

Huntingdon High School

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HHS Parent/Guardian(s):

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to adjust to the ever-changing landscape due to COVID-19. It is essential that our students have the opportunity to return to some degree of normalcy and continue their education. The purpose of this letter is to give you an idea of what to expect as we prepare for the start of school on Tuesday, August 4. As we plan for our students' return, I want to remind you that our primary focus is to do our part in managing the spread of the virus (COVID-19), while ensuring students and staff have a safe and healthy learning environment.

Please review the attached document (**FAQs-First Day Expectations**) which includes frequently asked questions that hopefully will provide you clarity on how we anticipate starting school on August 4. Additionally, we are sharing a more detailed plan (**HHS School Opening Plan**) of how we are preparing for potential disruptions this year. These documents can always be accessed from our school website at hhs.huntingdonschools.net. These documents will be sent home with students when school starts in August. I want to remind you that I will be hosting HHS parent meetings the week of July 27 at 6 P. M. in the school gym for those parents who have more questions after reviewing this information. Please refer to page 6 in our FAQ document to determine what night you can attend if needed. Additionally, please contact me by email at jkee@huntingdonschools.net or by phone at 731-986-8223 if you have any questions or concerns. I will also be available on Thursday, July 30, from 5:00-7:00 P. M. to meet with any parents of our incoming freshman or new transfer students as we host our Open House for new students.

I assure you that our staff is committed to making the 2020-2021 school year a positive experience regardless of any disruptions that may occur. We look forward to serving our students and seeing them in person on Tuesday, August 4. We will get through this together.

Go Mustangs and Fillies!


Dr. Jonathan Kee



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FAQ

First Day Expectations - August 4

Where do students need to go when they arrive at school on Tuesday, August, 4?

Students in grades 10th-12th grade will go directly to their homeroom on Tuesday, August 4. All 9th grade students will go to the gym when they arrive on campus. This will help with large gatherings. Students will be informed about back to school information in their homeroom. Additionally, each student will receive a school shirt for this school year during their homeroom time. Students will have the opportunity to change classes and meet their teachers on August 4 which is a ½ day. School dismissal for August 4 will be 11:00 A.M.

Will students be required to wear face masks at school?

No. Face masks will not be required of students or staff; however, face masks are highly recommended especially in areas where social distancing will be challenging.

What learning options will my child have this year?

Each student will be provided multiple learning options based on their personal comfort level of attending school in person. If students do not feel comfortable attending school face to face, they will have the option of enrolling in the HSSD Virtual Learning Program which will give them access to an online curriculum. Students must apply for this option by August 10. For more information about this learning option, parent/guardian(s) should contact Alan Eubanks, HSSD Supervisor, at 731-986-2222 by no later than Monday, August 10.

What will the school schedule look like from day to day?

When school starts on August 4, the school schedule will not look any different from previous years. Other than basic precautionary measures, the school schedule will look similar to what students have experienced in the past.

What are some precautionary measures that will be implemented to assist with student and staff safety

Daily temperature checks - as students enter the building each morning, students' temperatures will be checked. Based on CDC guidelines, any student who has a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be sent home. All students and staff will be required to have their temperature checked prior to entering the building. Any individual who has a fever will be masked, moved, and asked to wait in a designated area to limit exposure to others, and the parent/guardian will be contacted. Students who check out due to sickness will follow different checkout procedures to limit exposure to others. The school nurse or office staff will communicate these procedures when students need to be picked up due to sickness.

Temperature screening and limited access of school visitors - All visitors will be required to have their temperature checked if requesting in the building. Visitor access to the school building will be limited. For the time being, visitors will not be allowed to attend school functions during the school day. All visitors who are allowed to enter the building will be required to wear a face mask.

Daily Cleaning/Sanitizing - Restrooms and water fountains will be wiped down after students change classes throughout the day. Only touchless water fountains will be accessible to students. School staff will be cleaning desks during each class change. Janitorial services will be providing additional cleaning and sanitizing daily.

Social Distancing - Social distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible based on the feasibility of each unique location.

