

Hinsdale School District Reopening 2021-22

All schools shall follow all District Policies, State of NH Mandates, and the most current safety guidance from our state health officials related to each subject area below.

Teaching and Learning Operations	
Academic Recovery	<p>Hinsdale Middle High School</p> <p>Middle School Skill Set is scheduled daily this year for all students in grades six through eight for identification of learning gaps with targeted instruction or potential enrichment, based on individual student needs with flexible grouping for the targeted instruction.</p> <p>Intervention strategies for middle and high school students will be applied through a middle school learning lab, high school assisted study for students with IEPs, and regular education study hall with assistance from interventionists as needed.</p> <p>A late bus will be provided this year to enable more students to stay after school for help from their teachers. The late bus will pick up students at 4:15 from the middle/high school.</p> <p>Homework Club, or Hinsdale After School Program (HASP) for middle school, provides an opportunity for our students to have assistance with homework, and may support addressing the needs of students based on State Assessment Reports. Parents may register student for HASP.</p> <p>Hinsdale Elementary School</p> <p>Students of concern were identified last spring and invited to participate in summer school. The academic and emotional needs of these students will be reviewed by grade level teams prior to the start of the school year. This year a “push-in” model will be used providing support from both Title 1 staff and special education case managers. The model will allow for small group instruction targeted to meet the needs of individual students in reading and language arts. Once fully trained the literacy interventionist will support students one on one to meet their needs based on support from the Literacy Coach. Plans for after school tutoring in math are underway in collaboration with the after school program. Letters have already been sent home to families informing them of the service. In addition, we have an opportunity to work with Alan Gong on developing tutoring programs for individual students in math at the primary level. For our youngest children the behavioral support program will be in place in order to meet their needs and we are implementing a resource room model for students requiring modified curriculum at grades 3 to 5.</p>
Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities	<p>Hinsdale Middle High School</p> <p>Athletics will follow current guidelines.</p> <p>Co-curricular events, such as dances and homecoming, will be conducted following the mitigation practices for inside and outside learning. Such activities will require written descriptions of the event and prior approval by administration.</p>

	<p>Hinsdale Elementary School</p> <p>Our main extra curricula events are HASP programming or PTA events. All HASP programs will follow the school district policy as will any events held by the PTA. Each grade level is assigned to a particular room. Strict attendance records are required for HASP so contact tracing will be able to be done seamlessly. This year the school social worker is in negotiation for a before school running program sponsored by Keene Kiwanis Club. In the event this opportunity comes to fruition, it too will follow school district policies. The same is the case for Girls on the Run and other activities sponsored by the Hinsdale Community Recreation Committee.</p>
Attendance	<p>Hinsdale Middle High School</p> <p>Parents/Guardians are expected to communicate using hmhsattendance@hnhdsd.org regarding absences. The office will notify parents as needed to follow-up on unexcused absences. Two days for each day of excused absence are provided for students to complete essential work missed. Additional support from teachers upon a student's return to school will be arranged as needed. There will NOT be an option to access classes remotely.</p> <p>Hinsdale Elementary School</p> <p>Parents/Guardians are expected to communicate using hesattendance@hnhdsd.org regarding absences. The office will notify parents as needed to follow-up on unexcused absences. Two days for each day of excused absence are provided for students to complete essential work missed. Additional support from teachers upon a student's return to school will be arranged as needed. There will NOT be an option to access classes remotely.</p> <p>Parents will not be asked to use the SNAP program this year.</p>
Communication	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>Changes in programming relative to school routines will be communicated following the Hinsdale School District Communication Plan. Routine messaging via phone, email, texts, will continue as normal. Both school and community messages will be relayed via the new digital signage.</p>
Counseling Services	<p>Hinsdale Middle High School</p> <p>Implementation of embedded programming and supports for students will occur through the daily Advisory and Social Emotional Learning programs. School counselors are available for all students and parents as needed.</p> <p>Hinsdale Elementary School</p> <p>Students, parents and staff have or will be asked to complete the perspective survey, developed in our work with consultant Eric Mann in order to provide a baseline screening. The information obtained from the surveys will be used by the counseling department and nurse to assist students, parents and staff in staying healthy. Resources available within Cheshire and Windham County will be made known to our stakeholders. We are fortunate to have a year-long social worker intern from the University of New England two days per week to assist our school social worker and</p>

