

HANOVER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

2020-2021

Update #2
August 6, 2020



Hanover Central High School



Jane Ball Elementary School



Hanover Central Middle School



Lincoln Elementary School

From the Superintendent



Dear Hanover families;

As we prepare for the upcoming start of school, this is the final update to our Re-Entry Plan. The original Re-Entry Plan, the Re-Entry Plan Update #1, the eLearning FAQ, and our Back to School newsletter can all be found on the Corporation website at www.hanover.k12.in.us.

I have been in nearly constant communication with the Lake County Health Department, the State of Indiana Department of Education and other NWI district Superintendents. There is one thing that we all agree upon and is found in the opening statements of all guidelines issued: Every school district is unique, and guidelines must be designed to best suit the needs of individual districts and schools. The safety of our staff and students takes precedence over all other considerations at this time. Hanover has been diligent in our efforts to share information with parents through our own information platforms.

We encourage parents to look for updates and information on our five websites, five Facebook pages and be alert to incoming emails and voicemails from the Corporation. Only information found in these locations, or information received directly from individual building principals can be considered accurate.

I would also encourage all parents, as I have our staff, to limit physical contact with those outside your immediate family group as we near the start of the school year. We have been extremely attentive to ensuring our facilities are ready to receive students and are aligned to guidelines. We do not have any control over behavior outside our school; however, that behavior dramatically impacts the ability to keep our doors open. Please follow guidelines **outside** of the school day to ensure that the in-person instruction day does not become disrupted. What happens **outside** of school directly impacts what happens **inside** of school.

Protecting your family and other Hanover families will depend upon the commitment of each and every one of us to follow best practices in fighting Covid-19. Our schools are disinfected and clean and our students and staff can remain safe if we are indeed all in this together. Despite the tremendous challenges presented and in spite of the difficult decision asked of our families as they registered their students, we are excited to start the 2020-2021 school year. We are committed to making this year a success. Sacrifices will be made by all to ensure the safety and success of every students.

Thank you,
Mary Tracy-MacAulay
Superintendent of Schools
Hanover Community School Corporation

Mask Updates

- 1. Pursuant to the directive that individual school districts in the State of Indiana put in place mask guidelines specific to their student populations, masks will be worn by all Hanover students (K-12), staff, vendors and visitors when entering the building.**
- 2. MASKS will be worn in all common areas, as well as the classroom as directed by teachers and staff.**
- 3. If six feet of distance can be maintained within the classroom, or, 3 feet of distance if all students are facing the same direction, the teacher may instruct students that they may remove their masks**
- 4. ALL students will be given short, intermittent 'mask breaks' throughout the day.**
- 5. Students may remove their masks to eat, once they are seated and prepared to begin their meal.**
- 6. Students may participate in recess or outdoor exercise breaks without their masks.**
- 7. Classroom teachers will determine procedures for mask storage during recess.**
- 8. No congregating of students without masks will be allowed at any time.**
- 9. If you, as a parent, prefer your student remain masked during recess and/or outdoor breaks, please communicate that to your student.**
- 10. Consequences for violating the Hanover mask guidelines will be enforced, up to and including continued participation in a traditional in person setting. Please contact your student(s) principal for specifics.**
- 11. ALL students riding Hanover buses will be required to be masked. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 12. Visitors to the schools are limited. If a parent/guardian needs to come to a building he/she must be masked.**

eLearning curriculum, procedures and expectations

1. Following the review of registration data we have determined the Edmentum products for students who have elected the eLearning option are: *Exact Path* (K-12), *Study Island* (K-12) and *Courseware* (6-12). A brief description of each product and their intended role in eLearning is as follows:

Exact Path will begin with an assessment to identify a student's strengths and weaknesses and establish a learning pathway based on their readiness level in reading, language arts and math.

Study Island will provide learning tools designed to help students reach grade level standards in Math, Reading, Social Studies and Science. Study Island will also offer assessments in each content area.

Courseware (Grades 6-12) offers students the ability to complete coursework through authentic participation in tutorials and accompanying activities and assessments.

2. The following Advanced Placement courses will be offered at the High School level and have been verified as College Board approved:
 - a. AP Biology
 - b. AP Chemistry
 - c. AP Psychology
 - d. AP English/Language Arts and Composition
 - E. AP Calculus

If you have specific questions about an Advanced Placement course for your student(s) please contact Principal Tami Kepshire at tkepshire@hanover.k12.in.us

3. Successful completion of classes required for an Honor's diploma will ensure your student(s) remain on a trajectory for his/her Honor's designation.
 - a. Students who are signed up for HS Honors/AP courses will still receive weighted grades.
 - b. Students in Honor's courses will be enrolled in Courseware and will have additional requirements.
4. All classes attended and completed through the Edmentum curriculum will receive full credit toward a student's Hanover grades.

eLearning curriculum, procedures and expectations(cont'd)

5. The traditional honor's classes offered to in-person learners will not apply to eLearners, however, students will be placed in the Edmentum *Exact Path* program. Although Exact Path does not have honor's courses, it will automatically put students on a learning path based on their academic levels in both Math and English/Language Arts.
6. Students will be directed to ask questions via email to a Hanover teacher or a Hanover facilitator.
7. Students' progress will be monitored by Hanover staff. If parents have questions or concerns regarding their student's progress they should email their student's assigned HCSC staff member.
8. Students are expected to attend eLearning classes during normal school hours to facilitate prompt responses to questions and to remain on track with eLearning content. Teachers will be available to answer questions during the school day. After hours questions may not be addressed until the following day
9. No changes may be made to the eLearning choice made prior to the end of the first nine week period. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Miscellaneous

1. All public events, with the exception of specialized orientations for incoming 5th graders, incoming freshmen, and new to district students at the High School and Middle School level are cancelled.
2. Homecoming remains on the school calendar for the moment, but may be cancelled. Parents and students will be notified of any changes.
3. Sponsors of individual extra-curricular clubs and groups who wish to meet, need to apply to their respective school principals for exemption from the current cancellation policy in place. Principals will forward the request to the Superintendent of Schools with their recommendation. The Superintendent will make the final decision on a case by case basis. The Superintendent's decision will be final. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. In-person students will have the ability to participate in limited and controlled athletic activities. All parents of in-person students should check the Hanover Athletic website and their email for continuing updates. The website can be located at: www.hanovercentralathletics.com.
5. No eLearners will participate in Hanover athletics or extracurricular activities. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. If parents notice their child is struggling with emotional/social issues they are encouraged to contact the Guidance Department at their student(s) school.
7. Advance notice of dates/times for eLearners to pick-up school issued chromebooks will be provided to parents via our email/all call notification system.