

Harrison Central School District

2020-21 Reopening: Elementary Schools August 19, 2020

a plan driven by our





Mandated Guidance for Reopening Our Schools

- New York Statement Department of Health, <u>Interim Guidance</u> for In-person Instruction Grades K-12, July 13, 2020
- New York State Department of Education, <u>Recovering</u>, <u>Rebuilding</u>, <u>& Renewing Schools Reopening Guidance</u>, July 16, 2020
- Centers for Disease Control, <u>Preparing for a Safe Return to School</u>, July 23, 2020



Governor's Priorities for Reopening Our Schools

...prioritize efforts to return <u>all</u> students to in-person instruction at this time...due to the dynamic nature of local community transmission of COVID-19 a phased-in approach or hybrid model combining in-person instruction and remote/distance learning may be necessary at times throughout the 2020-2021 school year. (DOH, 8/2020)



HCSD Priorities for Reopening Schools

1. All decisions about reopening school <u>must</u> ensure the health & safety of students, faculty and staff to the greatest extent possible.

2. The continuity of learning for students <u>must</u> be maintained in each instructional model.



Reopening Requirements for Schools

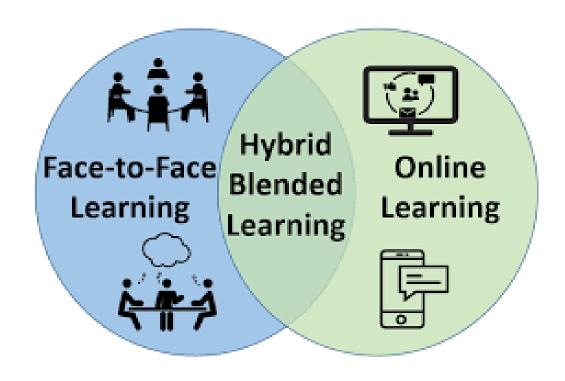
New York State Education Department:

Requires all school districts to have three reopening plans:

- 100% In-person Instruction (everyone attends school)
- Hybrid Model (some students attend school each day)
- 100% Remote Learning (all students learn from home)
 - ➤ The District has added a fully virtual option within the Hybrid model. A new survey will be sent to parents 8/21/20.
 - Governor Cuomo announced August 7th it is safe to reopen schools based on public health data. Schools will open in accordance with DOH & CDC guidelines and directives.

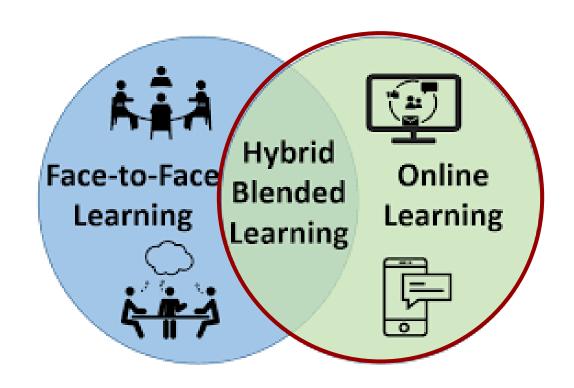


Required Instructional Models





Hybrid Model + Remote Option





Required Social Distancing

- Number of students who ride school buses and attend in-person instruction each day will be reduced by approximately 50% to ensure social distancing.
- Classroom furniture will be arranged with <u>6 feet</u> of distance & faced in same direction; required social distancing in chorus, dance and PE is <u>12 feet</u>. Full band will not occur at this time, lessons will continue virtually.
- Signage will mark spacing & reinforce importance of social distancing.
- Hallways and stairwells may be designated as one-way only.
- Lockers use will be <u>limited and staggered</u>.
- Drop-off & pick-up of students will vary by building to minimize congregation of students.



Required Face Coverings

- Students and staff will be required to wear face coverings <u>at all times</u>.
 - Limited exceptions: when eating/drinking, medical conditions or disabilities that prevent mask wearing, planned mask breaks.
- Parents are encouraged to provide reusable, washable masks for children to wear each day.
- Schools will have a supply of masks for students who do not have a mask.
- There will be limited visitors in school; all visitors will be required to wear face covering.

