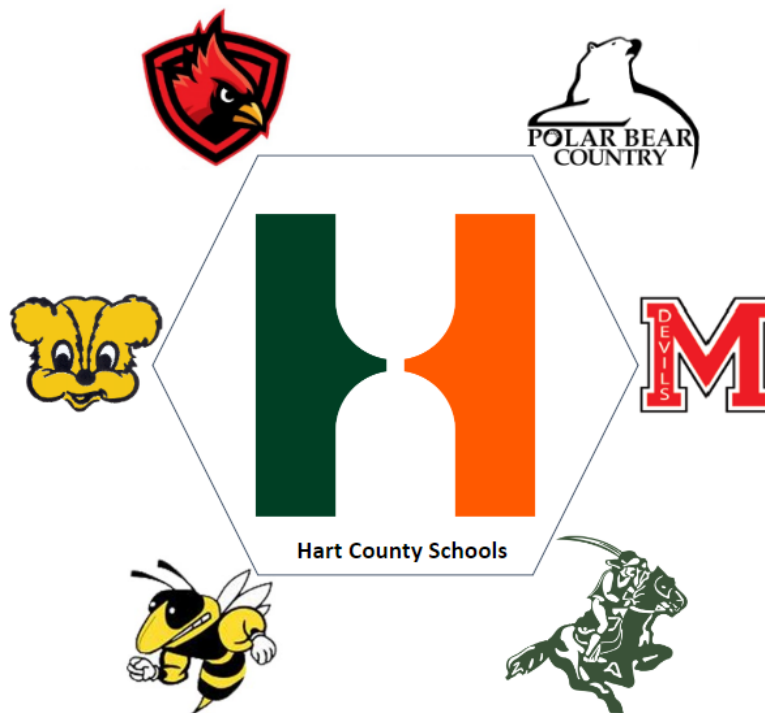


Hart County Schools

Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

2022-2023



Vision

As a leader of public PreK-12 education, the Hart County School District has a student-focused culture. We believe all students will achieve success and graduate prepared for college and/or career, as well as for life.

Mission

Working together to provide all students with a quality education that prepares them to be successful citizens.

INTRODUCTION

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Hart County Schools has continually developed a plan based on considerations from available legislative guidance, public health information, and recommendations by CDC and KDE. We continue to keep the education, health and safety of our staff, students, and the greater Hart County community as priority. If necessary, future adjustments will be made to this plan by the board of education.

The Hart County Schools' COVID-19 Plan for 2022-23 school year is as follows:

Preserving the health of our students, staff, and community

Individuals continue to have the option of wearing masks in our school facilities and at our extra-curricular events.

The following KY Department of Public Health recommendations will be observed:

- Spacing of at least 3 feet should be considered but is not routinely recommended.
- Handwashing and hygiene guidelines will continue for staff and students.
- Additional cleaning protocols will continue as deemed necessary.
- Water fountains filling stations will be available for students to fill individual water bottles.

Student/Staff Safety Procedures

Considerations for this plan are based on available legislative guidance, public health information, and recommendations by CDC and KDE. Future adjustments to this plan may become necessary. We will keep the education, health and safety of our staff, students, and the greater Hart County community as priority. Hart County School District responds to the safety needs of our students and staff. Prior to COVID-19, the Hart County School District Safety Coordinator, plus the Custodial and Maintenance Staffs, always strived to provide the safest, cleanest, and most desirable learning environment possible. We will continue to provide that highest standard of care to both our students and staff.

Education for all students

All students will resume traditional in-person instruction 5 days a week for the 2022-2023 school year.

Sickness Procedures for Students:

- There are no requirements to contract trace at this time.
- Vaccination/Booster status does not affect your attendance status if you are exposed to a positive case.
- Individuals who are exposed to a positive COVID case are not required to isolate or quarantine; however...
 - Students who test positive with a licensed treating physician, physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, the Department for Public Health, or a local health department will have their positive results reported to the local health department or the Department for Public Health. In such cases, students are recommended to do the following:
 - Report the positive test with their school or school district
 - Stay home for 5 full days from the day that their symptoms started if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. The first day of symptoms is considered day 0. The individual may return to school after 5 days when their symptoms are fully resolved or after 10 days even if they have lingering symptoms. The individual must continue to wear a well-fitting mask for 10 full days when around others indoors. If the individual is unable to wear a mask properly and consistently in indoor school settings, they should self-isolate from school for 10 full days.
 - Stay home for 5 full days from the date of testing if they have never developed symptoms. The day of testing is considered day 0. The individual must continue to wear a well-fitting mask for 10 full days when around others indoors. If the individual is unable to wear a mask properly and consistently in indoor school settings, they should self-isolate from school for 10 full days. If the individual develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should follow the above isolation guidance for someone with symptoms.
 - Sick persons are recommended to isolate themselves at home away from school similar to guidelines recommended when diagnosed with other contagious illnesses such as flu or strep.
 - Students who take a home test and test positive for COVID-19 are recommended to report this to their school or district.
 - Students with positive home tests are recommended to follow the same protocols as those testing positive with a medical professional.

Excused/Unexcused Absences

Please refer to the District Attendance Policy (referenced in each school's student handbook) for detailed guidance.

Excused absences will be given for notes from the doctor and/or parents/guardians may use two parent notes per semester.

Cleaning Protocols

Building administrators assess cleanliness and sanitation daily, and they work with our custodial staff to implement measures which keep safety as a top priority. The custodial staff attended professional training during the summer targeting cleaning techniques that focus on sanitation and disinfection of school buildings. Our maintenance staff has always worked to ensure air filters are changed on a regular basis, and will continue to do so. Water bottle filling stations are in every school building, so filtered, clean water is available to all students and staff in a "hands-free" application.

Guests/Visitors/Volunteers

Guests, visitors, and volunteers will be allowed following school check-in policies and procedures. Future adjustments to this plan may become necessary resulting in changes to these procedures.

Transportation

Field trips will be permitted based on principal approval and bus transportation director approval. Future adjustments to this plan may become necessary resulting in changes to these procedures.