

## Frequently Asked Questions

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**Q:** Will temperatures be taken for students and staff daily?

**A:** Yes, temperatures will be taken for staff and students before they enter the building. If they are out of the suggested range the individual will be referred to the nurse.

**Q:** What happens if a teacher/student tests positive?

**A:** That individual is quarantined, and the local health department is notified. The health department then will initiate contact tracing and inform us of the next steps.

**Q:** Will there be recess?

**A:** Recess will occur, but they will maintain social distance. The students will not share any equipment. They will be doing things like yoga and running activities.

**Q:** Will there be sports for students?

**A:** The guidance from the NJSIAA states “official practices for all fall sports may commence on September 14. Competition will start September 28 for girls tennis and on October 1 for all other sports except football, which will kick off its season on October 2. Regular seasons will conclude on October 23 for girl’s tennis, November 7 for football, and November 12 for all other fall sports.” At this moment we are waiting for participation commitments from other schools to decide on sports.

**Q:** What will breakfast and lunch look like for the students?

**A:** The students will eat lunch in the classrooms. The cafeteria will deliver purchased breakfast and lunches to the classroom.

**Q:** What will the school hours be?

**A:** The student day will be from 7:50 to 2:10- these are our normal operating hours for students

**Q:** Will students be required to wear face coverings?

**A:** As of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Governor has stated all students and staff are required to wear face coverings at all times. There will be mask breaks scheduled into the daily schedule with social distancing measures in place.

**Q:** Will the buses be sanitized?

**A:** The buses will be sanitized by HCS staff before both the morning and afternoon runs.

**Q:** Will the school be cleaned daily?

**A:** HCS has increased our cleaning staff to be sure every day the building is deeply cleaned and sanitized.

**Q:** Will the staff be required to wear face coverings?

**A:** Yes, every staff member will be required to wear a face covering all day.

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**Q:** What will remote learning look like?

**A:** The plan is to broadcast a live stream from the classroom from 7:50 to 2:10 daily. All remote learning students will be required to log on to their computers to attend class daily at 7:50. Class meetings will be either through 365 Teams or Zoom. We are working to choose one of these platforms for streaming. Our goal is to make the at home experience the same as the In-Person experience.

**Q:** Are virtual learners assigned to a class?

**A:** Yes. All students will be assigned to a homeroom teacher from Pre-K through 8. Middle school students will be assigned a homeroom and different subject area classes just as they would have during a normal school day.

**Q:** Will there be any before or after school care available?

**A:** There will be after school care available for the days your child is present during In-Person learning. We do not offer before school care.

**Q:** Why can't my child attend school five days a week?

**A:** The guidance in The Road Back document states that plans should include social distancing of 6 feet within classrooms to the maximum extent practicable. Therefore, due to our school population an A/B Cohort model is the best fit for Hopewell Crest School to achieve proper social distancing guidelines.

**Q:** Why can't classes be split and moved into places like the Library, Art Room, Music Room, Cafeteria, and Gym?

**A:** Yes. While classes can be broken down smaller and moved to bigger spaces, we do not have extra the staff to educate those students. For example, there are 52 students in second grade. To properly social distance those students they would have to be broken into at least 4 groups. There are three teachers in second grade. If we do that for each grade level it would require at least 10 more teachers to make it work and a lot more space than those bigger spaces would allow us. We want students here five days a week, but the parameters given to us in the Road Back document make it impossible. That is why we chose the AA/BB Cohort model.

**Q:** Will students get Chromebooks, or will it be all book work?

**A:** Yes, at this point we have enough chromebooks for students in grades 2 through 8 and are acquiring more. Virtual learning will be a view into the classroom. There will be a mixture of work done on the chromebook and on paper.

**Q:** If a child were to be 100% virtual at home for the entire year, would they be able to participate in any upcoming sports or clubs that may eventually be allowed during the school year? Would they be able to come to the school for something like Picture Day?