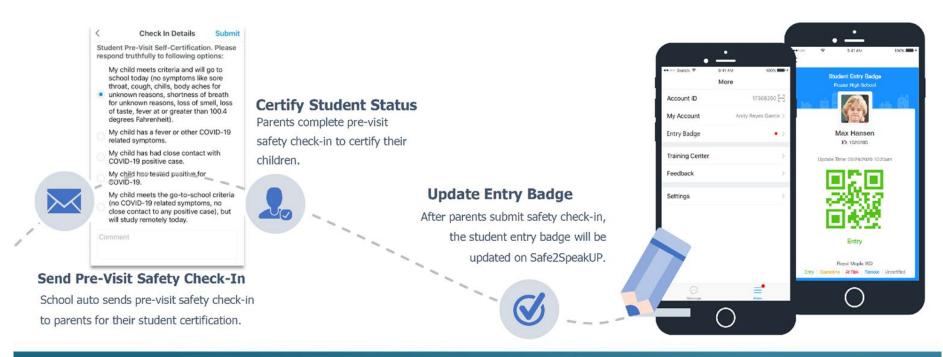


Daily Health Screenings

- Parents and staff will complete a daily electronic questionnaire to:
 - Confirm absence of COVID-19 symptoms
 - Confirm absence of temperature over 100° Fahrenheit
 - The District is providing a App to all parents for daily reporting.
 - Students, staff and parents will be required to report if they develop symptoms or if their answers to health assessment changes.
- All visitors to schools will be subject to questionnaire & temperature screening.

School Entry Badge - Student

Student entry badge is based on certification by parents. Updated daily before students go to school.





School Entry Badge



Entry badge includes 5 colors with related icons to represent different status: Green, Yellow, Red, Blue, Grey











At Risk



Entry

Remote

Uncertified





COVID-19 Symptom Protocol

- Consistent with NYSDOH guidance, HCSD has developed a COVID-19 protocol in conjunction with the school district physician and school nurses.
- Symptomatic students/adults will be assessed by school nurse; additional PPE will be used.
- Each school will have designated isolation area while pick-up is arranged.
- Areas used for isolation will be cleaned and disinfected after use.
- Symptomatic individuals or those with confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be required to meet CDC/NYSDOH criteria to return to school.
- Each school will have a designated COVID-19 liaison who works with the designated COVID-19 district coordinator.



Cleaning School Facilities

- Mandatory daily cleaning checklists will be maintained by each school's custodial crew.
- Use of specialized electrostatic disinfectant applicators will be used throughout each school and staff are being trained in their use.
- Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting will focus on touch points such as tables, chair armrests, doorknobs, light switches, keyboards, restrooms, etc.
- EPA-approved, school-safe cleaning products that are effective on Coronavirus will be used throughout the school.



Ventilation

- Most classrooms have unit ventilators, which mix outside fresh air with interior air on an ongoing basis. All unit ventilators will have MERV filters.
- Classroom windows and doors will be kept open (as practicable) to promote air circulation.
- Ceiling fans will be installed in rooms with limited air circulation.
- 100 I-Wave ion generators are being installed in all non-window airconditioning units to neutralize bacteria, viruses, and mold in the breathing zone.



Promoting Hygiene in Schools

- Signage to promote regular hand washing will be posted throughout each school and in restrooms.
- Hand sanitizers will be placed in strategic locations throughout each school, including classrooms, hallways, entrances, cafeterias, bathrooms.
- Additional stations for water bottle filling are being added in each school to avoid use of water fountains.
- Germ barriers will be added in strategic locations in each school.



Student Entry & Dismissal

- Teachers, teacher aides, school aides and administrators are present to monitor the flow of traffic and the arrival and dismissal of students.
- Students will enter along designated pathways and report to designated areas by grade level.
- Staggered Classroom Dismissal at the end of the school day.
- Social distancing protocols will be monitored and enforced.

Lunches

- Students are cohorted by team and section.
- Students will be assigned a seat at lunch following the same cohorts.



