2021-2022

Eagle Hill's

Opening Guide
IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY, AUGUST 30 | 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
On-campus COVID testing for students attending orientations.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 | 7 P.M.
Town Hall meeting for parents on Zoom
Join us on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 867 5474 9574
Passcode: 403222

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Lower School Orientations (by cohort) at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. Cohort assignments will be sent directly to parents. Orientations are only for students new to Eagle Hill and students new to the Lower School.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

11 A.M. Upper School Orientation. Orientation is only for students new to Eagle Hill and students new to the Upper School.

12:30 P.M. Junior Boarding Program Orientation/Move-in

1 - 4 P.M. On-Campus COVID testing for students NOT attending orientations.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Labor Day - no classes.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Rosh Hashanah - no classes.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
The full Eagle Hill calendar is available here.
HEALTH & SAFETY

Daily Screenings

**EAGLE HILL WILL UTILIZE A DAILY HEALTH SCREENING APP** through Magnus Health. All staff and students will be required to complete the questionnaire each morning by 7:30 a.m. If the screening is not completed prior to arriving on campus, students and staff will not be allowed to enter. Instructions for accessing the app will be sent in a separate communication.

Absence Due to Sickness

**IF STUDENTS OR STAFF HAVE A FEVER** or exhibit symptoms associated with COVID-19 they must stay home. Please notify the school by emailing attendance@eaglehill.org or calling the attendance/dismissal hotline at (203) 629-1408. Parents should also notify the school nurse at healthoffice@eaglehill.org or (203) 302-3863.

- On the first day that your student is absent due to sickness or COVID exposure, they should rest and recover. Students will not be permitted to join classes remotely on the first day of their absence.

- If your student is sick for a second day, they can join classes remotely if they are able. Please contact your child’s Division Team for remote learning information.

- Please be aware that students cannot attend or return to school unless they have been fever free for 24 hours and can pass the Magnus Health daily screening.

Mask Protocols

**AT THIS TIME**, in consultation with local health officials, we will follow these mask guidelines:

- **INSIDE** - All students and staff will be required to wear masks while inside regardless of vaccination status.

- **OUTSIDE** - Masks are not required while students/staff are outside.
**Testing**

**REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS,** all students, faculty, and staff will be tested for COVID-19 prior to the start of school.

- If your child is attending orientation for Foundations, Lower School, Upper School, or the Junior Boarding Program, there will be drive-through testing on campus on Monday, August 30, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

  -- **IF YOU CHOOSE** to have your child tested outside of EHS, results must be submitted to [healthoffice@eaglehill.org](mailto:healthoffice@eaglehill.org) by Wednesday, September 1 at 8 a.m.

  -- **LOWER SCHOOL AND UPPER SCHOOL ORIENTATIONS** are only for new EHS students and students new to the division. Foundations orientation is for all Foundations students. Junior Boarding Program orientation is for all Boarding students.

- If your child is not attending orientation, there will be drive-through testing on campus on Thursday, September 2, from 1 – 4 p.m.

  -- **IF YOU CHOOSE** to have your child tested outside of EHS, results must be submitted to [healthoffice@eaglehill.org](mailto:healthoffice@eaglehill.org) by Tuesday, September 7 at 8 a.m.

**Protocols if Symptoms Present on Campus**

**WITH THE GUIDANCE OF OUR SCHOOL NURSE,** any community member that exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be directed to the Health Office.

- Parents/guardians will be required to pick the student up within 30-60 minutes after isolation begins.

- Students will remain supervised in the Health Office.

- For the purposes of contact tracing, EHS will log all persons who enter the Health Office. The nurse will be equipped with proper PPE.
Protocols if any Person Who Has Been Present in School has a Confirmed Diagnosis of COVID-19

- The local health department will be notified immediately.

- Protocols will vary based on school division:

  -- **FOUNDATIONS**: all students will have to quarantine for 10 days and will begin remote learning.

  -- **LOWER SCHOOL**: the cohort with the positive case will have to quarantine for 10 days and will begin remote learning. All other cohorts will continue learning on campus.

  -- **UPPER SCHOOL**: contact tracing will be conducted. Unvaccinated community members who were at risk of exposure will have to quarantine for 10 days and will begin remote learning. Those who are vaccinated will not have to quarantine unless they exhibit symptoms.

- Please be aware, remote learning for quarantined students will begin on the second school day following the cohort/division's dismissal from school.

  -- **THE FIRST SCHOOL DAY** will be a day “off” to allow time for any testing, doctor visits, and remote learning coordination.

