

REOPENING QUESTIONS

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HASD is planning to allow all students to return for in-person instruction on August 25, 2020. Below are some FAQs about the reopening of our school buildings. Please check hasd.us for more information and links to Family Forum Meetings.

1. WHAT IF OUR FAMILY IS NOT COMFORTABLE SENDING OUR CHILD BACK TO SCHOOL?

There will be two options available to our families:

- **In-Person Instruction:** Students can attend school in person following the physical distancing and protective equipment guidelines.
- **Enhanced Remote Instruction:** Students can attend remotely in a program that keeps students enrolled in HASD and connected to their teachers & peers. More information on remote instruction will be available to families.

2. WHAT DISTANCING STRATEGIES AND FACE COVERINGS WILL BE USED TO PROTECT STUDENTS AND STAFF?

- Following recommendations and mandates, face coverings will be required when not able to maintain 3-6 feet distance between students and staff. This includes activities such as moving in hallways, in the lunch line, and on district transportation.
- Students will not be required to wear face coverings when physical distancing can be maintained. HASD is working to set up learning spaces and eating spaces for physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- Staff will also wear face coverings when not able to maintain physical distancing.
- Students and staff will have the option to wear face coverings at other times if they desire to do so.

**HASD plans are subject to change based on mandates from the PA General Assembly, the Governor, the PA Department of Health, and PDE.*

3. WHAT WILL THINGS LIKE PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECESS, GROUP, ETC. WORK LOOK LIKE?

- HASD will allow these activities as long as physical distancing can occur and may require face coverings if distancing cannot be maintained.
- Efforts will be made to minimize the sharing of materials, equipment, and supplies.
- Materials and equipment will be cleaned between uses.

4. HOW WILL HASD CLEAN AND DISINFECT FACILITIES?

- Additional supplies and equipment will enhance our staff's ability to clean and disinfect areas throughout the day and in the evenings.
- Staff will disinfect common areas and shared objects during the day and in the evening.
- More information on cleaning strategies, cleaning products, will be available to families.

5. WHAT WILL THE PROCEDURES BE FOR TRANSPORTATION?

- District transportation will be cleaned before and after routes.
- Face coverings and assigned seating will be required on bus routes.
- Families are encouraged to transport their students to school.
- The distribution of bus assignments will be delayed this summer.

6. HOW CAN WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HASD PLANS FOR 2020-2021?

- Detailed District Level and Building Level Plans Drafts will be posted on hasd.us
- Look for e-mails with links for Zoom meetings throughout the summer.
- E-mail or call your student's principal or Dr. Hatfield.
- Look for surveys asking families about opting for HASD Remote Learning, transportation, etc.



Our preference is that all students receive in-person, live instruction. We are certain that our flexible remote learning (online) offerings will provide a program that is superior to cyber charter schools in every way while maintaining the financial viability of our District.

It is important to remember that every enrollment in cyber charter schools takes between \$11,000 and \$19,000 away from HASD and adds to the [profits of a private charter school](#).