

**Haworth Public Schools Reopening
Frequently Asked Questions**

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COVID19 School Re-entry FAQ's

Q: When is the first day of school?

A: School will begin for students the week of August 24th. Students will attend one day that week only for orientation. There will be many new things this year. Doing this will allow our students to have more one on one time with their teachers to be familiarized with the new programs and procedures. We will have a schedule out ASAP on the day your child will attend. PK-2nd grade teachers will be contacting parents ASAP to schedule times to meet with a parent and student for orientation. On August 31st, we will begin our daily classes for traditional and virtual students.

Q: Will students have their temperature taken each day?

A: Yes, Students will have their temperature taken each day when they arrive at school. If a student rides a bus, they will have their temperature taken before getting on the bus. If a child's temperature is over 100 F, we will immediately contact parents to make arrangements for the student. We ask that you check your child's temperature each morning before sending them to the bus or bringing them to school to avoid finding out at the bus stop or check station at school. Car riders and drivers will have a check station to pass before the parent leaves. We will be using very quick thermometers and hope the process will not take longer than necessary. If your child is a car rider, please wait for your child to clear the temp station before you leave.

Q: What happens if a student comes to school, and they are sick or are running a fever?

A: Any student who has a fever of 100 degrees will be instantly isolated in a predetermined isolation room and immediately sent home. This should be caught before the child enters the bus or immediately after arriving in a car. If a student develops symptoms after they arrive at school, we will follow the procedures above. The student must then meet the criteria established for return to school in the Covid-19 Protocols for Area Schools as detailed within the School Reentry Plan.

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Q: How will students socially distance in the classroom?

A: This is very difficult. While our facilities were not designed for distancing, our classrooms will be arranged to maximize spacing between students and teachers to the greatest extent possible.

Q: Where will the students eat breakfast and lunch?

A: Based on current OSDH and CDC recommendations regarding limited capacities in cafeterias, we are working on adjusting lunch schedules and possibly using alternative areas if necessary. Other measures will include proper sanitation of all areas after every meal service. Some meals may be served in the classroom setting. However, we desire to use designated cafeteria spaces for the majority of the meals.

Q: What precautions will be taken for cleaning and sanitizing?

A: Sanitizing and disinfection will be a priority across the district. We will be taking extra precautions to disinfect high traffic and high touch areas daily. Restrooms will also be continuously cleaned throughout the day. Students will be expected to wash or sanitize their hands throughout the day.

Q: Are face coverings required for students and staff?

A: Yes, face coverings will be required for every person on campus when social distancing is not an option. This is being done to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Once case numbers within our county go down, the mask requirement will be readdressed, and the requirement may go away.

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Q: Will students have to wear a face covering while eating?

A: No, Students do not have to wear a face covering while eating. We have increased our spacing in the cafeteria and will only be eating on one side of the tables. It is almost impossible to eat and wear a face covering at the same time. We will do our best to socially distance when at our eating areas.

Q: Will bus transportation be provided?

A: Yes, the district will be running buses. However, if you can provide an alternate means of transportation for your student, it would be appreciated, as social distancing on the bus is difficult to accomplish.

Q: Will students have to wear face coverings on the bus?

A: Yes, social distancing on a bus is not very practical; therefore, students will wear face coverings while on the bus.

Q: Will face coverings be provided for students?

A: The district will provide a cloth face covering for all of our students and staff. Parents may also provide their children with their own face coverings if they so choose. The provided mask does not have to be the one that students wear. We will also have disposable masks on hand in case a student forgets their mask that day.

Q: Will students still have extracurricular classes like P.E., Ag., FACS, art, music, etc.?

A: Yes, students will continue participating in extracurricular activities and classes. Athletics will continue. Extra cleaning procedures are in place, and social distancing guidelines will be followed when possible.

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Q: Will the students be given a mask before getting on the school bus in the mornings by the bus driver if they don't have one?

A: Yes, The bus driver will have disposable masks available in case the student forgot their mask.

Q: If traditional students do not have an electronic device or internet at home and they get sent home due COVID-19 reasons, will the school provide them with a Chromebook and hotspot if needed?

A: Yes, there will be devices and hotspots available to be checked out.

Q: Can students, especially early childhood take off their mask in the classroom?

A: The school policy is to wear masks when social distancing is not possible. There will be times when students will be able to remove their masks. We will create time as well as offer outdoor classes as weather permits.

Q: Will the school provide face masks and hand sanitizer for everyone entering the school or bus?

A: Yes, Every staff member and student will receive a reusable mask. There will be disposable masks and hand sanitizer available as needed. We will have hand sanitizer stations at each building entrance.

Q: Do the students have to wear their masks to the cafeteria? Younger students especially do not have a clean place to put it when going to and from the cafeteria then going straight to the playground.

A: Students will be supplied lanyards to clip their masks during lunch and outside time.

Q: Do the students have to wear a mask on the playground?

A: No, we will practice social distancing during outside activities.

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Q: Do the students have to wear a mask during PE class?

A: No, we will take students outdoors as weather permits and practice social distancing when inside the gym.

Q: If a student tests positive for COVID19, will the entire class and teacher be sent home? What about their PE and STEAM teachers?

A: Depending upon the situation. If an elementary student tests positive, the entire class will shift to distance learning to quarantine. This will be a grade by grade situation at the elementary. At the secondary level, we will be keeping a file of seating charts for each classroom. If a student tests positive, we will work with the county health department to best determine the students that were around the positive student. Students in close contact with the positive student will be notified and will shift to distance learning for a quarantine period. Parents will be notified ASAP if the situation arises.

Q: Will mask breaks be allowed?

A: Yes, we will have scheduled times for students to practice social distancing and remove their masks for a break. Also, any time a student can practice social distancing, they will be allowed to remove their masks and put them back on once social distancing is not an option.

Q: Can I come to school to visit a classroom, or eat lunch with my child?

A: Visits to the school will be limited to essential activities only. Eating with your child will not be allowed during this time. Other needs to visit the school will be accommodated by appointment only, or through virtual means.

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Q: What happens if the school has to close again?

A: In the event of a district wide school closure we will immediately transition to distance learning. We have arranged to have Chromebooks and internet hotspots available for students to check out from the school. Our teachers will have lessons and assignments loaded in their Google Classrooms at least nine weeks in advance to make the transition as seamless as possible. Attendance will be recorded by the students logging in and completing their assignments.

Q: Will attendance still be taken regardless of traditional in-class or virtual instruction?

A: Yes, attendance is required and will be recorded daily. Virtual or “Blended” students will be required to log in and complete daily assignments to be considered present.

Q: Will distance learning and Virtual learning classwork be required and count for a grade.

A: Yes, all assigned work will be required to be completed. When school ended in March, the Oklahoma State Department of Education made the decision that additional coursework was not mandatory. That is not the case this year. All classwork and assignments are mandatory and will be counted toward a student’s grade.

Q: I still have questions. Can I email a question or speak to a staff member over the phone to help me discuss the best option for my student?

A: Yes, you may contact our Principals or Superintendent by email or phone and we will answer any question you may have. They can be contacted at (580) 245-1460 or at the email address below.

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