- All parents will receive an email message notifying them of the positive case. Parents in the affected cohort/division will receive a separate email with further instructions, including information on remote learning.

- During a quarantine period, any planned extracurricular group activities, school-based afternoon programs, and large events (e.g., assemblies, field trips, sports games) will be canceled.

- In the event of exposure outside of school, parents must contact the School Nurse who, in conjunction with local health officials, can advise on the next course of action.
ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

BEFORE ARRIVING to campus, all students must complete a health screening through the Magnus Mobile App.

STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE at school between 8 and 8:15 a.m. Prior to 8 a.m., students will not be permitted to enter the building and there will be no faculty supervision.

UPON ARRIVAL:
• Upper School students will have outdoor recess.
• Lower School students will report to their assigned homeroom within their cohort.
• Foundations students will meet on the playground.

DISMISSAL TIMES:
• 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday (Upper & Lower School)
• 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday (Foundations)
• 12:30 p.m. Friday (all students)

FOR LOWER SCHOOL & FOUNDATIONS ARRIVAL/ DISMISSAL, enter through the back entrance of the school (marked “Eagle Hill Dismissal Entrance” on Glenville Road). Drop-off and pick-up will be outside of the Academic Building.

FOR UPPER SCHOOL ARRIVAL/ DISMISSAL, enter through the main entrance and follow directions towards the back field.

TRANSPORTATION

We understand that transportation to and from school requires flexibility and additional health precautions. Please be aware that if you are using busing from your school district, Eagle Hill will have limited influence over the transportation process and we cannot make assurances regarding health and safety protocols from town-controlled services. Please be sure to have a secondary transportation plan in case of any changes from your school district.

EAGLE HILL HAS BEEN IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION with all of the school districts providing busing to students this year. These districts have been informed of our school calendar and daily schedule.

If you are interested in carpooling to school with other families, Eagle Hill will help support parents by providing the names and contact information of families within a commutable distance of each other. Please click here to join the carpool list.

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING TRANSPORTATION, PLEASE CONTACT BILLY GRAMAJO AT TRANSPORTATION@EAGLEHILL.ORG
Our goal for the 2021-2022 school year is to have all students and staff on campus—with safety precautions meeting all state requirements in place. These plans were created to provide individualized instruction while maximizing safety following the general guidelines below. Specific details for each division are available on page 10 for Foundations, page 11 for Lower School, and page 12 for Upper School. Specific information for other programs can be found on page 13 for the Junior Boarding program and page 14 for Psychological Services.
Technology

- Over the past year and a half, Eagle Hill has invested in our technological infrastructure, teacher training, staff, and other equipment to ensure that technology is seamlessly integrated into the curriculum and that our faculty and students are prepared to learn from home if need be.

- We are requiring all students and parents to review and agree to the Technology Acceptable Use Policy prior to the start of school. Parents will receive the policy in a separate communication.

Remote Learning

- Our intention is for all students to be in class on campus during the school year. Students can only join classes remotely if they are required to quarantine due to COVID, COVID symptoms, or COVID exposure. Students will not be permitted to join classes remotely on their first day of absence.

Athletics & Activities

Information regarding PE and school athletics/activities can be found under each of the divisions in the following pages.

This fall, we will be offering Coed Soccer, Coed Cross Country, and Girls Field Hockey for our Upper School students. All team practices occur during school hours (either 8th or 9th period). Games and races typically begin between 3:30 and 4:15 and require after school pick up at Eagle Hill or away event locations. All Upper School students are eligible and encouraged to participate in team sports. However, we will be requiring parents of athletes who have not completed the Covid-19 vaccination process to arrange transportation to and from away events.
Dress Code

It is our experience that when students follow a dress code and are dressed neatly, they have increased self-esteem and improved attention in class. We will open school with relaxed dress code and return to regular dress code at the discretion of the Head of School.

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<th>Relaxed Dress Code</th>
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<td>Polo-style collared shirts</td>
<td>Foundations students do not need to follow the standard Eagle Hill dress code. We ask that:</td>
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<td>Navy or khaki pants. Belt required for Upper School</td>
<td>• All clothing is labeled with the student’s name</td>
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<td>Dress/walking shorts (no more than 1-3 inches above the knee). Belt required for Upper School</td>
<td>• An extra set of clothing is sent in with your student in case of a spill or accident. Bags of extra clothing should be labeled with the student’s name.</td>
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<td>Navy, khaki, gray, or plaid knee length skirts, jumpers, polo dresses or skorts</td>
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<td>Polo shirts, button down shirts or turtlenecks in any color, stripe or plaid</td>
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<td>Sweaters with crew-neck, V-neck, cardigan, vests or 1/4 zip</td>
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NOT DRESS CODE APPROPRIATE
Foundations classes are one cohort group that will be housed in the first floor of the Hardwick House. A sample daily schedule will be provided to parents before the start of school. If Foundations classes are required to quarantine, all students will have to quarantine for a 10-day period. Students will then be provided with an iPad and a schedule for remote learning from the Director.

