

AUGUST 11, 2021

BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN



HILLSBORO COMMUNITY
UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

2021-2022

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INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has created upheaval in all aspects of life, including education, extra-curriculars, and social opportunities for PK-Grade 12 students. HCUSD 3 recognizes that students across remote and in-person settings faced significant academic, social, emotional, and mental health challenges as a result of the interrupted education and the trauma caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The federal government made emergency funds available to local school districts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Most recently, funds available through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act require that school districts develop a Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. As such, this plan has been developed in accordance with the ARP Act and the Illinois State Superintendent of Education declaration of July 9, 2021; is aligned with guidance provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and addresses adjustments needed in response to evolving COVID-19 pandemic circumstances. School strategies in this plan may be removed based upon local conditions and consultation with local public health officials to determine the prevention strategies needed. The district will communicate any changes in plans to staff members, students, and parents through the district's regular communication platforms.

INSTRUCTION

SCHEDULE

The first day of student attendance is Monday, August 16th. School will be in session five days a week. The arrival and *bus* dismissal times for each building are as follows:

Beckemeyer 8:00am to 2:45pm	Coffeen AM 8:15am to 11:00am
Junior High 8:00am to 3:10pm	Coffeen PM 11:55am to 2:25pm
High School 8:00am to 2:55pm	

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING OPTION

An alternative learning option will be available for those who can demonstrate (with physician recommendation) that in-person attendance places them or their immediate family in particular peril. The district will use the existing homebound instruction policies and procedures to establish eligibility for homebound instruction but will use a third party to provide the online educational programming. Approvals for homebound instruction will be for the remainder of the current **semester** only. *Students may not move in and out of homebound instruction during the semester.*

REMOTE LEARNING

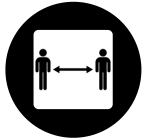
Remote Learning will only be temporarily available while a student is under quarantine. Students will not have the option to enroll in remote learning.

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MITIGATION PRACTICES

MASKS

Executive Order 2021-18 requires that all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to P-12 schools wear masks while indoors and on busses. This includes participation and attendance at indoor extracurricular activities.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing will be maintained in all school areas to the greatest extent feasible.



SANITATION

Buildings will continue to undergo increased cleaning/sanitizing.



WATER FOUNTAINS

Only the bottle filler function of the water fountains will be used. Students will not be drinking directly from water fountains.



HAND HYGIENE

Good hand hygiene will be strongly encouraged at all grade levels.

AT HOME SYMPTOM SCREENING

Parents should keep their children home from school if they are sick or exhibiting symptoms.

QUARANTINE

CLOSE CONTACTS

In the event of a positive COVID19 case at school, the District will work with the Montgomery County Health Department to determine which students and staff are considered “close contacts” of the infected person. Unvaccinated close contacts will be asked to quarantine and will be excluded from in-person attendance for 10 days, unless they opt to follow a Test to Stay protocol. Vaccinated close contacts will not be asked to quarantine.

TEST TO STAY

As an alternative to quarantining, students may participate in a “Test to Stay” program. If the student and parents agree for the student to participate in rapid testing on days 1, 3, 5, and 7, the student may attend in-person during the 10-day watch period. The BinaxNOW test will be used for this monitoring program. Negative test results every other day, and remaining symptom free will result in an unvaccinated close contact being able to stay in school during the 10 days.

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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

MEALS

Student meals will be **free** for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with USDA reimbursements. Meals will be served in the cafeterias as normal.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletic programs will run as normal with full activity fees charged and admission charged at home sporting events. Spectators are expected to comply with the mask requirement at indoor sporting events.

The district will be prepared to adjust educational and athletic programming as necessary throughout the year.

Hillsboro Community School District #3 fosters a student-centered culture with high expectations for each student to reach his or her full potential.