	<p>school counselor in meeting the needs of our students. Additionally, an on-going partnership exists between the school and Monadnock Family Services for counseling.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hinsdale School District</p> <p>The district will continue to partner with community agencies and organizations to meet the mental health needs of students, families, and staff. Additional support for all staff is communicated to staff through the districts Director of Human Resources. The staff has available an Employee Assistance Plan and wellness incentives.</p>
Curriculum	<p style="text-align: center;">Hinsdale Middle High School</p> <p>The district-adopted curriculum will continue as normal, with opportunities to provide more frequent assessments, needed interventions, and possible enrichment, based on individual achievement data. The help provided by the Math and English Language Arts interventionists at the middle/high school will aid the process of personalizing the curriculum as well as providing for non-traditional learning pathways as needed. PE, Band and Chorus will be encouraged to continue to practice social distancing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hinsdale Elementary School</p> <p>The expectation is for all in-person instruction and a focus on Essential Learning of “power standards” identified by grade level teams. Each day will begin with a class meeting from 8:40 to 9:00 to help students and staff make the shift to be ready to learn. Each grade level will have an intervention block of 45 minutes each day and a ‘traditional’ special schedule including PE two times per week, music two times per week, (Instruments and chorus will be encouraged to continue social distancing based on community transmission levels) art and library once per week.</p>
ELO/Community Service	<p style="text-align: center;">Hinsdale Middle High School</p> <p>Extended Learning Opportunities and Community Service learning pathways will continue in consultation with our community partners. COVID precautions and mitigation practices required at off-site locations will be followed by all participating students and staff.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hinsdale Elementary School</p> <p>We will continue to support our High School students in both ELO programming and community service projects that benefit both the student and the elementary school. COVID precautions and mitigation practices required will be followed by all participating students and staff.</p>
Field Trips	<p style="text-align: center;">Hinsdale School District</p> <p>Extra-curricular trips will require prior written approval for ensuring safe practices as well as be dependent on current levels of COVID transmission and positivity rates, both here and at the destination. Participating staff and students will follow all COVID safety protocols while traveling and at the destination.</p>

Instructional Model	<p>Hinsdale Middle High School</p> <p>Instruction will be in person, on-site, five days per week. Should the state mandate school closing due to COVID, teachers will activate their “pivot plan” as communicated in their course syllabus.</p> <p>Hinsdale Elementary School</p> <p>The expectation is for all in-person instruction and a focus on Essential Learning of “power standards” identified by grade level teams.</p> <p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>If a parent chooses to keep their child at home, they would need to refer to School Board Policy IHBG. One possible option is to enroll in Virtual Learning Academy Charter School. Information on VLACS is available at https://vlacs.org/</p> <p>School Board Policy IHBG-R as all rules concerning participation in public school activities by homeschooled students. If Parent's choose to have their child be removed from public school and have them be homeschooled, the parents need to understand that following Special Education Law; Specialized Instruction, programming, and services will no longer be provided by the district.</p>
Nursing Services	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>Services provided by the school nurse will continue as usual, with the use of an isolation area for students who may display COVID symptoms. Family support and guidance for suspected/positive cases of COVID will also be provided. Please see the additional guidance in the appendix B A.</p>
Outdoor Learning Space	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>The use of the outdoor spaces will continue to support learning. These spaces include but not limited to courtyards, the town pavilion, and surrounding fields, outdoor instruction will be used when it is feasible.</p>
Section 504/ Medical Care Accommodations	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>Accommodations for specialized instruction for qualifying students will be made based on individualized Medical plan as prescribed by the student medical provider. Planning meeting and the referral process will continue as normal in accordance with the law. Meetings will be held virtually, telephonically or in person dependent on preference of parents, this will be updated on a monthly basis.</p>
Social-Emotional Supports	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>All teachers will have completed additional training in August to assist students with social and emotional support, with additional counseling services available as needed. Tiered counseling supports through individual and small group formats will be possible, and resources for families will be available, through our school counselors.</p>
Special Education Services	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>The implementation of services and family engagement will continue, with the use of a virtual platform for meetings. The use of electronic signatures for all parties will continue. Meetings will be held virtually, telephonically or</p>