Visitors, Orientations, Back to School Night

- Visitors are requested to make an appointment and receive prior approval from building administration to enter the building barring extreme extenuating circumstances.
- Care will be given to plan and conduct parent meetings virtually.
- Kindergarten orientation for parents will occur virtually.
- Ninth and Sixth Grade Orientations will occur for students only in person.
- Back to School Nights and Open Houses will occur virtually (more information to follow).
- Other events that occur throughout the course of the year will be evaluated on an ongoing basis.



Reorientation to School: Faculty & Staff

- Two days of training focused on the safe reopening of school including protocols for social distancing, wearing face coverings, recognizing symptoms of COVID-19 as well as trauma-informed and trauma-responsive practices led by building psychologists.
- Teachers will also spend time in classrooms prior to the return of students to acclimate to configurations that ensure social distancing & create welcoming learning spaces.
- One full day to prepare and collaborate with colleagues on instruction.
- Ongoing formalized social-emotional support will be provided to faculty and staff throughout the school year.



Date change for School Reopening

In order to provide additional time to faculty and staff to fully prepare for the arrival of students changes will be made to the school calendar:

- → The first day of school for students will be September 9, 2020.
- → The scheduled Superintendent's Conference Day on February 5, 2021, will be a full day of school for students.



Reorientation to School: Students

- Students will be oriented to new safety protocols, resources to support learning from home in the hybrid instructional model, and reconnecting safely with teachers and their peers.
- Students will be made aware of access to ongoing support from trained mental health professionals to support their social and emotional well-being.
- Teachers will be vigilant at ensuring students exhibiting signs of duress or stress are directed to the appropriate staff for psychological and emotional support.



Ensuring Effective & Engaging Teaching in a Virtual Environment

Research

Program Redesign

Action Research

Implementation

Assess, Adapt and Adjust

Partner with <u>Hanover</u>
<u>Research Group</u>
to conduct study of impact of

conduct study of impact of COVID-19 on student learning K-5

Principals, Curriculum Directors, Instructional Specialists, and Teachers evaluated 6-12 student performance data, learning artifacts, and faculty input to assess impact of COVD-19 on student learning

Researched national virtual and hybrid instructional models

Redesigned & expanded <u>summer</u> learning for students

Redesigned summer professional development to support teacher effectiveness in virtual environment

Developed Learning Laboratory to conduct action research and identify best practices in virtual teaching and learning Offered 75 <u>professional</u> development courses to

expand pedagogical expertise in virtual and hybrid teaching. 1400 registrants (70% faculty participated)

Teachers spent 1,000 hours recrafting curriculum to improve instruction for synchronous and asynchronous lessons

Teachers field test best practices in virtual teaching and learning in Learning Laboratories 700+ students enrolled in summer extension & enrichment programs

Teachers developing asynchronous lessons for K-12 students

Teachers identified successful asynchronous lessons within the Learning Laboratory

Developed K-12
website with
independent student
learning resources

Assess/ adjust instruction during weekly & monthly professional learning with teachers/ administrators

Administer formative assessments to identify learning gaps and monitor student progress

Ongoing Professional Development to support teacher practice

Survey parents three times during first marking period to assess program effectiveness

May/June

July/August

September



Research: Projected Impact on Student Learning

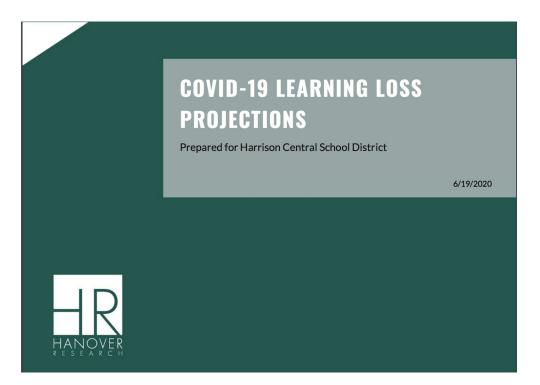
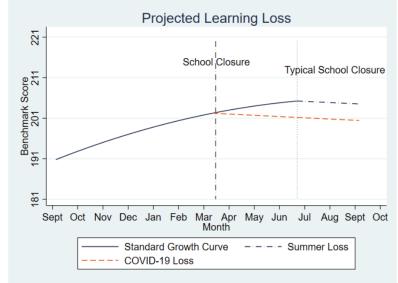