ACTIVITIES & RELATED SERVICES

- PE, music, art, and library will be delivered on a rotating schedule during the assigned period.
- Speech and language services are integrated into the academic program.
- Psychological services will be delivered once a week through collaboration with head teachers.

School Supplies

PARENTS MUST SUPPLY THEIR STUDENTS WITH:

- A backpack labeled with your child’s name
- A change of clothes labeled with your child’s name
- A reusable water bottle labeled with your child’s name
- Two face masks labeled with your child’s name
- One box of pencils
- 2-3 colored hi-lighters
- A pack of thin dry erase markers
- A pack of colored pencils
- A pack of markers
- Glue sticks
- One bottle of school glue
- A pair of student scissors
- Pencil case
- One eraser
- A pair of headphones

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The Lower School will be divided into three cohort groups, all in the Academic Building. Cohort groups were created based on students’ academic level and chronological age. A sample daily schedule will be provided to parents before the start of school. All Lower School students will be provided with a Chromebook at the beginning of the year. Should a cohort in Lower School be required to quarantine, students in that cohort will have to quarantine for a 10-day period. Students will then bring their Chromebook home and a schedule for remote learning will be provided by the Lower School Team.

**Arts & Activities**

- **PE/Athletics & Activities** - Students will attend twice weekly PE classes through class pullouts. Cohort specific sports and activity clubs will be part of their afternoon callback schedule.

- **Art** - Art classes will be scheduled once a week for all Lower School students during the second-half of the school year.

- **Music** - Music classes will be regularly scheduled once a week for all Lower School students during the first-half of the school year.

**School Supplies**

Eagle Hill will provide each student with a specific multi-pocket folder to use. This will be distributed on the first day of school.

**Parents Must Supply Their Students With:**

- A backpack labeled with your child’s name
- A reusable water bottle labeled with your child’s name
- Two face masks labeled with your child’s name
- A large pencil pouch to hold:
  - One box of pencils
  - 2-3 different color highlighters
  - A pack of thin markers
  - A pack of thin dry erase markers
  - 1-2 large erasers
  - A glue stick
  - A pair of student scissors

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Due to the availability of the vaccine to students 12 and older, the Upper School will not be divided into cohorts this year. Students will have classes in the Learning Center, the Weed Building, and the Hardwick House. A sample daily schedule will be provided to parents before the start of school. Should there be a case of COVID in the Upper School, contact tracing will be conducted by trained staff. Students who are vaccinated will not be required to quarantine unless they exhibit symptoms. Unvaccinated community members who were exposed to COVID will be required to quarantine for a 10-day period. Parents will be notified as needed for quarantine requirements. Students required to quarantine will use their laptops and will receive a schedule for remote learning from the Upper School Team.

ARTS & ACTIVITIES

- Upper School students will have one activity period and one study hall period during 8th and 9th periods Monday through Thursday. Activity choices will be available to students and families later in the summer. Sample activities include: ultimate frisbee, sports class, yoga, and art.
- Art: Art classes will be scheduled once a week for all Upper School students during the first half of the school year.
- Music: Music classes will be scheduled once a week for all Upper School students during the second half of the school year.

School Supplies

Eagle Hill will provide each student with a small whiteboard and a calculator.

PARENTS MUST SUPPLY THEIR STUDENTS WITH:

- A backpack with a protective compartment for a laptop, labeled with your child’s name
- A reusable water bottle labeled with your child’s name
- Two face masks labeled with your child’s name
- Headphones with microphone for use with the laptop
- One 3-ring binder: 2 inch, zippered with handle and strap
- Pocket dividers for the 3-ring binder, 8 pack
- One pack of lined paper
- A large pencil pouch with 3 holes to hold:
  - One box of pencils
  - 2-3 different color highlighters
  - A pack of thin markers
  - A pack of thin dry erase markers
  - One whiteboard eraser
  - One large pencil eraser
JUNIOR BOARDING PROGRAM

Since the Junior Boarding Program will have students ineligible to be vaccinated at this time, boarders will need to follow extra precautions in order to protect our community. Each morning, dorm staff will perform the health screening for boarding students for the Magnus Health app.

