

Hoover City Schools

District School Reopening Plan 2021-22

It is the district's intention to open school in what was considered Level 1 of the 2020-2021 safety plan, and to remain in Level 1 until directed otherwise by the Department of Public Health or state officials. Level 1 is mostly normal school operations with minimal restrictions which are necessary in light of continuing health concerns. All of our employees and a large proportion of our students (ages 12 and up) have had access to the COVID-19 vaccine. Our students under the age of 12 have not yet had that opportunity, and the majority of adults in the general public have thus far not taken advantage of the vaccine in our region. Continuing restrictions for specific areas under Level 1 are described below. If a topic or issue is not specified in this list, then schools will operate in that area as they would have done prior to the pandemic.

Issue	Guidance
After-School Programs	After-school programs can operate in schools per established agreements.
Alabama Literacy Act	All requirements associated with following the Alabama Literacy Act law will be met whether students are working in a remote or in-person setting. Screening, assessments, and intervention work will continue. Elementary school literacy coaches will be the primary points of contact for information and questions related to the Alabama Literacy Act. Schools will use Google Meet for individual and small-group instruction and tutoring if students cannot attend in-person.
Arrival & Dismissal Procedures for Students	Schools will create their own plans based on their facilities and resources. Parents are asked to check student temperatures before leaving home each day and keep students at home who are unwell.
Assessments	Benchmark formative assessments, as established in the district assessment calendar, will continue as scheduled whether students are working from home or at school. For state mandated testing in the spring, virtual students may be required to attend school in-person. If that is necessary, special testing times will be arranged so that virtual students are separated from in-person students and social distancing can be followed.
Buses	Hand sanitizer is provided and bus windows are open when possible. Buses will operate as close to full capacity as possible.
Cafeteria	Everyone will eat in the cafeteria, hand sanitizer will be located throughout, free water will be made available, and salads and fruit will continue to be individually wrapped. Students will enter their own account numbers.
Classroom	There are no restrictions on seating plans or directions of desks and tables.

Seating	Partitions will not be provided by default, but parents can request that a partition be available in the classroom for their student.
Cleaning and Sanitation	The district will continue to supply schools with the same supplies of cleaners, toilet paper, paper rolls, soap, and hand sanitizer that is normally supplied to each school. All HVAC unit evaporator coils have been cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized. The district is changing all filters to MERV-13 rated filters per ASHRAE recommendations.
Contact Tracing	Schools will not contact trace or quarantine close contacts unless directed to do so by the Department of Public Health.
Drills	Monthly safety drills will be conducted as normal.
Entry/Exit Points	Schools can continue to designate doors as Entrance or Exit to control the direction of student traffic, but it is not required.
Face Coverings for Employees	Face coverings are optional.
Face Coverings for Students	Face coverings are optional.
Field Trips	Academic and extracurricular field trips with voluntary non-penalized opt-outs are allowed. Overnight and out of state field trips must plan for a limit of one student per bed.
Online Instruction and Learning Management System	Digital curriculum content has been purchased by the district to support full-time virtual students in grades 6-12 as a primary resource and for in-person students as a supplemental resource should remote learning be necessary. All teachers, virtual and in-person, will use Google Classroom as the learning management system (LMS) for their digital curriculum. Google Classroom is not a true LMS, but it has most of the functionality we need, and our teachers are very familiar with it. In addition, high school teachers have access to the Schoology learning management system.
Parent Events (Open House, Fine Arts Performances, Meet Teacher, etc)	Face coverings are optional for parents and visitors. Limit physical contact between adults, such as handshakes and hugs. Consider elbow and fist bumps instead.
Special Instructional	The Instructional Support Department has prepared a document to assist teachers in managing the delivery of special instructional services given the

Services	changes described throughout this document.
Specials, other than PE (K-5)	Students can go to specials.
Visitors & Volunteers	Virtual meetings should be used whenever possible. Extra caution should be exercised with younger children who are not yet eligible for vaccination in regard to allowing close contact between students and visitors / volunteers.

If you have any comments or questions about this plan, please provide your feedback using the link below. Thank you!

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