Figure 8: Projected Learning Loss in ELA - Grade 3



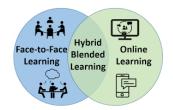


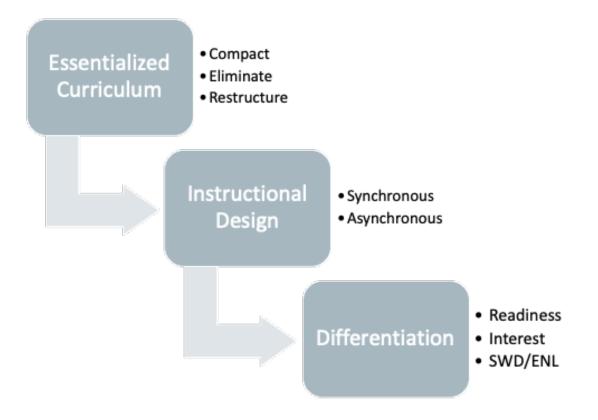
Summer Support for Students

- Summer programs served as a testing ground for the development of effective teaching in a virtual setting.
- Summer enrichment experiences provided for over 700 students:
 - K-5 Summer Extension Program
 - 6-12 Summer Enrichment Seminars
 - 9-12 Virtual Summer School for Credit Recovery
 - AP World, IB Economics, IB Extended Essay, & College Essay Workshops
 - K-12 Special Education Program for FASE students
 - K-12 Program for English Language Learners
- Comprehensive website of <u>Learning from Home Summer Resources</u> to help prepare students for their return to school.



Preparing for Hybrid Learning







Summer Programs for Faculty

- Professional development program preparing teachers with comprehensive, intensive and practical training for <u>hybrid and fully online teaching</u> and learning environments.
- Over 1400 registrants participating in 75 online workshops utilizing an <u>innovative modular</u> structure to optimize the benefits of synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- Curriculum writing projects have produced 500 asynchronous elementary lessons (80 lessons per grade level) accessible to students through the district's online portal.
- Summer student lab programs used to test and validate remote instruction.



SYNCHRONOUS

Face-to-Face Learning Learning

VERSUS

ASYNCHRONOUS

COMPARING 2 APPROACHES TO REMOTE LEARNING

Students engage in course activities at a specific date/time, requiring that everyone be online for a scheduled event

Students engage in course activities at any time, contributing at their own pace



K-5 Hybrid Instructional Model

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday A Day	Wednesday A Day	Thursday B Day	Friday B Day
Team Pride	Learning from Home Synchronous class/small group meetings & Asynchronous learning experience	On-Site Learning Traditional Schedule Day	Asynchronous Learning from Home with Synchronous Opportunities	On-Site Learning Traditional Schedule Day	Asynchronous Learning from Home with Synchronous Opportunities
Team Husky	Learning from Home Synchronous class/small group meetings & Asynchronous learning experience	Asynchronous Learning from Home with Synchronous Opportunities	On-Site Learning Traditional Schedule Day	Asynchronous Learning from Home with Synchronous Opportunities	On-Site Learning Traditional Schedule Day



