

HINSDALE MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to Hinsdale Middle/High School!

There are many changes in our routines this year to comply with safe and healthy protocols for the school community. Please review the list that follows this letter, which is based on the learning pathway you have selected at this time. All classes will begin on September 8.

We are welcoming new staff members. Ms. Alexa Keough will be teaching high school English, and Ms. Haylea Erickson will teach grade six English and grade eight social studies. Mr. Sean Robinson has joined our administrative staff as the assistant principal. Ms. Theresa Diorio will be the middle school counselor, and Ms. Erica Stolpinski will be our new high school counselor. Both counselors will be available beginning August 31, should you have questions about scheduling, post-secondary planning, or other concerns. Additionally, Mrs. Sally Clark will be our new receptionist.

On Thursday, **September 3**, we will be hosting a **6th grade orientation** for parents and students from **6:15 to 7:00 PM**. We ask that only the student and one parent attend. We will work in small cohorts to meet with our grade six English and Math Teachers, tour the classrooms, and provide an opportunity to share routines and procedures.

Our school community is committed to providing the best learning experiences for each student. As we strive to support personalized learning programs and competency based assessments for our students, your help is invaluable. By encouraging excellent attendance, helping with routine study habits, and participating in school events when possible, your role is important to us. Please do not hesitate to reach out to communicate any thoughts or questions you may have.

All Families will receive a letter on PowerSchool with packets mailed home on August 27. The letter will provide the updated usernames and passwords that students will need for logging into PowerSchool. Thank-you in advance for your partnership in our mission to instill the value of learning in all of our students!

Sincerely,

Ann L. Freitag

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HMHS Expectations for Learning and Teaching Fall 2020

Full Access in School, Students will:

- Be admitted to building at 7:30, report directly to Advisory Classroom
- Arrive at either the front entry for buses, cafeteria entry for walkers and student drivers, or gym entry for parent drop-off.
- **Be required to wear a mask**, which must be dress code appropriate.
- Have daily health screenings: **Students with temperatures will not be admitted, and will need to go home.** If your child has a fever, keep them home.
- Carry essential learning materials and laptop with them, no locker use
- If a student is not in attendance, the school must receive a parent/doctor note. Please contact hmhsattendance@hnhsd.org After two unsuccessful attempts to reach parents regarding unexcused absences, the SRO will become involved.

Remote Learning with Internet Access

- Parents meet via videoconferencing for training, Q & A.
- Parents provide a learning environment at home
- Students log in to laptops on school campus initially (week of September 1)
- Students log in to Office 365 for each class on time and participate for the class period. Attendance will be taken. They do not need to log in to study hall.
- If a student is not in attendance, the school must receive a parent/doctor note. Please contact hmhsattendance@hnhsd.org After two unsuccessful attempts to reach parents regarding unexcused absences, the SRO will become involved.
- Required assessments will be scheduled, such as remote MAP testing or on-site SAT testing.
- Assigned work will be graded by teachers based on their criteria, and the late work policy will be in effect.
- Virtual meetings with teachers will be scheduled at least once per week. Individual in-person tutoring can be arranged at the school as needed.

Remote Learning without Internet Access

- Parents arrange training in person, over the phone, or via videoconferencing.
- Parents provide a learning environment at home
- Students log in to laptops on school campus initially (week of September 1)
- Assignments and learning resources will be provided on a flash drive, which will need to be picked up and exchanged on a weekly schedule to be determined.
- Parent or student will need to call the school daily to check in and for attendance purposes. Please contact hmhsattendance@hnhsd.org If you are unable to attend to school work for a day, the school requires a note from a parent with the reason, per attendance policy. If no contact is maintained, the school will attempt to reach out, and the SRO may become involved.
- Required Assessments will be scheduled on-site, such as MAP testing or on-site SAT testing.
- Assigned work will be graded by teachers based on their criteria, and the late work policy will be in effect.
- Phone conference meetings with teachers will be scheduled at least once per week. Individual in-person tutoring can be arranged at the school as needed.