Meals (breakfast, snacks, dinner)
- Students will eat together in the Dining Hall.
- Tables will be set 6 feet apart.
- Vaccinated students will be seated 5 to a table with a faculty member.
- Unvaccinated students will be seated 4 to a table with a faculty member with a plexiglass divider.
- Students/staff will be unmasked while actively eating.
- Dorm students will eat snacks and dinner outside as much as possible, weather permitting.

In the Dorm
- All students will be able to move freely throughout residential areas.
- Unvaccinated students will need to wear masks inside unless in their rooms, showering, or if they are the only student in a common area.
- There will be enhanced cleaning protocols.
- Any visitors to the dorm will be required to wear a mask.

Outside/Off Campus
- Dorm students will continue to do as many outside activities as possible.
- Students will have opportunities for off-campus activities (such as community service and field trips). Students will be transported in school vans.
- Unvaccinated students will be transported separately and will need to wear their mask while in vans and inside public areas.

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The Eagle Hill Psychological Services department has tailored a comprehensive program to continue to support the social-emotional needs of our students during the 2021-2022 school year. We have planned for a program that can be delivered in-person or online with minimal disruption.

Program Details Include:

**CONSISTENT CONTACT** with our team members for all students.

- The Psychological Services Department will run small groups throughout the day for every Lower and Upper School student.
- We feel it is essential that every student have a touch point and a relationship with a staff member to maximize our ability to support all students independent of what challenges/circumstances we may face as a school.
- The groups will cover topics including, but not limited to, self-awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.
- The Psychological Services Department will continue to collaborate with teachers and within classes, hold individual student counseling, and have weekly callback sessions for other specified groups.

**Family Support**

WE WILL CONTINUE our monthly topic-driven Parent Support Groups. These groups will be delivered in the safest way possible, on Zoom if necessary.

BUILDING ON THE SUCCESS of our previous parent check-ins, the Psychological Services Team will continue to facilitate an ongoing forum where parents can provide support and learn from one another.

**Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion**

EAGLE HILL IS EMBARKING ON a school-wide initiative to raise awareness in the areas of diversity, equality, and inclusion (DEI). DEI naturally aligns with Eagle Hill’s mission to build and support our community with respect and acceptance. Students, families, and faculty will be provided opportunities to engage in meaningful discussion in the exploration of these important issues.

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CAMPUS FACILITIES

THERE WILL BE CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN beginning at drop-off to safely ensure students report to their designated areas and will continue through afternoon pick-up.

WE ARE UPDATING SIGNAGE to ensure that children remain safely in their cohorts/divisions, practice social distancing, and wash their hands.

CLASSROOM SPACES HAVE BEEN EVALUATED for social distancing.

- Desks for students are spread three feet apart.
- Classrooms and building entrances have hand sanitizer for student use.

AIR FILTRATION has been maximized in all applicable buildings.

- Maximized outside air exchange in all buildings by increasing the amount of time ventilation systems are run outside of school hours.
- Increased the frequency of ventilation filter replacements scheduled throughout the year.
- Installed bipolar ionization in ventilation ducts to enhance air purification in buildings.

HANDS-FREE BATHROOM FAUCETS and auto-flush toilets have been installed.
VISITORS

**VISITORS MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT.** Visitors will not be permitted on the campus without a pre-approved, scheduled appointment.

- All visitors will be required to complete a health screening upon arrival to campus.
- This screening will include an in-person temperature check in the reception area prior to entering any part of the campus.
- Visitors will be required to wear a mask on campus. Masks will be provided by Eagle Hill if necessary.

**FOOD SERVICE**

Eagle Hill will continue to provide food service in a way that ensures proper distancing and cohort/division separation during lunch periods.

**ALL STUDENTS** will have lunch in their classroom.

**THE KITCHEN STAFF WILL PREPARE** individual box lunches for each student and staff member. Lunch will be delivered to classrooms every day.

- Students will be provided with a menu of options to choose from. Emails with menu options will be sent to parents monthly.
- Teachers will be in classrooms to supervise during lunch periods.
- Students may bring lunch from home if preferred.

**PARENTS WILL BE ASKED** to provide a personal water bottle for their child to be used during the school day.

**SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED** at designated times for each division.

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY FOOD ALLERGIES,** please be sure to contact the health office ([healthoffice@eaglehill.org](mailto:healthoffice@eaglehill.org)).