each run.



Preschool & Latchkey

Q: *Will you be offering preschool and latchkey?*

A: Yes, tuition preschool and GSRP preschool will be offered in our elementary building. Latchkey will be open before and after school as well as all day on Wednesdays in order to help accommodate families. Masks must be worn by students before and after-school. Masks may be needed for all day on Wednesdays except for when eating. Details are still being planned. For more information about our latchkey and preschool programs, please reach out to Early Impressions at <http://earlyimpressionpre.com> or at 517-888-5155.

Band/Choir

Q: *Will my secondary student be able to participate in choir and/or band if we choose Learn-at-Home?*

A: Yes, choir and band will be offered at the middle school and the high school for our Learn-at-Home students. Mr. Wallace is currently developing a curriculum which in engage the students while they are working at home. More information as to what this may look like will be shared soon!

Q: *What will band and choir classes look like for my secondary student choosing In-Person Learning?*

A: The programs will look a little different during Phase 4 & Phase 5 in order to adhere to safety guidelines and regulations. More information as to what this will look like will be shared soon!

Exposure

Q: *What will you do if a student or staff member has been exposed or has tested positive for COVID-19?*

A: The Health Department advised us that each case would be handled individually; this is not going to be a one size fits all situation. There are several factors that will need to be taken into consideration before we would move forward with an action plan. We will follow the guidance given at the time.

Athletics

Q: *Will sport's physicals be required for the 2020-2021 school year?*

A: Due to the impact of COVID-19, the MHSAA has changed their requirements for this school year only. If your student had a physical for the 2019-2020 school year, the returning student-athletes and a parent/guardian will need to fill out and turn in the [2020-21 MHSAA SPORTS HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE](#). If the student does not have any underlying conditions, and they have a valid sports physical on file, the student will not be required to have a new physical for the entire 2020-2021 school year. For any students new to school sponsored sports, they will be required to have a new sports physical which cannot have been completed prior to April 15, 2020. Click [here](#) if you need a physical form. Under certain circumstances, the district may require a student to obtain a new physical. The MHSAA has created an [FAQ](#) page to answer general questions. If you have additional questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Perry Deliyanne, at perry.deliyanne@hanoverhorton.org.

Q: *Does my athlete need to attend the annual Life of an Athlete meeting?*

A: Life of an Athlete will take place this fall in a different format. Stay tuned!

Q: *Will my student be able to participate in athletics if we choose the Learn-at-Home option?*A: Yes, students will be able to participate in sports regardless of the learning path they choose during Phase 4 & 5.

Back-to-School Events

Q: *Will you be holding ABC Night, Middle School Orientation and Freshmen Orientation this year?*

A: Our traditional back-to-school events are unable to happen this year under the current guidelines. Our team is currently reviewing the guidelines and figuring out ways to make students feel comfortable on the first day of school.

Sanitizing

Q: *Is there hand sanitizer at the schools?*

A: Yes, the district has made significant purchases to support creating and maintaining as safe an environment as possible. Multiple hand-sanitizing stations will be in each school. Additionally, each room and each bus will have hand sanitizer.

Q: *Can I send hand sanitizer to school?*

A: Yes, you may send hand sanitizer with your child. You may have them bring their own small bottles, or you can send additional sanitizer to your child's teacher.

Q: *Will you remind my child to use hand sanitizer?*

A: Yes! We will be reminding students about hygiene frequently. This includes hand washing as well as using hand sanitizer.

Supplies

Q: *What supplies will my student need this year?*

A: Each building is currently creating new supply lists based on needs for this year. Lists will be shared by individual buildings.



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