



# Northgate School District

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Dear Northgate Families,

At the February 16th school board meeting, the Board of Directors voted on an updated Health & Safety Plan that reflects the most recent guidance issued from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Department of Health to begin a return to school.

**Grades 7-12** will enter hybrid instruction on March 1, 2021.

Students who elect to return to in-person instruction will do so in a cohort model. Unless otherwise specified, students will remain in their previous cohorts (Last names A-L in cohort A and M-Z in cohort B).

Cohort A students will attend a full day of school, in person, on Monday and Wednesday.

Cohort B students will attend a full day of school, in person, on Tuesday and Thursday.

All students will learn online on Fridays.

Classes will be live streamed each day to all students who elect to remain online as well as to those students in the "at home" cohort for the day. Classes will continue to follow the regular bell schedule. Each student will need to bring their fully charged Northgate issued device and a pair of headphones or earbuds each day. If you are unable to supply your own headphones, please email Mrs. Smith no later than February 26th.

Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students who are attending school in-person.

The "Grab and Go" meal program will move to Fridays starting March 5th. The last Wednesday meal pick up will be Wednesday, February 24th and will include 7 days of food. Starting Friday, February 26th, the meal order form will open Fridays at 2:00 pm and close on Wednesdays at noon.

**Health and Safety:** Students and staff must wear a mask over their mouth and nose at all times when in the buildings. All classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between cohorts. Students and staff will maintain 6 feet of distance at all times.

As a reminder, it is imperative that our families let us know immediately if there is an exposure to someone with COVID-19 and/or a person in the household who has a confirmed or presumed case of COVID-19. Contact your building principal if you have had an exposure.

**Additional information for families:**

**Daily Schedule:**

**Students in Cohort A**

In-Person: Monday, Wednesday (8:00-2:55)

Online: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

**Students in Cohort B**

In-Person: Tuesday, Thursday (8:00-2:55)

Online: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Online Students**

Online: Monday-Friday

**Regular Bell Schedule:**

**\*Doors will not open until 7:45**

8:00	Outside Bell
8:04	Warning Bell
8:05 - 8:10	Homeroom
8:14 - 8:55	1 <sup>st</sup> Period
8:59 - 9:40	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period
9:44 - 10:25	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
10:29 - 11:10	4 <sup>th</sup> Period
11:14 - 11:55	5 <sup>th</sup> Period
11:59 - 12:40	6 <sup>th</sup> Period
12:44 - 1:25	7 <sup>th</sup> Period
1:29 - 2:10	8 <sup>th</sup> Period
2:14 - 2:55	9 <sup>th</sup> Period

**School Closings:** We look forward to having students return to the buildings. However, we want to ensure that families have a back-up plan should we have to close a building. We are required to follow the guidelines provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) in the event that members of our school community contract COVID-19. Those guidelines can be found on the PDE website in the section on Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, your building principal and/or classroom teacher with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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