

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

ELEMENTARY EDITION

Social Distancing and Plexiglass

- HCPS has purchased plexiglass shields for barriers in classrooms, cafeterias, and front offices. Schools have the flexibility to use their plexiglass supply as best fits their COVID-19 planning. Using barriers at every other desk allows for a physical barrier between students who may be less than six feet apart, and may reduce the flow of respiratory droplets. Plexiglass is not a stand-alone safety measure, and is part of the HCPS layering of a variety of safety measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Social distancing will be utilized whenever and wherever possible.
- Custodial crews will clean all stationary barriers plexiglass each evening.

Bathrooms

- There are no occupancy limits to the bathrooms, but staggered use will be encouraged.
- Individual classroom and hallway bathrooms should will be sanitized throughout the day

Special Areas

Special Area classes may be held in the general education classroom or the special area classroom.

Physical Education:

- Students will go outside when possible
- Social distancing will be utilized whenever and wherever possible.
- Shared equipment will be cleaned/disinfected between use.
- Masks may be removed when outside and physical distancing is maintained.

Art:

- Materials will be sanitized between cohorts.

Music:

- Bell covers for brass instruments and instrument bags for woodwinds have been purchased
- Singing is not permitted in vocal music or any classrooms.

Media:

- Books that are checked out from the school library or the classroom library must be quarantined for a minimum of 7 days.

Buses

- Bus passes will not be permitted. Students may only ride their assigned bus as indicated at the start of the hybrid.
- All HCPS school buses will be sanitized in the morning and afternoon. High touch surfaces are sanitized between each route. All certified bus staff have been trained regarding proper protocol for cleaning and sanitizing buses.

Breakfast and Lunch

- All students are eligible for free Breakfast and Lunch through June 30, 2021
- Students will eat in the cafeteria and in some instances in other spaces in the building, such as libraries, gymnasiums, and some classrooms. HCPS will utilize a variety of safety measures such as physical distancing to extent possible, use of plexiglass barriers, handwashing, sanitization, and opening of doors when weather permits.
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Free Play

- Playgrounds will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Students will have the opportunity to wash/sanitize hands before and after playground use.
- Face coverings may be removed when outside and physical distancing is maintained.

HCPS Schools and Offices

- The school nurse will make decisions regarding quarantine of students and/or staff.
- Visitor appointments are required.

Classrooms

- Not every desk will have plexiglass barriers, but neighbor desks with plexiglass still provides physical barrier between students. If you are concerned with your child's needs, you may consider sending your student to school with a face shield so that a physical barrier can follow the student throughout their school day. HCPS is also offering virtual options for families concerned with exposure to COVID-19.

What You Can Do to Help

- Stay home when sick
- Quarantine when exposed
- Wear a Mask
- Sanitize high touch surfaces
- Frequent Handwashing
- Each student must have an updated, signed Acknowledgement Letter in order to attend school in-person.