



NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL REOPENING

Guidance for Students, Staff, and Families

Welcome to NHS,
Home of the Bears!



For tonight's Town Hall:

- Face Masks
- Arrivals and Dismissals
- Bus transportation
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- Social Distancing
- Breakfast and Lunch
- Cleaning Protocols
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How will school be different?

How are we keeping NHS safe?

What are parent and student responsibilities?

School Reopening Guidance

Face Masks



- All students will wear face masks. When students arrive to take the bus, they must have on a mask.
- When a student arrives at the screening desk, he/she must have on a mask; if a student doesn't have one, a mask will be provided.
- All staff will wear masks at all times including custodians, office staff, cafeteria workers, paraprofessionals, and security guards.
- Is there a mask exemption? Only as documented by a medical provider.

Arrivals and Dismissals



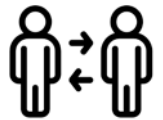
- Buses will enter and exit the bus lane on Strawberry Hill.
- Security will ensure that students exit buses in the order of bus arrival (e.g., Every three buses).
- NHS bus riders will enter the building through the 1st floor E House lower entrance and through the 2nd floor E House entrance.
- NHS parents will drop off students at the front of NHS.
- NHS student drivers will enter NHS through the S wing doors.
- A screener table will be located at each entrance.
- Screening will take place by hard copy or on an app.
- In the event a student fails the screener, the student will be sent to the nurse.
- Students will proceed from the screener table to their 1st period class, to the mobile food station to retrieve breakfast, or to several waiting rooms. Students opting for breakfast will eat at the multiple dining tables located in the House of their 1st class.

- Student dismissal will be announced over the intercom beginning at 2:45. Dismissal will start with walkers and then by bus arrival.
- Students exit the building through the door nearest their classrooms.

Bus Transportation

- Students will arrive on the buses to which they've been assigned.
- 80% of a bus can be full.
- Students must wear their face masks when waiting for and when on the bus.

Social Distancing



- The school and the classrooms are operating at 50% capacity/density.
- There will be no more than 14 students in a typical room.
- Hallways are one-directional.
- Stairwells are one-directional.
- Signage on the floor and at eye-level state directions.



- No lockers will be used this year.
- Transitions between periods will be announced over the intercom so that only certain sections of the building are in the hallway at any time.
- Parents, families, and other visitors will not be permitted in the building.
- Mr. Hodel, the facilities director, will provide a comprehensive sanitizing checklist for bathrooms using a CDD-approved disinfectant.

Restrooms

Every other stall

Every other sink

No urinals

No water fountains

Breakfast and Lunch



- There will be mobile food stations in four places in the building.
- Several dining tables will be set up in areas of each House.
- Students who are completely remote will access food at specific sites.
- There will be three (3) lunch waves.
- Each student is assigned to a lunch wave by class/House.
- The cafeteria will not be used for dining.
- Students will retrieve pre-packaged, sealed meals from food stations and then proceed to multiple dining areas: the outdoors areas immediately outside of the cafeteria and at tables on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors. For example, if a student's classroom during lunchtime is A House, he/she may choose to eat in the dining areas designated in A House only.

Restroom Use

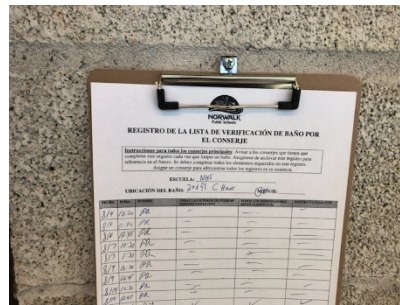
- Students may only use the restrooms on the floor of their respective classrooms.
- All restrooms will remain open at all times.

- Students will sign in to each restroom on the sheet (on a clipboard) on the wall next to each restroom, using his/her own pencil/pen.
- Staff will be assigned hallway duty outside of restrooms.
- Students will enter and exit classes (during class) by disposable paper pass.

Cleaning Protocols



- Custodians will conduct deep cleaning and sanitizing of each room once per day and each restroom at least twice per day.
- Custodians will sanitize high touch points several times a day.



- Each room has sanitizer on the wall.
- There is a UV HEPA filter in every classroom.



Health Monitoring



- All students must have a current physical on file. If not, students cannot participate in remote or hybrid learning.
- There is an isolation room at NHS with full PPE gear with partitions for students who express COVID-19 symptoms during the school day.
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UfQ9pccsCGIJvBNn5790KoMBTG7h7BWB/view>
- Students and staff are asked to stay home if they exhibit certain conditions.
- Families should contact the nurse or principal in the event of a COVID-19 positive occurrence.
- The school nurse will contact the district nursing supervisor who will then contact the Health Dept. with information regarding a documented COVID-19-positive occurrence.
- During a period of minimal community spread of COVID-19, if there is a positive case within a school, staff and students may be dismissed for two days to allow time for the officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school and for custodial staff to clean and disinfect the affected facility.
- The Superintendent will make the decision to close in consultation with the Medical Advisor and Director of Health.
- This determination will be on a case-by-case basis.
- Contact tracing

Devices



- All students will receive new laptops this week.

August 18 (Seniors)	A – L (9 – 11 am)	M –Z (11 am -2)
August 19 (Juniors)	A – L (9 – 11 am)	M –Z (11 am -2)
Aug. 20 (Sophomores)	A – L (9 – 11 am)	M –Z (11 am -2)

August 21 (Freshmen)	A – L (9 – 11 am)	M – Z (11 am -2)
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- All teachers will receive new laptops.
- The district has a plan to ensure all families have WiFi connectivity.
- We will not collect phones.

Sports



- Fall athletic program is proceeding cautiously with guidance from the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC), the governing body for high school athletics in CT.
- Ongoing discussions regarding participation, schedules, facilities, spectators, sanitization, and hygiene.
- Mr. Marchetti, our AD, has been updating fall athletes and families.
- Individual team coaches have also been in contact.

Hybrid and Remote Schedules

- AABB: There are two (2) hybrid cohorts/groups: Cohort 1 (A) and Cohort 2 (B).
- Each hybrid cohort will be in the building for two (2) consecutive days followed by two (2) consecutive days at home (remote). Repeat.
- Some parents opted for a remote/online-only experience for their children.
- Cohorts were assigned by alphabet, ensuring that no more than 14 students are in any classroom.
- May I switch between a hybrid model and a remote model? Yes.
- May I choose a different cohort? No.

- How will remote learners tune in? Via new laptop
- Daily schedule: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Staggered Entry 8:15 – 8:30	Staggered Entry 8:15 – 8:30	Staggered Entry 8:15 – 8:30	Staggered Entry 8:15 – 8:30	Staggered Entry 8:15 – 8:30
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