



School Reopening Plan September 2020

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Background Information

- Governor Cuomo has previously indicated that schools would be open if the 14-day rolling average of new positive tests remains below 5%. This information can be viewed on the *Early Warning Monitoring Dashboard*.
- Be wary of comparing school models--each model is heavily influenced by local factors.
- Governor Cuomo is expected to make an announcement tomorrow; this announcement may significantly influence our planning.

Background Information

- Schools received guidance on reopening from the New York State Education Department on July 16, 2020.
- Haldane's School Reopening Task Force met over a three week period to develop its school reopening plan.
- Plan requirements included 89 separate assurances to which schools must attest in order to reopen.
- Haldane's plan was submitted last week and is posted on the District's website.

Guiding Principles

- Our reopening plan prioritizes the *health and safety* of students and staff who return to campus.
- Our plan maintains *instructional continuity* across three scenarios: Remote learning; In-Person instruction, and a Hybrid of remote and in-person instruction.
- Our plan highlights our District's *ability to adapt* to a variety of scenarios that we may encounter through the school year.

Academic Model



Elementary and Middle Schools In-Person Learning Model

- All K-8 students will attend classes on campus every day
- The first day of school may vary by grade as we re-introduce students to campus with a “phase-in” approach through the first week of school
- When possible, teachers will transition between classes rather than students to reduce hallway congestion and frequency
- If elementary enrollment increases, Teaching Assistants will provide academic support and help maintain reduced classroom numbers

Elementary and Middle Schools In-Person Learning Model

- Shared physical resources will be eliminated or reduced & sanitized to the extent possible
- Teachers will make all students familiar with virtual resources and procedures in the event of transition to a Hybrid or Remote Learning Model
- Grades 6-8: Google Classroom will be used communicate expectations and assignments; PowerSchool will be used to track grades and attendance
- Virtual accommodations will be determined for families who opt out of in-person attendance

High School Hybrid Learning Model

- High school students will be divided into two cohorts alphabetically, rotating between attending classes on campus and participating virtually
 - Example: Monday & Tuesday - Cohort 1 in-person, Cohort 2 at home; Wednesday & Thursday - Cohort 2 in-person, Cohort 1 at home
 - On a continuous 2-day rotation
- In-person and remote cohorts follow the same rotating schedule each day to ensure continuity of learning
 - Direct instruction/mini-lessons will be screencasted, not entire period
- Faculty will teach on campus every day as cohorts rotate

High School Hybrid Learning Model

- Emphasis on electronic textbooks and assignment submission
- Google Classroom will be used to communicate expectations and assignments; PowerSchool will be used to track grades and attendance
- The first day of in-person school may vary by grade as we re-introduce students to campus with a “phase-in” approach through the first week of school
- Virtual accommodations will be determined for families who opt out of in-person attendance

Specials

- Special Area teachers will be encouraged to hold classes outdoors when space and weather allow
- When indoors, Elementary Special Area teachers will travel to classrooms to meet with students (tentative)

Alternate Spaces



On-Campus Outdoor Space

- Outdoor areas will be marked for class use
- Faculty will be encouraged to take advantage of outdoor classrooms as appropriate, based on course needs and weather constraints
- A rotating schedule or reservation system will be used to allow all grade levels spend time outdoors during the school day
- Physical Education and Music/Chorus will be held outside when possible

Off-Campus Space Utilization

- September reopening plan does not utilize a remote campus
- Administrative team continues to explore viability of local facilities should greater social distancing become necessary
- Evaluating ability to host several grade levels in one location for efficiencies in transportation, food service, and mandated services
- Locations must comply with all New York State Office of Facility Planning regulations and code requirements for schools

Health & Safety



Health Screenings

- Parents/guardians must complete daily, online assurance of family's health status (temp below 100°F, symptom-free, no confirmed exposure)
 - Based on current guidelines, the school nurses will be required to check the temperatures of each student for whom a daily assurance is not submitted
- Faculty and staff will also be required to complete the daily assurance
- School nurses will conduct random temperature checks of faculty, staff, and students to ensure reliability of self reporting

PPE & Hygiene

- Masks will be required for all faculty, staff, and students when 6 ft of distance cannot be maintained (with allowances for medical exceptions)
- NYS-provided hand sanitizer, masks, gloves and other PPE will be made available on campus
- Handwashing and respiratory hygiene will be reviewed with faculty, staff, and students and reinforced with signage throughout buildings

Social Distancing

- Classrooms will be marked to ensure 6 ft of social distancing
- Hallways and common areas will be labeled for distancing and traffic patterns
- Students will eat lunch in their classrooms
 - Brown bag lunches will be available for pre-order and will be delivered to classrooms
- Recess will be spaced throughout the day for greater distancing

Campus Signage



**HELP US KEEP
SAFE & HEALTHY**



**-WASH HANDS REGULARLY
AND USE SANITIZER**



**-SOCIAL DISTANCE AND GIVE
OTHERS SPACE**



**-USE A TISSUE WHEN
COUGHING OR SNEEZING**



**-AVOID TOUCHING
YOUR FACE**



-WEAR A FACE MASK



-KEEP SURFACES CLEAN



*Taking these precautions can vastly reduce your chances of illness. Do it for your friends, your family, and yourself

STAY HEALTHY

**WASH YOUR HANDS WITH
SOAP AND WATER
FOR AT LEAST
20 SECONDS**



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Classroom Setups



Elementary Classroom

16 desks per classroom allows 6 ft between students and a minimum of 6 ft for teacher at front of room



High School Classroom

Transportation

- Routes will be developed for more equal distribution of students
- Masks will be required for those medically able
- Buses will be disinfected between AM and PM runs; a more thorough disinfection will occur each night
- Alternate transportation will continue based on Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

Communication Timeline



Reopening Communication Timeline

Week of	Communications
August 3	Following the Governor's announcement regarding the reopening of schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survey to Families
August 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Current Conversation" with The Highlands Current - Monday @ 7:00pm• Meeting with The PCNR• Meeting with Supporting Organizations (PTA, HSF, Athletics Boosters, Arts Alliance, etc.)• Faculty and Staff Webinar• Parent Webinar 1
August 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Webinar 2
August 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty Walkthrough• Parent Webinar 3
August 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Preparations for School Reopening

Family Survey



Family Survey this Week

Survey will be sent to Haldane families to gauge the following:

- In-person attendance vs. virtual participation
- Transportation plans
- Technology needs - at-home WiFi and devices per child
 - Haldane is prepared to support all at-home connectivity needs and provide 1:1 Chromebooks to those who request them
- Final questions/topics to be determined



Questions & Answers

