



HOOKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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# Return to Learn Plan

-----2021-2022-----

## FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

The well-being of our students and staff is a top priority. The plans we have in place are subject to change depending on the severity of any form of community spread of COVID-19, or directives from the Governor's Office or State Department of Education. Any changes made to our Return to Learn Plan or current school calendar will be communicated to you. The Hooker School District plans to begin the 2021-2022 school year as regularly scheduled on August 12th. Changes to the calendar may also be made by the Board of Education at any time during the school year. As we navigate through this situation that impacts our community, we are very appreciative of your flexibility, patience, and support.

## **Traditional Learning**

We will begin the school year with in-class learning and proceed with this model unless required to change to a remote option by a directive from the Governor's office or the SDE.

- In person instruction at school
- Traditional academic school day
- Google Classroom management tool

## **Safety Precautions**

1. Parents/Guardians are expected to self-monitor and do daily health checks on their child/children every day before taking them to school.
  - a. Any student who is ill or temperature of 100 degrees or higher should not be sent to a school facility.
2. Drinking water fountains will not be accessible.
  - a. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school. Personal water bottles are expected to be transparent and clear.
  - b. Water bottle filling stations will be available.
3. Regular and proper hand washing will take place. Hand sanitizer will be readily available in classrooms and other school rooms.
4. Facilities will be routinely disinfected. To increase ventilation and fresh air, as feasible, windows will be opened and time will be spent outside.
5. Masks or facial coverings are not required and will not be provided by the school. Staff and students may wear masks or face coverings at their discretion.
6. If a student is showing possible Covid-19 symptoms while at school, the office will follow these guidelines:
  - Immediately isolate the student and call parent/guardian to come pick the student up as quickly as possible
  - Student will not be allowed to return to school until the student has medical documentation stating that he/she can return to school
7. To the extent possible, physical distancing and having cohorts of students will be maintained.
8. The school will work in conjunction with the Texas County Health Department to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 through diagnostic and screening testing, contact tracing, quarantining, and isolating students and staff as necessary. Guidance and recommendations from the State Departments of Health and Education will also be followed when practicable to current local conditions.
9. Vaccination will not be required for attendance nor employment at school. Students and staff desiring to get vaccinated may certainly do so. Assistance locating vaccination locations will be provided as needed.

## **Maintenance of Academic Work**

Students missing school due to COVID-19 illness or campus closures are still responsible for submitting assignments by the due date in accordance with the makeup work policy. Not submitting assignments can result in loss of credit for class and possibly not graduating, not

being promoted, and/or summer school/credit recovery. Students with disabilities will be accommodated to allow for an accessible education and appropriate learning opportunities.

### **Continuity of Services**

If the school district has to pivot to online learning in totality, every effort will be made to provide meal service, social-emotional support, and mental health assistance to all students in need.

### **School Setting & Review of Plan**

In order to serve our students and provide a proper education, the safest and most productive setting for this to occur is in our classrooms and in our facilities. These guidelines and safety precautions are in place in an attempt to keep the school day running as normally as possible. We will handle each specific situation in the most efficient manner to be safe and still maintain a successful educational environment. This plan will be reviewed at six month intervals through September 30, 2023.