Highland County Public Schools

2020-2021

Proposed Opening Plan
Reasoning behind the plans

I am doing everything I can to look out for the best interest of the staff and students of Highland County Public Schools.

a. Looking at safety, then looking at education. Please know that I appreciate the emails you have sent and the comments that you gave. If during these slides I don’t address something, please ask.

b. Currently in Highland we only have 3 cases of Covid-19-19 and the last case was a month ago.

c. We have the ability to keep the majority of our classes 6 feet apart.

d. We will be requiring all students to wear a mask and he/she can only take the mask off under certain conditions.

e. The best education we can give is face-to-face.

f. If the students are here, we can also look after their social and emotional needs.
Highland County Schools is preparing to keep the staff and students as safe as we can.

Highland County Public Schools is preparing 4 plans:
1. Plan A is an in-school option (5 days a week)
2. Plan B is a virtual option (parental choice)
3. Plan C is the alternate plan in case the entire school must go totally virtual. Due to a state or federal shutdown. Not because of cases of Covid-19 in the school.
4. Plan D is also an alternate plan in case we are shut down due to an active case of Covid-19 in the school system (student or staff) or a guardian of a student tests positive for Covid-19.

Plan A and B work together.

Parents: We realize during these times that some of you many make the choice to keep your children home. That would mean the virtual option. If you do choose the virtual option, the school is here to support you.
Mitigation for all

1. All students PreK-12 will be required to wear a mask on the bus. (No Mask Means No ride on the bus)

2. All students PreK-12 will be required to wear a mask while attending school. They may remove the mask to eat, during PE if instructed to do so, in the classrooms if they are 6 feet apart and only when instructed to do so, and while outside if they are able to be 6 feet apart. (No Mask means that you have chosen Virtual School at home)

3. We will maintain 6 feet apart, as recommended by the CDC.

4. The students will be encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water.

5. The students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer.

6. The buses will be cleaned after every run.

7. Hand Sanitizer will be available on the buses.
8. Plan for daily health screening questions of staff and students. (Chart is later in presentation)

9. Highland County Public Schools will provide a screening tool to parents, students, and staff for a home health assessment prior to staff and students reporting to school. The division will utilize the county developed screening form as a guideline for the student and staff screening questions. Staff and students, or student’s parents where age appropriate, should assess themselves for symptoms of Covid-19 before reporting to school. Students will also be screened in their first period/homeroom or upon arrival to school. All visitors to either of the schools will be required to wear a face mask past the entrance doors.

10. If students are sent home from school with a temperature, they will be required to stay home for 72 hours after a fever has subsided without using fever-reducing medications.

11. Highland County Public Schools will be closed for 14 days, once a confirmed case is identified for either a student or staff member of the district. The schools will be closed, but education will continue through (virtual schooling). This is Plan D alternate plan. The alternate Plan C will only be used if the school is closed by the Governor.

12. If a parent/guardian of any student is identified positive with Covid-19, school will be closed for 14 days. Plan D will be used.

13. If anyone is exposed to Covid-19, we will be sending letters home to the parents. No names will be given.
Screening tool for Teachers and parents

Start Here

Have you had close contact with someone who has:
- Tested positive for COVID-19?
- Directed to quarantine, isolate, or self monitor?
- Resided with one of the above mentioned categories

[Diagram with decision points for temperature, cough, shortness of breath, etc.]

COVID Alert

If COVID-19 Alert refuse admission. Participant Name: ___________________________
Mitigation for the Elementary School

a. The classrooms will be cleaned periodically during the day.
b. The doorknobs, sinks, and bathrooms will be cleaned on a continuous rotation.
c. The floors in the classrooms will be cleaned every day.
d. The mats used in the classrooms will be cleaned every day.
e. The technology used will be cleaned every day.
f. Each student will have their own supplies, not to be shared.
g. The water fountains will be turned off. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle that they can fill in the classroom, or in the cafeteria.
h. Students will only be permitted in the bathroom one student at a time.
i. Elementary - students will stay at their location and will not change classes/desks. Desk will be cleaned daily after use.
j. The office will be locked to all staff and students. The office personnel will let you in if there is a specific purpose.
Mitigation for the High School

