

# 2021-2022 In-Person Learning Plan

## COVID-19 Safety and Protection Protocols

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Students in the Hudson City School District (HCS D) returned to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. This document summarizes our full In-Person Learning Plan document, which is posted on our website. The information in the plan is based upon guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New York State Department of Health and New York State Education Department.



### MASKS

- Face masks are required at all times indoors (including buses) except for meals and/or mask breaks.
- Supervised mask breaks are permitted as long as students are 6 feet apart.
- Masks are available for anyone who needs them.
- Masks are not required during outdoor activities but students should be physically distanced.



### PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Students will maintain at least 3 feet of distance from other students within classrooms.
- HCS D will attempt to increase physical distance to 6 feet whenever possible.
- Six feet of distance will be maintained for any activities that require increased respiration (singing, wind instruments, indoor Physical Education, etc.)



### MEALS & CAFETERIA USE

- HCS D will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students.
- Students will be at least 3 feet apart while eating in the cafeteria.
- If needed, meals may be served in other areas or in staggered periods to ensure physical distancing.
- Masks must be worn any time the student is not eating.
- Sharing of food and beverages is prohibited.
- All tables will be cleaned and sanitized between meal periods according to DOH guidelines.
- If in-person instruction is paused and all students are learning remotely, meals will be provided.



### ATHLETICS

- Athletes will be required to submit to regular surveillance testing to be eligible for extracurricular sports if they are not vaccinated.
- The frequency of testing will depend on risk level (i.e., lower- or higher-risk sports).
- Parents/Guardians must complete a consent form for their child to be tested.
- Vaccination may be required to participate in high-risk sports.



### TRANSPORTATION

- Parents are expected to monitor their child's health daily before sending them to school to ensure they are not sick.
- All students and staff must wear a mask at all times on any bus.
- Each student will have an assigned seat on the bus, distanced as much as possible.
- Windows and roof hatches will remain open as long as weather allows.
- Each bus will be cleaned and disinfected daily and high contact areas will be sanitized between each run.



### COMMUNICATION

- HCS D will communicate information and updates to families through the district website and phone calls, emails, and/or texts through the Blackboard system.
- Families are urged to ensure the correct contact information is on file with the district. You can confirm or update your contact information by emailing the main office of your child's school.
- You are encouraged to check the district website frequently.



## CLEANING & SANITIZING

- All schools and offices will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized daily. High-touch areas will be sanitized regularly throughout the school day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the schools and offices.



## VENTILATION

- Windows in classrooms, offices and buses will be opened as weather permits to increase natural ventilation as needed.
- Our HVAC system has filters that are changed according to manufacturer specifications and our health and safety experts.



## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

- Our comprehensive developmental school counseling plan is reviewed annually to better meet student needs.
- School psychologists, counselors and administrators meet regularly to review programs, student needs and services.
- Professional Development will be offered as it becomes available to our staff to enhance our ability to support students during and after COVID-19.



## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- We urge parents/guardians, faculty and staff to stay home or keep their child(ren) home if they show signs of being sick, and to seek testing when [symptoms are present](#).
- Any student who exhibits symptoms will be required to go home and not return to school in person for 10 days unless they have a negative COVID-19 test result or a doctor's note with an alternate diagnosis



## COVID-19 TESTING

- HCSD has the capacity to perform COVID-19 tests under certain circumstances on site at school. Testing will not be administered without parental consent.



## CONTACT TRACING

- HCSD will work closely with the Columbia County DOH to conduct contact tracing as needed on a case-by-case basis.
- A district staff member or DOH representative will call any family or employee who must quarantine.
- Seating charts and scannable QR codes will assist the contact tracing process.



## TECHNOLOGY

- Students in Grades K-12 will have full access to a Chromebook during the school day. Students in Grades 6-12 will take their devices between school and home.
- Mobile hotspots are available for students who lack reliable internet access at home.
- We will continue using multiple digital platforms to display students' evidence of learning.



## TEACHING AND LEARNING

- In-person instruction (and long-term remote instruction for students with medical exemptions) will be delivered regularly by NYS certified teachers and will be aligned to NYS learning standards.
- Instruction will be accessible to all students, and the District will provide devices to all students who need one.
- Email and Google Classroom will be the established methods for students and families to communicate with teachers.
- Whenever present in a school building, all persons will follow health and safety guidelines outlined in NYSED guidance



## SCHOOL CLOSURE

- In the event that HCSD is required to pause in-person learning for a classroom, grade level, or building, we will be ready to pivot to remote learning for the impacted students.
- Any decision regarding a closure will be made in conjunction with the Columbia County Health Department.



## FACILITIES

- At this time, there will be no use of district facilities by community organizations. We will evaluate this monthly in conjunction with the Columbia County DOH.