What will be the procedures when a student gets sick at school?

In the event a student has fever or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, the student will be asked to put a mask on, the school nurse will contact the student's guardian, and the student will be quarantined to a separate location to limit additional exposure to others. If the student is tested for COVID-19 by a healthcare professional, the student will not be allowed to return to school until a negative test result is provided to the school and the recommended steps developed by the Health Department have been followed. School administration will communicate to school stakeholders when a positive COVID test occurs. Guardians are encouraged to check their child's temperature and monitor his/her health daily prior to coming to school. Students who have any symptoms of not feeling well should stay home. Guardians should communicate to school administration their child is sick and when someone in their family has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Where will students eat breakfast and lunch?

Students will eat breakfast in the cafeteria from 7:30-7:50. Students who choose not to eat breakfast in the cafeteria will be required to sit in the gym prior to 7:50. As students are dismissed to homeroom at 7:50, they will have an option of a grab and go breakfast for those just arriving on campus. During breakfast and lunch, students will only be allowed to sit up to 6 per table. Additional tables will be added to accommodate student seating.

How will meals be prepped?

Meals will be prepared by the school food service. Food servings will already be prepared by staff and they will serve the students as they go through the line. Disposable utensils and trays will be used.

How has final exam exemption been impacted?

Students will continue to have the opportunity to be exempt from final exams; however, the attendance requirement for being exempt from final exams has been removed. Students can be exempt from final exams if they have no disciplinary infractions and have an A or B average in their class.

Will students be required to complete community service hours for Beta Club, HHS Community Volunteer, or other programs?

For the time being, students will not be required to complete community service hours for the fall semester. This will be reconsidered before the spring semester begins.

What will happen if a staff or student is diagnosed with the COVID virus?

In the event staff or a student is diagnosed with the COVID virus, school stakeholders will be notified by school administration. Protocols developed by the Tennessee Department of Health (TDOH) will be followed. Additional measures will be considered based on the specifics of each unique case.

What will happen if students are not allowed to come to school for an extended period of time?

The school has a distance learning plan prepared in the event school must close for an extended period of time. Generally speaking, students will continue learning through distance learning using Google Classroom and Google Meet. Students will have options to correspond with their teacher if they do not have any or limited internet access. Staff and students will be trained the first few weeks of school on how to continue teaching and learning in the event students have to continue their learning from home. Hopefully, we will not have to implement the distance learning plan, but we want to make sure all students and parents/guardians are aware of our plan in the event students will not have the opportunity to meet face to face.

How will extracurricular activities be impacted this school year?

Extracurricular activities including athletics, band, student organizations, etc. will operate based on guidance from health officials and Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA).

What academic interventions will be implemented this year to help students with instruction lost last school year?

Quarter Class Credits - Students who were enrolled in Personal Finance, Physical Education, American Government, or Economics will have the opportunity this year to earn the 0.5 credit assigned to these courses. Students will complete course requirements during Mustang Prep during the first nine weeks of the 20-21 school year.

Algebra 1 remediation - Students who were enrolled in Algebra 1 for the spring semester of last year will have the opportunity to receive remediation and to be taught standards that were not taught last school year. Students will receive nine weeks of Algebra 1 instruction during the fall semester. This will be scheduled during Mustang Prep. Students will not receive grades but will be provided the opportunity to receive Algebra 1 remediation due to the importance of these standards being a prerequisite for Algebra 2.

Driver Education - Students who did not have the opportunity to complete their required driving hours last school year for Driver Education will be able to gain driving experience during Mustang Prep.

Strategic Scheduling - Due to students not being able to complete classes last spring, specific students have been scheduled strategically to help with being taught standards in pre-requisite classes. For example, students in Spanish 2, Chemistry 2, and Biology 2 have been scheduled with other students who also need additional help with pre-requisite standards.

What changes will be made this year for students being transported by bus?