a. The classrooms will be cleaned periodically during the day.
b. The doorknobs, sinks, and bathrooms will be cleaned on a continuous rotation.
c. The floors in the classrooms will be cleaned every day.
d. The technology used will be cleaned every day.
e. The students will not be issued lockers.
f. The water fountains will be turned off. Students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottle that they can fill in the classroom, or in the cafeteria.
g. Students will only be permitted in the bathroom one student at a time.
h. There will be no snack cart or break time
i. Secondary - students will transfer classes. Desk will be sanitized between classes as students’ transition.
j. The office will be locked to all staff and students. The office personnel will let you in if there is a specific purpose.
a. All classes except PreK will be eating in the cafeteria.
b. There will be 5 lunches this year. This will help us limit the number of students in the cafeteria.
c. Students will be 6 feet apart in line, and while seated in the cafeteria.
d. The students will be allowed to remove their masks to eat, however if they are moving in the cafeteria they will need to put their mask back on.
e. The students will be issued a badge with their picture and school number on it. They will scan their card for lunch. They will no longer need to punch the buttons.
f. The only item the student may get themselves in the lunch line is a napkin. All other items will be placed on their tray by the kitchen staff.
g. If students bring their lunch from home, trays will be available for the students to use.
h. Students will only be allowed to sit at the designated spots.
i. Cafeteria tables will be cleaned after each lunch shift.
j. Kitchen serving lines will be cleaned after each lunch shift.
Bus

a. All students PreK-12 will be required to wear a mask on the bus. (No Mask - means No riding on the bus)

b. Only one student per seat is allowed, siblings may sit together.

c. You will have to ride home on the same bus you ride in on. There will be no bus notes or phone calls to change the bus. If your student needs to go somewhere besides home after school, the parent will need to plan for transportation.
In-School Option

Plan A

1. Students will come to school five (5) days a week.

2. The class schedules may change a little bit but will remain the same as much as possible.

3. During school it is part of our job as educators to teach the students about respect and to think about others. Wearing a mask teaches the students to respect others by wearing a mask, and shows concern about others, not just yourself.
1. Class will be in the modular building.

2. Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom.

3. The blacktop will be blocked off for safety.

4. In the morning, the students will be dropped off at the modular.

5. The students will have their own supplies.

6. The students will be 6 feet apart.

7. Students may remove their masks if directed to do so.
Kindergarten

1. The class will be split between two rooms.
   a. The teacher in one room, the aide in the other.
   b. The lesson will be televised live into the room with the aide.
   c. The teacher will be in both classrooms throughout the day, so the students will have live contact with the teacher.

2. The student’s desks will be 6 feet apart.

3. Music and Art class will come to the room.

4. The students will have their own supplies.

5. Students may remove their masks if directed to do so.

6. The teachers will be encouraged to take the students outside between classes.
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Second Grade

1. The class will be split between two rooms.
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   b. The lesson will be televised live into the room with the aide.
   c. The teacher will be in both classrooms throughout the day, so the students will have live contact with the teacher.

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3. Music and Art class will come to the room.

4. The students will have their own supplies.

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Third Grade

1. The class will be split between two rooms.
   a. The teacher in one room, the aide in the other.
   b. The lesson will be televised live into the room with the aide.
   c. The teacher will be in both classrooms throughout the day, so the students will have live contact with the teacher.

2. The student’s desks will be 6 feet apart.

3. Music and Art will come to the room.

4. The students will have their own supplies.

5. The teachers will be encouraged to take the students outside between classes
Fourth Grade

1. The class will be split between two rooms.
   a. The teacher in one room, the aide in the other.
   b. The lesson will be televised live into the room with the aide.
   c. The teacher will be in both classrooms throughout the day, so the students will have live contact with the teacher.

2. The student’s desks will be 6 feet apart.

3. Music and Art will come to the room.

4. Fourth and fifth grade teachers, not the students, will switch rooms for science and social studies.

5. The students will have their own supplies.

6. The teachers will be encouraged to take the students outside between classes.
Fifth Grade

1. The class will be split between two rooms.
   a. The teacher in one room, the aide in the other.
   b. The lesson will be televised live into the room with the aide.
   c. The teacher will be in both classrooms throughout the day, so the students will have live contact with the teacher.

2. The student’s desks will be 6 feet apart.

3. Music and Art will come to the room.

4. Fourth and fifth grade teachers, not the teachers, will switch rooms for science and social studies.

5. The students will have their own supplies.

6. The teachers will be encouraged to take the students outside between classes.
1. The students will be issued a Chromebook at the beginning of each day and plugged in to be charged at the end of the day. We are still working on the procedure.
2. If the students use a book in class, we will make sure it is the same book everyday. And the book cover will need to be wiped down every day.
3. The student’s will be seated 6 feet apart.
4. The students will only use their own supplies.
5. The teachers will be encouraged to take the students outside for class whenever possible.
6. There will be no break time or snack cart.
7. Students will change classes in the movement pattern established.
8. There will be no lockers.
9. Students may only remove their masks when directed to do so by the teacher, and they are 6 feet apart.
10. The desks will need to be wiped at the end of the period. Students may be taught how to wipe their desks as they leave.
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6. There will be no lockers.
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8. The desks will need to be wiped at the end of the period. Students may be taught how to wipe their desks as they leave.
Middle and High School Class Exchange