**A:** Yes, they can participate. As we wait for participation commitments from other teams the guidance from the NJSIAA says practice can commence on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Transportation to and from practice will be the responsibility of the parent. Unfortunately, due to clubs taking place indoors they are not

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scheduled at this time. We will announce if that changes. We are working with Lifetouch to provide times for all students to have their pictures taken.

**Q:** When will new 504/IEP accommodations be discussed and meetings occur?

**A:** We expect to see no change in the timeline for existing or new 504 or IEP accommodation meetings. All 504/IEP plans are adopted/amended on an annual schedule or if prompted by the CST or Parent. If your Spring 504 meeting was postponed it will be made up in September.

**Q:** How many students will be assigned in each class? Will 5<sup>th</sup> grade students change classes?

**A:** The average class size at Hopewell Crest is 19. This number will not change. However, given the social distancing guidelines class sizes will be no more than 12 on A day or B day. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will not change classes.

**Q:** Are these guidelines subject to change? Will they be revisited throughout the school year?

**A:** Yes, all guidelines are subject to change based on the directives from the NJDOE and the CDC. We imagine that all guidance will be revisited by these two organizations frequently throughout the school year. Parents do have the option to change their child's educational experience to In-Person on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Q:** If I choose in person for my children but then notice it is not working out, can they be changed to virtual all within the same marking period or will they have to wait until November?

**A:** Our plan has been developed to switch between In-Person and Virtual Learning quickly and easily. However, for occupancy and planning purposes we need to set a timeline for when students can switch between the two learning experiences. Requests to switch earlier will be handled on a case by case basis.

**Q:** If a child is required to be quarantined or kept home due to illness will they be permitted to participate that day virtually? Will it count as an absence?

**A:** If the child is well enough to participate online, they may, the day will not count as an absence.

**Q:** How long will Pre-K students have to wear masks and how many children are going to be in the class?

**A:** As the governor announced on August 3<sup>rd</sup> all students and staff will be required to wear masks all day. There will be mask breaks scheduled into the daily schedule with social distancing measures in place. If every parent chooses the In-Person Learning option, there will be no more than eight students in a class. That number will be lower based on the results of the learning option.

**Q:** Will the 2020-2021 school year still include Pre-K?

**A:** Yes, we will be reaching out to preschool parents with more information concerning screenings and orientation.

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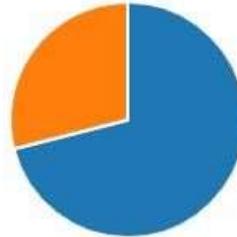
**Q:** What are the results from the In-Person and 100% Virtual Survey?

**A:** The chart below shows that of our student population of 496; 314 parents answered the survey. That number counts for roughly 63% of our student population. Out of that 314; 91 parents chose 100% virtual which amounts to 29%. These percentages are estimate as families have more than one child attending Hopewell Crest.

6. Please select one of the learning plan options below.

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- We select two days of in perso... 223
- We select 100% virtual learnin... 91



7. Do you plan on using the Student After School Care Program at Hopewell Crest on the days your child is scheduled to be in school?

[More Details](#)

- Yes 39
- No 268



**Q:** Will children be taught how and where to go on-line to attend virtual classes?

**A:** Yes, we will be working closely with students and parents to help with virtual classes. We have a number of videos available on the [Hopewell Crest You Tube Page](#) at the moment and expect to add plenty more as the year moves on.

**Q:** Will first graders be doing their work on the computer and what if parents are at work and cannot sign on with them at 7:50 in the morning?

**A:** While our direction from the state is to make virtual learning at home equally accessible, we understand the challenges this creates for families with young children. We are guiding teachers to work with parents during the virtual learning days to make online accessible and adaptable for issues that may arise with internet connectivity, supervision, and lack of parental help due to work schedules etc.

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**Q:** On virtual learning days when parents still have to work will they be able to check in later after parents are done work? There will not be a way for them to check in while at the sitter's house on Wednesday mornings.

**A:** Yes, parents can always check their child's work by logging in to their child's account to check assignments. However, the teacher will be working directly with students both In Person and Virtually. Students will not be left on their own to complete assignments.