	in person dependent on preference of parents, this will be updated on a monthly basis.
Safety Operations	
Air Ventilation	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>Classroom windows will be opened and outdoor learning spaces use as much as possible. The ventilation system's filtration has been upgraded to use MERV 11 filters and currently uses I-WAVE static cleaners in the units.</p>
Arrival and Dismissal	<p>Hinsdale Middle High School</p> <p>HMHS bus riders, walkers and student drivers will arrive and leave at the main office entrance. Students may enter the building at 7:30. Parent drop-off and pick up will be at the gym entry way, with the traffic flow entering at the south end of the School St. parking lot, near the junction with Prospect St. Traffic will leave via Prospect St. due to the one-way traffic flow on School St. Dismissals will begin at 2:45.</p> <p>Hinsdale Elementary School</p> <p>Students riding the bus to preschool will be dropped off at the playground side of the school office and enter through the door just north of the office. First Student will drop K to 5 students off in between the gym and the cafeteria on School Street. Car riders will be dropped off in the back in between the gym and the cafeteria. All student's K to 5 will enter through the cafeteria door. If they want breakfast they pick up the breakfast and report to their homeroom to eat it. Arrival time is 8:20. Breakfast ends at 8:35. At dismissal time which is 3:20, preschoolers will board the bus on the playground side of the office. Car riders for preschool will also be picked up there. For K to 5 all car riders and walkers will be dismissed first and exit from the cafeteria doors. Parents should park in back and walk to the pickup area. All bus riders will be dismissed and board the buses in between the gym and the cafeteria on School Street.</p>
Building Sanitation	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>Daily Cleaning of classroom and high-touch shared surfaces will occur, with desks in the middle/high school cleaned between classes, and all specials at the Hinsdale Elementary School. All classrooms will be sanitized each evening with the Clorox fogger.</p>
Cafeteria Use	<p>Hinsdale Middle High School</p> <p>HMHS students will be served breakfast in their advisory, and all lunches will be served in the cafeteria, social distancing will be encouraged.</p> <p>Hinsdale Elementary School</p> <p>Lunch times are grades 4/5 11:20, grades 2/3 11:50 and grades K/1 12:20. All grades, expect those who request to eat in their classrooms, will be eating in the cafeteria, social distancing will be encouraged.</p>

Distancing	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>Students and staff are required to maintain a minimum of 3 feet physical distancing whenever possible.</p>
Hygiene	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>Sanitation and hygiene protocols will continue from the 2021-2022 school year. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles. The water bottle filling station is available in the HMHS cafeteria. All water fountains at Hinsdale Elementary School have been retro-fitted with bottle filling station ability.</p>
Playgrounds	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>The use of the playgrounds will be offered; social distancing will be encouraged.</p>
Screening	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>There will be no temperature screening upon arrival.</p>
Stay at Home	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>Stay at home when ill. See the Appendix- A for details.</p>
Visitors	<p>Hinsdale School District</p> <p>Appointments will be required. Visitors will be properly vetted and approved by administration.</p>

Appendix

A. Nursing Services and Stay at Home Guidance

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COVID-19 MEDICAL DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL

Student: _____

Date: _____

Your student is being dismissed from school because they are exhibiting one or more symptom/s that have been known to be associated with COVID-19. Please call your child's pediatrician for follow up care as soon as possible

COVID-19 Symptoms include:

Fever or chills
Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

Your student may return to school when:

Option 1

The school nurse is provided with a doctor's note if symptoms are related to a chronic illness (allergies, anxiety, ect.) or negative COVID-19 test **AND** student has been fever free for at least 24 hours and has no other symptoms.

Option 2

At least **10 days** has passed since onset of symptoms **AND** your student is fever free for 24 hours and has no other symptoms.

Option 3

Participating in the schools Rapid Antigen Testing (consent form must be signed)

For more information on COVID-19 please call **211** or visit **www.nh.gov/covid19**

Sincerely,

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Health Alert Network Update 53

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/alerts/documents/covid-19-update53.pdf>

Other DHHS Health Alerts:

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/alerts/han.htm>

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine please visit

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/children/10-things-to-know.html?fbclid=IwAR2aC84OlqGcZK3axHTTnP9AYVqi6NKblmCUI0hmqgdY9_ru57WQxNvnvjI

Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine

- People who are diagnosed with COVID-19 must still isolate at home until they have met criteria for discontinuation of isolation
- Close household contacts of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 will be required to quarantine (e.g., people living or sleeping in the same household) if they are unvaccinated or not up-to-date on their vaccinations see above links
- In an outbreak situation, NH DPHS may choose to expand quarantine to other non-household contacts to control the outbreak
- Quarantine of an entire classroom will no longer be conducted
- Non-household contacts will be asked to self-observe and monitor for symptoms
- This increases the importance of identifying, excluding, and testing people who develop viral infection symptoms
- See NH DPHS self-isolation guidance, and guidance on what to do if you were exposed to COVID-19

