

August 20, 2020 additional FAQ's

1. What will a half day look like for pre-K students?

Students will follow a half day schedule until further notice, as we work to open full time safely. Pre-K students will arrive at the middle school entrance at 9:00 AM and will be greeted by their teacher. The student half day will be filled with safe, developmentally appropriate activities developed by our teachers using the preschool curriculum. While masks are currently mandated by the state, students will be able to have frequent breaks by going outside, weather permitting or in other safe settings. Pick up will be at the middle school door promptly at 12:30 PM. If half days are required to extend further than the anticipated 2 weeks, the Business office will address tuition concerns at that time.

2. Is there a preschool virtual option for parents who want to opt in to Virtual Learning Academy for preschool?

No. However, a student's spot may be able to be held for a later return in the year to full time classes if the parent is not comfortable with the student returning now, for whatever reason. PLEASE NOTE: Return seats are not guaranteed. In the event that enough students withdraw in September, we may be only opening 1 section of preschool. In that scenario, additional seats later in the year may not be available for students wishing to return. If the school is forced to full virtual instruction, preschoolers will be offered morning sessions with their teachers for continuity until we can return to the building.

3. What does a half day look like for my K-3 student? How about fourth and fifth students? Will they be bringing computers home for afternoon work?

Students will have instruction as usual in their classrooms. In the beginning, work sent home for completion in the afternoons will likely not be computer based; computers will stay at school. As the year progresses, Chromebooks may be sent home for students at the teachers' discretion (grades 1-5 only), or in the event that we are forced to conduct virtual instruction exclusively due to safety concerns.

4. What does a half day look like for middle school?

Students will follow their regular day schedule, as they would in a traditional half day session. However, students will be expected to work at home during the afternoon on all assignments from their teachers, as this is not a traditional half day. Students will be held accountable for working in the afternoons to complete all assignments. Teachers will hold office hours in the afternoons to field questions.

5. What does a virtual school day look like for our students working at home due to opting in for the Virtual Instruction Academy instead of the half day in school session?

We are currently working with the teachers to be able to offer some live streamed lessons. Otherwise, students will be expected to complete work assigned on their own in the mornings, when live instruction is not available. Teachers will set up face to face time with the at home students in the afternoons.

6. What does a total school virtual schedule for all students look like in the event of closure?

Pre-K through 5 schedules will be developed by the teachers to best suit the instructional needs of the students. Middle School students will be given a set schedule to follow while on total virtual instruction, that is being developed by middle school teachers collaboratively.

7. Will teachers be in the building for the full day on the half days? Will they be able to answer questions from parents in the afternoons?

DTS is expecting to have teachers delivering instruction from within the building as per their regular teaching day, unless the building is closed due to pandemic concerns.

7. When will we return to full days for students?

When it is deemed safe and healthy to run a full day schedule. Plans continue to be refined and reviewed on a daily basis to accomplish this. Please understand that it may take longer than the two weeks+ of half days currently planned.

8. Are there any resources available to parents to educate themselves about the different platforms used in virtual instruction?

Yes, there will be a dedicated spot on the Curriculum page to link up with Mrs. Pillon's website to access tutorials placed there for parents. This will be available very soon. Teachers are also a great resource to learn about the platforms and how to navigate virtual instruction.

9. What is Hunterdon Central's safety protocol for busses?

HUNTERDON CENTRAL/FLEMINGTON RARITAN JOINT TRANSPORTATION

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

August 3, 2020

STAFF

- All staff will be provided with signs and symptoms of the Covid 19 virus so they can identify any potential problems
- Staff will review proper use of PPE to include disposing of gloves, using hand sanitizer, proper use of facial mask and face shield.
- Any driver that exhibits or complains of any illness which falls into the Covid 19 criteria will not be allowed to perform their routes.

DRIVERS

- All drivers' district and contractor will receive training on the signs and symptoms of the Covid 19 virus.
- Prior to leaving the bus yard the dispatcher will take the drivers temperature. Any driver with a 100.4 temperature or higher will be sent home.
- Drivers will encourage students to use the hand sanitizer as they enter the bus.

- All students will have their face mask properly secured on their face. In the event a student forgets his/her mask one will be provided for them. A list of students requiring a face covering will be reported to school administration.
- Schools will notify transportation if any student has a medical condition which prohibits them from wearing a mask. The driver will have a notation on the route sheet indicating this. Drivers will assign this student a seat in the front of the bus which social distances this student.
- Any student that refuses to wear a mask properly will be written up on an incident report and turned into the receiving school administrator. Additionally, any student refusing to wear a mask will be placed on a seat in the front insuring 6 feet of social distancing. The driver will notify the dispatcher so a school administrator can meet the bus and take the student inside the school.

Students that exhibit signs of any illness will be seated in the front of the bus, insuring 6 feet of social distancing. The driver will notify district dispatcher, who will notify the receiving school. The student will be met by an administrator to take the student inside the school.

- Students will board the bus going to the back and sit down to minimize students passing one another in the aisle. When the bus unloads in the morning they will empty from the front of the bus first. Drivers may assign seats to students to facilitate social distancing.
- Drivers will wear a face mask at all times and in the event they need one it will be provided to them. Additionally, face shield will be available to the drivers in the event they want one to wear with the mask. Drivers will be responsible for maintaining and cleaning the face masks and shields.

VEHICLES

- All district vehicles used to transport student will be sanitized mid-day and nightly using an electrostatic sprayer.
- The district has ordered a shield vinyl barrier, which encases the driver's area on each bus.
- Hand sanitizer will be located in the front of the bus for driver/student use.
- Drivers will be advised to have the bus windows open when possible to introduce outside air.
- Drivers will be provided with a spray bottle with sanitizing solution, paper towels, and gloves to use as needed during routes. Touch surfaces will be cleaned with the spray solution as soon as the bus empties and before moving on to the next route.