Class Exchanges/Hallway

All students will be required to wear a mask during class exchanges. Students will walk (single file) in a circular pattern (one-way direction) to go to each class. Students will follow the signs and move in a counterclockwise pattern while staying on the right side of the hallway. Students will not be permitted to cross the hallway or walk in the middle of the hallway except at the designated locations. The circular pattern will continue on each half (east/west) of the hallway and students must keep safe distancing and single file until they arrive in their next class. Students will not be permitted to stop/loiter in the hallway and are required to move quickly and efficiently to their next class. Students will not be assigned lockers and will not be permitted to use the restroom during class exchanges. Staff will monitor the hallway to keep students in an organized and safe transition between classrooms.

See next slide for diagram
To move from west loop to east loop

To move from east loop to west loop

East Loop

Classrooms 12, 14, 16

Library

West Loop

Classrooms 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Main Office

Counseling Office

Classrooms Lab, 1, 3, 5, 7

Restrooms

SHOP

HHS GYM
Virtual Plan

Plan B Parental Choice

Virtual (at home)

1. Schooling will be done at home.
2. If this option is chosen, the school is here to support you, however you will not have access to planned google meets as in the spring. The contact time will be an established time during the day. For 6-12 it will be during the teachers planning period. For prek-5 it will be an established time during the day.
3. All work is graded.
4. Attendance is taken.
5. Communication
   1. Elementary - You still have communication with a teacher that has been assigned the virtual students. During designated hours.
   2. High School – You still have communication with a teacher that the student would have had for class, during designated times.
6. We can supply the necessary books, if you choose.
Plan B Continued

7. Students will still have access to google classroom.
8. Students will have access to pre and post testing.
9. The students will have access to Moby Max and IXL.
10. The students will have access to Accelerated Reader.
11. If your student needs to come in for a specific reason, arrangements can be made.
    1. (i.e., testing, advanced lab)
12. We may be able to send food home for breakfast and lunch; we are still working on this.
13. You will need to commit to virtual learning for a semester at a time. If you start in school and then select virtual you are committed to that option for the semester.
14. We will be using Virtual Virginia as our educational platform. The classes will be taught by our teachers.
Virtual Plan
Plan C
School selects Virtual or directed to do so by the Governor

Virtual (at home)

1. Schooling will be done at home.
2. All work is graded.
3. Attendance is taken.
4. Communication
   1. (PreK-5) Elementary– If you have already been doing virtual you still have communication with a teacher that has been assigned to the class. During designated hours. If you have been in-school your contact will be your classroom teacher.
   2. If you had been doing Virtual (parent option).
   3. (6-12) Middle school/High School)- Your contact teacher will the classroom teacher.
5. We can supply the necessary books, if you choose.
6. Students will still have access to google classroom.
7. Students will have access to pre and post testing.
8. The students will have access to Moby Max and IXL.
9. The students will have access to Accelerated Reader.
10. Students with IEP’s or students that need extra help, parents may make arrangements with the classroom teacher to come in for extra help. This is to be scheduled. This applies to all students.
11. Students that do not have internet connection may also make arrangements to come to school to use the school’s access.
12. For this option all Middle and High School teachers will report to school everyday. They will do virtual from the school.
13. For this option Elementary teachers will report to school. Then be given time in the evening for student contact. (example teachers report 11-3, and contact time at home or at school 4-7)
Virtual Plan
Plan D

If a student, staff or a family/guardian of a student test positive for Covid-19

Virtual (at home)

1. Schooling will be done at home.
2. All work is graded.
3. Attendance is taken.
4. Communication
   1. (PreK-5) Elementary– If you have already been doing virtual you still have communication with a teacher that has been assigned to the class. During designated hours. If you have been in-school your contact will be your classroom teacher.
   2. (6-12) Middle school/High School)- Your contact teacher will be your classroom teacher.
5. We can supply the necessary books, if you choose.
6. Students will still have access to google classroom.
7. Students will have access to pre and post testing.
8. The students will have access to Moby Max and IXL.
9. The students will have access to Accelerated Reader.
10. For this option all Middle and High School teachers will be working from home. They will do virtual from home during established hours.
11. For this option Elementary teachers will be working from home. They will do virtual from home during established hours.
1. In the classrooms there will be no rugs, no stuffed animals, no bean bags, no couches, no chairs.

2. Starting on September 8th will be the recommendation from the administration.

3. With moving the date to September 8th and adjusting the calendar, our ending date will be the same as planned. June 9, 2021. This year only, we can use the virtual programs for time for weather conditions. Hopefully, this will be the case in future years.