



Huntingdon Area School District



Huntingdon Area Middle School

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8/23/20 - MIDDLE SCHOOL REOPENING INFORMATION

Face Coverings (Changes to guidelines are in **Red**)

As per the Pennsylvania Department of Health face covering order, all learners are to wear face coverings at all times while on the bus and in school.

All learners must wear a face covering (cloth mask or face shield) that covers their nose and mouth inside the school and while outside when physical distancing is not feasible.

- Children two years and older are required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such learners should be made in partnership with the learner's health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team.

Schools may allow students to remove their face coverings when students are:

- **Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or**
- **When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task; or**
- **At least 6 feet apart during "face-covering breaks" to last no longer than 10 minutes.**

If learners cannot wear face coverings in schools for medical reasons, the Huntingdon Area School District may require parents/guardians to provide pertinent medical information in order to decide whether a 504 plan should be developed or modified for a child (or an existing IEP modified) to address whether a child should be excused from wear a face covering in school.

Consequences

If a learner does not have a valid medical excuse for the wear face covering requirement, and continued noncompliance with this requirement occurs, the Huntingdon Area School District may elect to transfer the learner to a virtual learning environment in order to protect the health and safety of staff and learners in school.

1st Offense - Sent to office/warning/phone call home. Sent back to class if the learner complies with the request.

2nd Offense - Learner separated from others and parent/guardian will be called to pick up the learner. 1 full day of remote learning.

3rd Offense - Learner separated from others and parent/guardian will be called to pick up the learner. 3 full days of remote learning.

Subsequent Offenses - Huntingdon Area School District may elect to transfer the learner to a virtual learning environment in order to protect the health and safety of staff and learners in school.

Morning Traffic

****Note:** We are asking for your patience and cooperation during the morning drop off time. We are expecting an increase in parents dropping off their child(ren) as well as a delay in buses releasing students into the school. The safety of our students is of the utmost importance.

Parent Drop-off - We are asking parents to drop off your child(ren) anytime between 7:30 - 7:50 am. Please understand that you will be mixed in with buses which may cause delays. If buses are unloading learners, please do not pass.

End of the Day Pick at Dismissal

Parents wanting to pick up their child(ren) at the middle school have two options.

1. As a family, designate a place to meet around the church area at the corner of Cassady & 25th street.
2. Pick up your child at the MS after the buses have been dismissed. Parents will be able to drive back to the middle school after 3 pm. Your child should wait in the lobby area of the MS.

Walkers To and From School

Any walker that will be travelling through Juniata College will need to wear a face covering.

Educational Trip Requests

Educational trips during the school year are permitted but not encouraged. Please see the Learner Handbook for the procedures that need to be followed to request an educational trip. If you have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where there are high amounts of COVID-19 cases, you will be required to stay at home upon return. Visit the [List of States](#), provided by the PA DOH, to determine high risk states, both prior to leaving and upon return. If you have traveled to the states listed, it is required that you quarantine for 14 days upon return.

Dress Code

As your child starts the new school year with many different Covid-19 guidelines and procedures, I want your child to feel as comfortable and safe as possible. I am going to allow hats to be worn as long as they are school appropriate and do not cause a disruption to the educational process of your child or any other learner.

Ipads & Ipad Chargers

Ipads will be more than likely coming home daily. I highly encourage and recommend all families to purchase Ipad insurance. If the Ipad is broken and you are not insured, you will be responsible for the entire cost of replacing the Ipad.

The school district is not providing Ipad chargers. If you do not own an Ipad charger, I would recommend the purchase of a charger. I would also encourage your child to get in a habit of charging the Ipad each night so it is fully charged for school the next day.

[HAMS iPad Off-Campus Usage Memo](#)

[One-to-One iPad Guidelines and Insurance Information](#)

20-21 Learner Handbook

Here is a link to the 20-21 Learner Handbook: [Learner Handbook](#)

Hybrid Schedule

Red Group (Last name A - L) - First day of school - Monday, August 31

- Attend school Monday & Tuesday
- Independent remote learning from home on Thursday & Friday

Blue Group (Last name M - Z) - First day of school - Thursday, September 3

- Independent remote learning from home on Monday & Tuesday
- Attend school on Thursday & Friday

The **Blue Group** will not be expected to zoom on Wednesday, September 2 because of not having any face-to-face interaction with their teachers.

Wednesday Remote Learning Schedule

Below is the bell schedule for the Wednesday remote learning days. **Note: 6th grade bell schedule to be determined. 6th grades remote learning bell schedule may vary from the schedule below.**

7th & 8th Grade Remote Learning Bell Schedule 2020-2021	
Periods	Time
1st	9:30-10:03
2nd	10:08-10:41
3rd	10:46-11:19
4th	11:24-11:57
5th	12:02-12:35
6th	12:40-1:13
7th	1:18-1:51
8th	1:56-2:30

6th Grade - ELA & Science Update

Since the school district is going to a hybrid model with 50% capacity, we felt that having a block schedule for ELA and Science that met every other day was not ideal for our learners. Learners will now have ELA and Science every day for a 44 minute time period.

Dominos MS PTO Fundraiser

Dominos will be hosting a Middle School PTO Fundraiser on **Wednesday, August 26**. All proceeds will go to assisting the learners and staff of the middle school.

MS PTO Meeting

We will be holding a MS PTO meeting on **Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 pm** in the middle school cafeteria. I am encouraging any and all to attend. Your interest in the PTO is greatly appreciated. Please remember that we will have to abide by the face coverings and social distance guidelines.

First Day Paperwork & Parent Information

You will no longer have to write your information over and over! We digitized many of our first day forms! Be looking for a message later in the week regarding these forms. You should be able to get a head start on filling out these forms prior to school starting next week.

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