Elementary Sample Hybrid Weekly Schedule for Husky Group

	Monday Learning From Home	9:00-9:30 Full class or ½ class meeting	9:35-10:05 Small Group Instruction (5-6 students)	10:05-10:45 Learning Board (while others are in SGI)	10:45-11:15 Independent Reading and practice of strategies	11:20-12:00 Lunch	12:00-12:30 Encore (full class)	12:30-1:00 Small group instruction/ related services	1:00-1:45 Independent practice of Math concepts	1:45-2:25 Learning Board Activities
	Tuesday Learning From Home <i>A Day</i>	9:00-9:45 Pre-recorded lesson Reading	9:45-10:15 Independent Reading and practice of strategies	10:15-11:00 Pre-recorded lesson Math and independent practice	11:15-11:45 Writing follow up work from in person learning	11:45-12:30 Lunch	12:30-1:15 Encore- prerecorded	1:15-1:45 Small group instruction/ related services/ICT music lessons	2:00-2:45 Learning Board Activities	3:15-3:45pm Synchronous teacher support
	Wednesday On-Site Learning <i>A Day</i>	9:00-9:15 Morning Meeting	9:15-10:00 Reading Workshop	10:00-10:45 Writing Workshop	10:45-11:30 Word Study / Snack	11:30-12:10 Encore	12:10-12:55 Lunch/ Recess	12:55-1:45 Math	1:45-2:25 Science/SS	2:25-2:55 I/E Time
	Thursday Learning From Home <i>B Day</i>	9:00-9:45 Pre-recorded lesson Reading	9:45-10:15 Independent Reading and practice of strategies	10:15-11:00 Pre-recorded lesson Math and independent practice	11:15-11:45 Writing follow up work from in person learning	11:45-12:30 Lunch	12:30-1:15 Encore- prerecorded	1:15-1:45 Small group instruction/ related services/ICT/ music lessons	2:00-2:45 Learning Board Activities	3:15-3:45pm Synchronous teacher support
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K-5 Learning From Home Days

- Students engage in asynchronous, teacher-developed, student-directed learning experiences throughout each of the content areas.
- Learning from Home will be supported by synchronous instructional sessions.
 - Classroom teachers will meet with students
 - Students receiving Academic Intervention Services, Special Education, and related services (e.g., speech, occupational therapy, counseling).
 - Band and orchestra lessons will also be provided for 4th and 5th grade students synchronously.
- Art, Physical Education, Music, and Library are offered asynchronously on days students are Learning From Home.
- Students in all grade levels will be provided with a device for their personal use (iPads K-2 and Chromebooks 3-5). The device will travel between home and school.



At Home

Morning Meeting whole class or ½ class (Monday)

New Content (Asynchronous)

- •Reading
- *Writing
- *Math

Independent Practice and Deepening of Skills

Encore (Asynchronous; Synchronous on Monday)

Small Group Direct Instruction with a teacher (Synchronous)

- *Academic Intervention
- ·Band Lesson
- Special Education/Related Services

At School

Morning Meeting 1/2 Class

New Content Mini Lesson and Small Group Direct Instruction

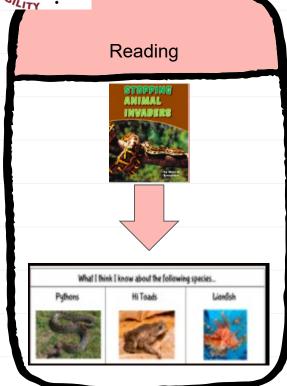
- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

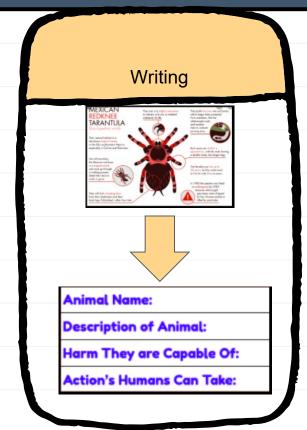
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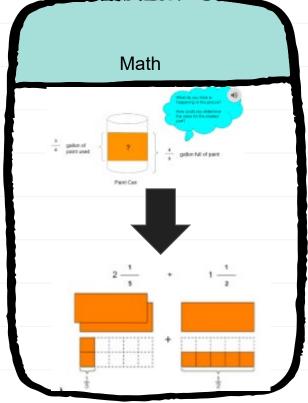
Encore



Grade 5: Tuesday/Wednesday September 15 and 16, 2020









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Read for 20 minutes

Reading Response

Let's do some writing!

Go back to <u>The Insitation larce</u>, Reread the ending of the story. Think about how this story could have ended differently. In the space below write a different ending for the book. Be sure to rewrite the ending as if it were part of the book, not just describe a new ending. Be creative?