All bus-related procedures and protocols are established by the Carroll County Board of Education. For questions, please contact superintendent Johnny McAdams at 986-4482. The school is responsible for enforcing the expectations of students riding the bus to school. The following revisions have been made to bus procedures for 2020-2021:

Although Carroll County Schools are taking the following precautions while transporting students to prevent the spread of germs that could lead to illnesses, it is the parent's/guardian's decision for students to ride a school bus. Carroll County Schools reserve the rights to adapt/revise these operating procedures as needed.

1. Please check your child's temperature and ensure it is below 100.4 degrees before allowing him/her to ride a bus.
2. Students will load the bus and be assigned a seat from back to front with the first students picked up sitting in the back of the bus. Family members will sit together as space allows. It will be a point of emphasis that students will stay in their seat until unloading at their destination. (To assist with the prevention of the spread of germs)
3. Each bus will drop off students at each school without transitioning students from one bus to another. The bus will unload from front to back at each location. Students will sit in the same assigned seat in the afternoon and morning routes. At the end of the school day, students should load the bus in the order they load in the morning from back to front.
4. Students being transported from one school to another will be assigned a bus to ride with an assigned seat.
5. Masks will be recommended to be worn by anyone riding on a Carroll County Schools bus.
6. Hand sanitizer will be provided for driver's and students' use upon loading and unloading the bus.
7. Windows should be lowered for ventilation. (Weather Permitting)
8. Buses will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular schedule.
9. Destination changes must be approved 24 hours in advance unless it is an emergency.

Is there a contingency plan for student learning and safety in the event the virus spread warrants additional precautionary measures or modifications to the learning environment?

Yes. A specific plan has been developed to guide future decisions in the event the virus spread is trending upward in our community. From additional precautionary measures to modifications to the learning environment, a plan is prepared for future disruptions. Below is a summary of the phases being considered. We are currently anticipating starting school under minimal spread guidelines.

Minimal Spread. School buildings remain open with multiple preventative measures in place to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Parents will have the ability to choose the traditional return or the Virtual Learning option. (We plan to start in this phase on August 4)

Moderate Spread. School buildings remain open via a rotating schedule and/or potential targeted or short term closures. For rotating schedules students will be grouped by last name to determine days they will attend school and days they will learn from home. Distance Learning will be provided by HSSD teachers using the on-line platforms: Google Classroom and Google Meet.

Substantial Spread. School building will be closed. Staff will continue to report to their assigned school daily, unless otherwise noted, to conduct Distance Learning for all students. All students in grade PK-12 will be permitted to take home their district provided learning device. For those students without internet access, paper-based assignments and other options will be provided.

Will there be any opportunities for parent/guardian(s) to meet with school administration regarding the plan for this school year?


Yes. School administration will be hosting parent meetings for each grade level. Parents attending the meeting need to enter the school through the gym lobby doors located by the side parking lot next to the baseball field. The meeting will be in the school gym. Social distancing is encouraged. Parents may attend based on the following schedule:

<u>12th grade</u>	Monday, July 27	6pm	School Gymnasium
<u>11th grade</u>	Tuesday, July 28	6pm	School Gymnasium
<u>10th grade</u>	Thursday, July 30	6pm	School Gymnasium
<u>9th grade</u>	Thursday, July 30	(Open house 5-7pm), enter through front doors of school	


*School administration will be available during open house to answer and questions for 9th graders and new students.

How will information be communicated to school stakeholders throughout the school year?


Communication will be key this school year. Social media, remind app, the school website, and written correspondence will be used to communicate information. The following information can be used to stay connected with what is happening at HHS.




Twitter
Join @HHSstangs



Instagram
Join huntingdon.highschool



Join Huntingdon Special School District



To receive a text message, join using the following codes:



Class of 2021 (Seniors)	Parents: text @21stangsp to 81010	Students: text @21stangs to 81010
Class of 2022 (Juniors)	Parents: text@22stangsp to 81010	Students: text@22stangs to 81010
Class of 2023 (Sophomores)	Parents: text @23stangsp to 81010	Students: text @23stangs to 81010
Class of 2024 (Freshman)	Parents: text @24stangsp to 81010	Students: text @24stangs to 81010

School Website
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