

Hinton Community Schools Hybrid Deliver Model Plan

The Hybrid model can be enacted based on information from the Iowa Department of Public Health, our attendance data, or other data that may indicate a need to increase spacing and decrease opportunities for transmission through smaller class sizes. This is a temporary model where Hinton will operate with approximately half capacity and social distancing maintained for grades TK-12. Hinton Little Hawks preschool will not implement a Hybrid plan. Preschool will continue with the on-site model. During the hybrid learning model, the school calendar - as well as student and staff schedules - will be adjusted.

The hybrid learning model will have students learning in either a Monday/Wednesday or a Tuesday/Thursday classroom. The Friday schedule will be online learning and all students will have the opportunity to make an appointment and come in for assistance. Staff Professional Development (Wednesday early dismissals) will be moved to Fridays on weeks when one or more of our buildings is using the Hybrid model. On the days that students report to school, they will have a typical schedule. There will be an expectation that coursework is completed, and it will be important for parents/guardians to support their child's learning while at home during hybrid learning. We will work to keep families together when we divide classrooms for hybrid learning classes.

Professional development for teachers, training for students, and training for parents focusing on a hybrid learning situation will be offered. In August, students will receive training on school procedures, which includes how to access district approved digital resources for their classrooms. Communication will be prepared that will help with troubleshooting technology questions during hybrid learning, and the communication will be available to students, teachers, and parents.

Counselors, teachers, the school nurse, administrators, and support staff will have office hours that are dedicated to communicating with students and parents. Parents and students will be encouraged to communicate with staff during office hours. Families may e-mail staff at any time; staff will respond within 24 hours during the work week. E-mail received on the weekend will be answered on the next school day.

Health and safety plans will be continually adjusted as updated recommendations are provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health and state officials. During the days students are on-site, rooms and buses will be cleaned daily. High touch surfaces will be cleaned several times throughout the day. Students will clean their desk/table before and after use. Hand washing stations and/or sanitizer will be available in each classroom and office. Students and staff will be asked to bring a mask and/or shield to school each day. One mask has been provided for each student and staff member. Students will be required to wear masks on buses and highly encouraged to wear a face covering outside of the classroom (hallways, office). Students may remove their mask in the classroom. Cleaning/sanitizing supplies will be available.

Parents are asked to take their child's temperature prior to sending them to school or school activities. If a child becomes ill at school, the child will be sent to the nurse's office wearing a mask. The nurse will determine if the child's symptoms require that they should be sent home. If it is determined that the child should be sent home, the parent/guardian will be contacted and expected to come to school within 30 minutes to take their sick child home to prevent further spread of illness in the building.

Parents and volunteers will not be able to visit classrooms as a health and safety precaution. Parents/guardians dropping children off will be asked to remain outside of the building and drop the child off at the drop off zone or at the door.

The plan is subject to change based on data provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health and/or state/local officials.

Parent/guardian documents are available in a family's home language upon request.

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