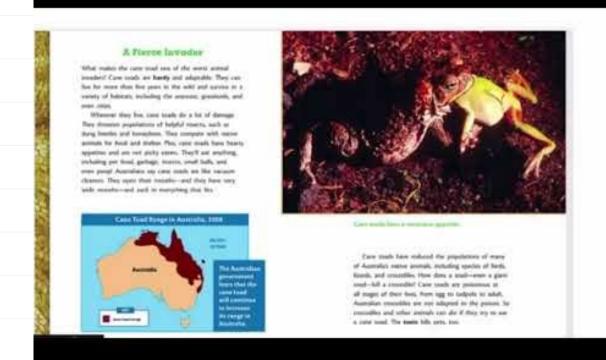
5th Grade: I can determine the main idea of a text.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Learning from Home	In Person	Asynchronous	In Person	Asynchronous
Introduce Weekly Goal	I can determine the main idea of a section.	I can determine the similarities of two sections	I can analyze the way authors develop	I can use what I learned from each section to
STOPPING ANIMAL INVADERS	Main Idea	to gain a deeper understanding	sections to understand the overall	determine the overall message.
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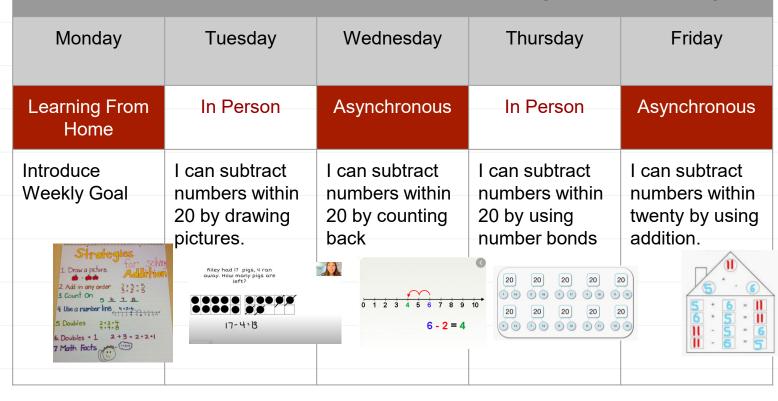
Asynchronous Lesson

Grade 5: I can determine the main idea of a text.





1st Grade: I can subtract numbers within 20 using multiple strategies.





Asynchronous Lesson

Grade 1: I can subtract numbers within 20.





Physical Education K-12

- Health & Safety: All Physical Education classes will adhere to a 12ft social distancing protocol in addition to masks; Limited use of equipment and sharing of equipment
 - PE schedule will alternate between synchronous and asynchronous instruction.



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Synchronous Learning

- Activity time
- Essentialized curriculum
- Sample units:

K-5:Dance, Fitness, Track and Field, Locomotor Movement patterns.

6-8: Ice breakers, team building, foot and eye coordination, Fitness, Yoga and Mindfulness

Asynchronous Learning

- Directly linked to synchronous learning: preview, practice, depth of understanding
 - o Mini Assignments
 - Journals and Reflections
 - Video clips
 - Recorded mini lessons
 - Shared articles
 - Fitness Logs

School Psychologist partnership in 6-8 to provide recorded lessons on DBT skills

Fine & Performing Arts in the Hybrid Model



General Music & Art

Once per cycle of each in-school
& one asynchronous assignment virtually per cycle

Orchestra & Band

No in-school instruction

Lessons are **virtual** on a rotating schedule once per cycle

*No lessons scheduled on Mondays while learning from home

Middle School

Art, Elective Art, Digital Design & Chorus

In -school instruction according to scheduled "Husky" or "Pride"

Chorus *may* sing **12' apart & masked**Band. Orchestra & Percussion

In -school instruction according to

scheduled "Husky" or "Pride" Day

Band will not play in school

Orchestra & Percussion will play 6' apart & masked

Lessons are **virtual** on a rotating schedule once per cycle



High School

Visual Art, Digital Design, Dance, Theater & MyTunes

In -school instruction according to scheduled "Husky" or "Pride"

Dance will not dance in -school

Band, Orchestra, Percussion, & Chorus

In -school instruction according to scheduled "Husky" or "Pride"

