



Hampshire County Schools | Update #4

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Welcome Back!

I, Patty Lipps, and the curriculum department is excited for school to be back in session. From the time I was a little girl, one of my favorite days during the school year was my first day back to school. I can remember the excitement of trying on my new "first day of school outfit" with joy and relief that I would soon be with my friends again. That joy and excitement continued when I was a teacher and principal and I continued to buy a new "back to school outfit"! Whether you have decided to have your child return in person for school or have your child remain at home and receive virtual schooling, we are delighted to educate your child. I realize that this year will be more challenging, but hopefully rewarding as well. We will strive to make this year a great school year! Teachers have been working hard to plan for instruction and I think you will be pleasantly surprised at how well the school year will progress.

First Week of School:

Hampshire County Schools will return on a staggered schedule. This will allow smaller groups to enter the buildings in order to teach new procedures, movement patterns for students, busing, etc. Technology devices will also be assigned to students on these days to prepare for a remote learning event.

	September 8	September 9	September 10	September 11
Elementary	2 nd and 5 th grades	1 st grade and 4 th grades	Kindergarten and 3 rd grade	All Students
Middle School	8 th grade	7 th grade	6 th grade	All Students
High School	12 th grade	10 th and 11 th grades	9 th grade	All Students

Pre-K students will be transitioned into school Sept 14th and 15th with schedule to be announced.

Please visit <http://boe.hamp.k12.wv.us/> for full details



Hampshire County Schools is not offering a hybrid model at this time for students. It is either students attend 5 days per week or enroll in virtual school.

Transitions to School:

-Each school will have staggered grade level transition dates during the first week of school to transition students into school for Covid-19 guidelines, rules, procedure and protocols.

-Pre-K and kindergarten teachers are calling families to schedule transition meetings for those students before school starts.

-Pre-K will start one week after school starts and children will attend either September 14th or 15th and then 4 days per week. There is no Pre-K on Friday.

-Parents will not be allowed to take Pre-K or kindergarten children to their classrooms on the first day of school. A teacher will be there to meet children whether they ride the bus or are parent drop off.



In Person:

Elementary – students remain with their classroom core group during the day. They will be able to continue to go to lunch and recess and may be able to go outside or to the gym for PE. At this time, most classes at elementary level have less than 20 students in a classroom and many are at less than 15 students. As much as possible social distancing will be maintained within classrooms and hallways. Extra cleaning and sanitation is being provided.

Middle - students will remain with a core group for their core classes (English, math, social studies and science), but will be able to travel to their related arts classes. As much as possible social distancing will be maintained within classrooms and hallways. Extra cleaning and sanitation is being provided.

High - a block schedule has been implemented so students will only have to transition to 4 classes per day (each class will be 90 minutes long). There will also be 4 lunch shifts. As much as possible, social distancing will be maintained within classrooms and hallways. Extra cleaning and sanitation is being provided.

Virtual Facts:

-Each school in the county scheduled a Virtual School Registration date for parents/students who plan on virtual school. If you missed this date for your school, please contact school principal. Paperwork is being completed and devices/schedules distributed.

-Students will be assigned a Hampshire County Schools classroom teacher at the elementary level. For middle and high school, they will be assigned a Hampshire County Schools teacher for all subjects they are scheduled for.

-Students at all grade levels are eligible for virtual instruction. For Pre-K it will be a Distance Family Engagement model. Pre-K teachers have made contact with families.

-Students will not receive live instruction and will not have a specific time frame during the day when classes are held. Teachers will post instruction and assignments to a student online learning management platform and will determine assignment due dates. Virtual school students will be completing instruction online and will not have paper/pencil packets.



-The virtual school curriculum and assignments will be the same/similar to the in person schooling, but the method of instruction will be different.

-Teachers may not be available throughout the day to assist virtual school students, but will be able to answer questions asked on the online management platform.

-The technology department is working on a tutorial for parents to learn these platforms (Schoology and/or Seesaw).

-If one chooses virtual school, the student may return to school in person during the first two weeks of school, but then the student will need to remain in virtual school for a 9 week grading period unless the student is failing or not completing work, then a conference will be held.

-Virtual school students will be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities such as sports and band.