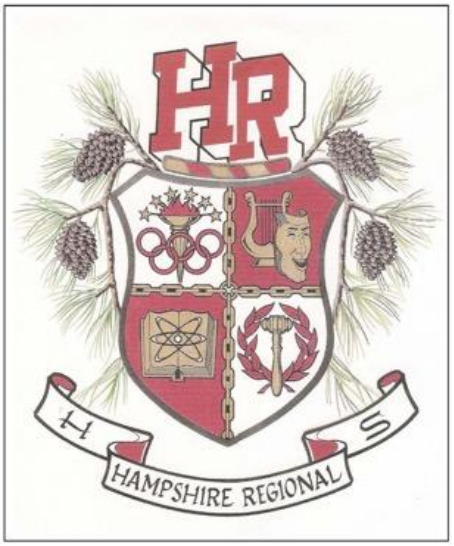
Hampshire Regional High School
Return to School Plan
2021-2022



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We are excited to have all students back to school this year for full-time in-person learning! Per the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), all students must attend school in person for five full days per week this year. There is no remote or hybrid learning option. Students are expected to be in school Monday through Friday, 7:35am-2:15pm.

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Athletics

As of February 28, 2022, masking for all individuals during indoor sports practices and competitions will be optional. Three spectators per athlete (home and away athletes) will be allowed into the gym for competitions. Athletic COVID protocols can be found here.

Band and Chorus

Students in band and chorus classes will use appropriate PPE, including special masks and bell covers for certain instruments. They will distance themselves as far apart as possible from the next person.

Bell Schedule

All students will be enrolled in seven class periods. We will follow a six period rotating waterfall schedule, which means one period will drop each day. Students will attend Morning Meeting for the first four minutes of the day for attendance purposes and to hear daily announcements and do the Pledge of Allegiance. At the end of the daily announcements, students will participate in a 10 minute mindfulness or check-in session with their morning meeting group before moving on to their first class of the day.

In total, morning meeting is 13 minutes long. Each period of the day will be 57 minutes long. Each lunch period is 25 minutes long.

7:20-7:32	Grab and Go Breakfast Outside
7:32	Building Opens
7:37-7:49	Morning Meeting
7:52-8:49	Block 1
8:52-9:49	Block 2
9:52-10:49	Block 3
10:52-12:15 High School Lunch 1: 10:52-11:17 (class 11:18-12:15) High School Lunch 2: 11:20-11:45 (class 10:52-11:19, 11:46-12:15) Middle School Lunch: 11:50-12:15 (class 10:52-11:49)	Block 4/Lunch
12:18-1:15	Block 5
1:18-2:15	Block 6

Before School

Students will be allowed into the school building starting at 7:32 each day. Breakfast will be offered at the bus drop-off area and at the auditorium doors starting at 7:20; students can eat breakfast outside while they are waiting to enter the building.

Students who are dropped off before 7:32 will wait outside except in the case of extremely cold temperatures or heavy rain. To determine "extremely cold temperatures," we use this weather chart that takes into account the air temperature and the wind speed. We encourage students and families to check the weather each morning, and students should dress appropriately for the weather.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be free for all students during the 2021-2022 school year. Students may get breakfast outside starting at 7:20 in the back of the building at the bus drop-off or at the auditorium entrance of the building near the back parking lot. Students must eat their breakfast outside before coming into the building at 7:32; no eating in classrooms will be permitted.

Cleaning

HRHS remains committed to ensuring that we continue to maintain a clean school building for all to use. Custodial staff will prioritize high touch surfaces and bathrooms each day.

COVID-Situation Protocols

Click here to view the protocols for various COVID scenarios.

Field Trips

Field trips will be considered on a case by case basis. Approval will be dependent on a number of factors, including field trip location, number of students, and connection to the curriculum.

Hand Washing and Sanitizing

Students and staff are encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands frequently throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer is available in every classroom in the school building. Hand sanitizing stations will also be placed at the main entrances to the building.

Lockers

All students will be assigned a locker; the locker numbers and combinations will be listed on student schedules. During passing time, students should do their best to stay an arms length away from one another and to not congregate around their lockers.

Lunch

School lunches will continue to be free for all students during the 2021-2022 school year. Students who would like a school lunch can choose from the regular hot lunch line for free, or the a la carte line, where students will need to pay for individual items.

High School Lunch 1: all first floor high school classes, plus science, art, and PE classes
High School Lunch 2: all second and third floor high school classes, plus study halls
Middle School Lunch: all middle school students

Students will be strongly encouraged to eat lunch outside when the weather permits. Students can eat under any of the tents set up in the front of the school building, at the picnic tables, or on any of the grassy areas out front. If students choose to bring school lunch outside, they must put their lunch trays on the designated cart outside at the end of lunch.

7th Grade Lunch: 7th grade students who choose to eat lunch indoors should go to the cafeteria to get their lunch and then proceed directly to the auditorium to eat. They will sit at least one seat apart from each other. At the end of lunch, they can put their lunch trays on the designated cart instead of returning to the cafeteria.

8th Grade Lunch: 8th grade students who choose to eat lunch indoors will sit in every other seat at the cafeteria tables, with nobody sitting directly across from each other.

High School Lunches: High school students who choose to eat lunch indoors will sit in every other seat at the cafeteria tables, with nobody sitting directly across from each other. If all of the available seats are filled, students should proceed to the auditorium for another lunch space. In the auditorium, students will continue to distance from one another. Students who eat in the auditorium can put their lunch trays on the designated cart instead of returning to the cafeteria.

Mask Wearing

As of February 28, 2022, mask-wearing will be optional for all individuals at Hampshire Regional High School. More information about our mask optional protocols can be found here.

Masks are still required on school transportation, per federal order. This includes school transportation to and from athletic events.

Meetings

IEP and 504 meetings will be held on Zoom unless otherwise requested by parents and guardians.

Parent Drop-off and Pick-up

Parents and guardians should use the pick-up/drop-off loop at the entrance of the parking lot (in front of the science wing) to drop students off in the morning and to pick students up in the afternoon. Cars should form two lines (one line closest to the sidewalk along the school building,

and the other closest to the grassy area near the road), and should pull up as far as possible within the loop in order to avoid traffic backing up onto Stage Rd.

Students who are dropped off by a parent/guardian in the morning can walk to the auditorium entrance or to the bus drop-off area if they would like breakfast.

Physical Distancing

In classrooms, student desks will be distanced as much as possible, depending on a variety of factors, including the number of students in the class, the size of the classroom, and the lesson/activity at hand, etc. During lunch, students are expected to sit at least a seat apart in both the cafeteria and auditorium. Students and staff should maintain a distance of at least an arms length as frequently as possible.

There are times that students will be within close proximity to one another, and staff will do their best to limit the amount of time that students spend close together in the classroom.

School Transportation

All students and staff must wear masks while riding the school bus or van. All students who live in the Hampshire Regional district are guaranteed transportation to and from school; school choice families should refer to the email sent on July 8 for more information about accessing school transportation.

Per federal order, masks are required on all school transportation, even once the indoor mask policy at HRHS is lifted on February 28. This includes school transportation to and from athletic events.

Vaccinations

The district strongly recommends that all students and staff at HRHS receive the COVID-19 vaccination and booster. All HRHS students are eligible to receive the two-dose Pfizer vaccine; students and staff 18 and older are eligible for the two-dose Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, as well as the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.