Band will not play in school

Orchestra & Percussion will play apart & masked

Chorus may sing 12' apart & masked

Lessons are **virtual** on a rotating schedule once per cycle



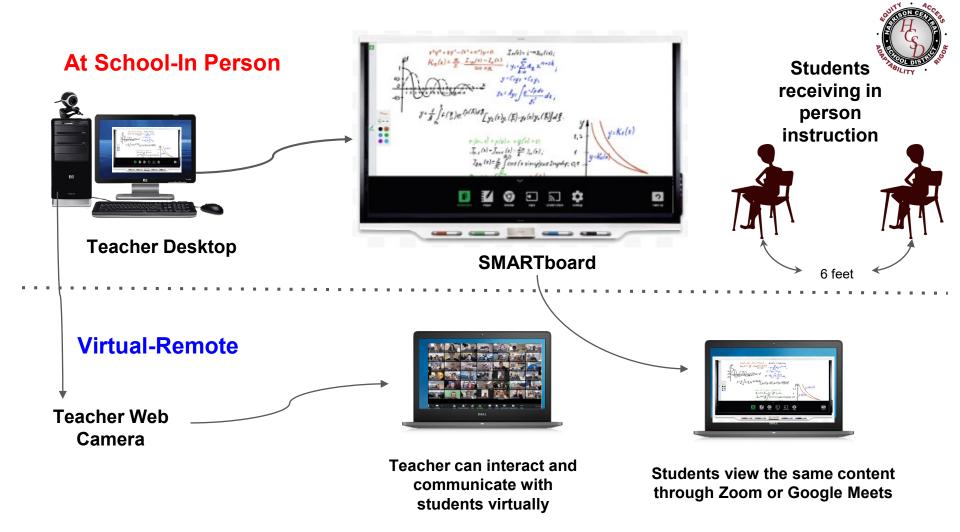
Hybrid vs. Virtual Option

Hybrid

- In-person, smaller group instruction on alternating days
- Socially distanced, teacherstudent interaction
- Virtual, asynchronous instruction on alternating days

Virtual Option

- Remote video instruction on alternating days
- Teacher-student synchronous interaction more limited
- Virtual, asynchronous instruction on alternating days





Virtual Option: Prerequisites

- Students must remain with the Virtual Option for a full marking period. Placement changes will only be permitted at the beginning of a marking period.
- Students who participate virtually are expected to have their cameras on and be visible to the teacher.
- Students learn asynchronously with Husky or Pride Group.



Students Attending School Every Day

- Students with Disabilities (SWDs) in special class, selfcontained classes K-12
- Entering and emerging English Language Learners K-5 (4 days per week)
- Entering and emerging English Language Learners 6-12 (daily)



English Language Learners

All emergent bilingual students will receive the required services under the provisions of the Commissioner's Regulations Part 154-2.

K-5 Students:

- Entering and Emerging students will attend school in person four days a week and will receive synchronous and asynchronous instruction online on the fifth day.
- Transitioning and Expanding students will attend school in person two days a
 week and will receive asynchronous instruction online on the other three days.

• 6-12 Students:

- Entering and Emerging students will attend school in person five days a week.
- Transitioning and Expanding students will attend school in person every other day and will receive asynchronous instruction online on the days they are not in school.



Special Education Students

- Students in special classes (12:1:2, 8:1:2, FASE) will attend in-person instruction every day.
- Students in general education classes (Integrated Co-teaching, RR, Consultant Teacher Services, Related Services) will attend school according to their school's Husky/Pride schedule.
- Synchronous Related Services for special education students (speech, counseling, etc.) will be provided through a combination of in-person and remote instruction (Google Meet/Zoom) based on the student's special education program.
- Committee on Special Education (CSE) meetings will continue via Google Meet or Zoom.
- CSE evaluations will continue according to Part 200 Regulations and COVID guidelines.



Students with Underlying Health Conditions

- Parents were surveyed to identify students who have one or more of the underlying health conditions identified by the CDC that increase their vulnerability to the effects of COVID-19.
- For parents choosing the Hybrid Learning Model, modifications are available for these students and may include additional PPE, such as face shields in addition to face masks; increased social distancing; adjustments to learning/working schedules and/or locations.
- Requests for learning modifications will be confidentially reviewed by the school district physician.



Mental Health & Emotional Support

- Staff is trained in how to talk with and support students during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, and are skilled in developing coping and resilience skills for students, faculty, and staff.
- K-12 psychologists have received substantive clinical training in traumainformed and trauma-sensitive teaching practices in addition to ongoing training
 in cognitive-behavioral (CBT) and dialectical behavior therapies (DBT) to help
 students develop skills in emotional regulation, mindfulness, and distress
 tolerance among other wellness skills.
- Additional psychological support has been added to the K-12 clinical team.
- Partnership with the Harrison Youth Council for student and family support.



Mental Health & Emotional Support

- Systematic, coordinated, and coherent referral process from teachers to counselors to psychologists to provide appropriate levels of support (from teacher consultation to direct counseling services) in the social-emotionalbehavioral realm.
- Parent support includes coordinated outreach by school psychologists and school counselors, in consultation with classroom teachers and school administrators, to determine student needs.
- A district-wide behavioral specialist supports a comprehensive approach to addressing the social-emotional-behavioral needs of students and families.



Extracurricular & Sports Activities

- HCSD will provide extracurricular activities (i.e., clubs) to occur on school grounds outside of the school day, with proper safety protocols (e.g., social distancing, use of face coverings, hand washing, etc.). Clubs may also meet virtually on days when students are not in attendance.
- As per the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, the fall sports season is delayed until at least September 21, 2020.
- In the event that the district must implement full virtual learning from home model, then extracurricular clubs and interscholastic sports will be maintained virtually to the extent possible to support the social and emotional well-being of students through these enrichment activities.



Technology for Students

- HCSD is implementing a 1:1 technology initiative for K-5 students:
 - K-2 students will receive an iPad on first day of in-school instruction
 - 3-5 students will receive a Chromebook on first day of in-person instruction
- Students in grades 6-12 will "bring their own device" or will be able to borrow a laptop from their school library.
- To prevent the spread of germs, students will not be allowed to share devices and computer labs will be closed.
- Software licenses have been purchased to support Learning from Home (SeeSaw, Google Classroom, Zoom).
- Students will receive orientation and support in the use of technology from their classroom teachers and library media specialists with Help Desk support



Transportation

- Parents are encouraged to drop-off and pick-up students each day to reduce the number of students riding the bus.
- To ensure social distancing, HCSD will limit students to one per seat which is 50% or less of full bus capacity (approximately 21 students or fewer per bus); siblings from the same household can sit together.
- All students and monitors on school buses will be required to wear a face covering at all times (e.g., entering, exiting, and while seated), unless a disability or medical condition prohibits wearing of a face covering.
- School bus drivers will wear a face covering
- If a student does not have a mask, one will be provided.



Transportation

- School buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily and high contact areas will be disinfected between AM and PM bus runs.
- Weather permitting, bus windows will be open for ventilation while in operation and between routes.
- Drivers and monitors will complete COVID-19 symptom screening before beginning bus routes.
- Gloves will be provided to drivers and monitors and worn when direct contact with students is required.
- No eating and drinking on school buses.



Food Service for Students

- Food service will be available for students on days they are learning in school and available when students are learning from home.
- Food menus will be limited to start the year and may be expanded later.
- Cafeteria furniture has been arranged to limit the number of students at each table to ensure social distancing while eating.
- Students will be reminded of the importance of hand washing before/after eating & hand sanitizer stations will be available in the cafeterias.
- Custodial staff will follow protocols to clean and disinfect cafeteria furniture between lunch periods.
- Food service workers will receive training in safe food handling and preparation to avoid spread of COVID-19.



Ongoing Communication & Feedback

HCSD will continue to prioritize clear and consistent communications with parents:

- The reopening plan is a living document and can be modified at any time to adapt to changing events and experiences.
- Information will be regularly updated on a dedicated Reopening webpage.
- Monthly superintendent updates with the district's PT council which include representatives from all schools.
- Regular communication from principals and Superintendent with updates & resources.
- Surveys to solicit parent feedback on the effectiveness of the reopening of schools & ways to improve the learning from home experience.