

Horizon Science Academy-Dayton HS



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan

2021-2022

ACADEMICS:

The Horizon Science Academy-Dayton High School will return to school on the traditional schedule. No waiver on instructional minutes will be given this year. Therefore, all schools will meet a full day (no less than 330 instructional minutes). Distance/Virtual Learning will also be available for students on an as need basis. All students will be required to participate in all mandated state assessments and districtwide end of quarter assessments on the HSADHS campus.

In the event that the school has to close due to an outbreak (as determined by the CDC and/or Ohio Department of Health), the HSADHS has a plan in place to engage all students via Virtual and/or Hybrid instructional delivery plans that include the distribution of Chromebooks to every student and a hotspot if available. The progress of all students will be monitored by classroom teachers during the closure based on student engagement and assignment completion. Daily attendance will be maintained in the Concept SIS and monitored by time engaged in virtual or hybrid classes.

Teachers will maintain communication with students and parents via tools that include live virtual lessons, email, Concept SIS communication, and School Messenger Communications.

The HSADHS will follow all approved grading scales, enrollment procedures, attendance procedures, graduation requirements, and promotion/retention policies in place that are consistent with ODE requirements for all students regardless of traditional or distance learning status.

Distance/Virtual Learning Requirements:

Distance/Virtual Learning will be permitted by the school on an as need basis. Once a student has elected to utilize remote learning they will be required to remain on remote learning until the end of the quarter, at which time they may elect to return to a hybrid or traditional schedule. All decisions regarding returning to traditional setting will be at the discretion of the local school principal. Decisions regarding approval and denial of all applications are also at the discretion of the local school principal.

1. Students participating in Distance/Virtual Learning are required to have a learning device (Chromebook, computer, tablet, etc.) and reliable internet connection or access to a hotspot.
2. Students will still be required to take state tests on the campus at HSADHS.
3. Distance/Virtual Learning students must complete at least 330 minutes of instructional activity everyday as prescribed by the lesson plan. Grades will be taken for assignments.

Incomplete assignments or assignments not attempted will be assigned a zero.

Assignments will be the same as students who are in traditional setting.

4. The use of Zoom, Google Classroom, etc., will be used by teachers to meet virtually with students on a daily basis while distance/virtual learning is being used.
5. Students who do not engage in the prescribed daily assignments and meetings will be counted absent for that day and are subject to referral to the truancy officer.
6. Students must wear uniforms any time that are scheduled to be on campus.
7. Distance/Virtual Learning students who have failing averages at the end of the academic school year will be subject to retention as per our district policy and procedure.

Hybrid Learning Requirements:

Hybrid Learning will be utilized by the school on an as need basis should the ability to run a traditional schedule be affected. Once a student has elected to utilize hybrid learning they will be required to remain on hybrid learning until the end of the quarter, at which time they may elect to return to a remote or traditional schedule. All decisions regarding returning to traditional setting will be at the discretion of the local school principal. Decisions regarding approval and denial of all applications are also at the discretion of the local school principal. Please see attached link to the HSADHS Hybrid Learning Plan.

[HSA-Dayton HS COVID-19 Plan](#)

OPERATIONS:

Students will arrive and dismiss as determined by local school bell schedules. Students will be permitted to enter the building starting at 7:45 am, and dismissal will begin at 2:30 pm each day. There will be separate entrance/dismissal locations for students based on their grade level. Parents and students will be encouraged to administer health checks such as temperature checks prior to arriving on campus.

HSADHS plans to run a normal bus schedule for this year. Students in grades 6-8 will be able to utilize busing that will be provided for them by DPS. Students in grades 9-12 will be provided with bus passes monthly in order to utilize the RTA public busing system in and around the HSADHS campus. The buses will promote social distancing as much as possible. Seating charts may be developed and maintained for students in grades 6-8 as part of the DPS busing. The students and bus drivers may be required to wear proper face coverings as per current CDC and/or ODH guidelines. Buses will arrive on campuses and unload in an orderly fashion as to

promote social distancing as students enter campus. Bus drivers will be properly trained in COVID safety measures. Parents are encouraged to provide transportation to school if possible.

Students will participate in a traditional breakfast and lunch program. Students at HSADHS will be provided breakfast in different locations based on grade level, and will be served lunch during scheduled times in the cafeteria. Social Distancing will be adhered to while students are eating breakfast and lunch, and face masks must be worn at all times unless the student is eating. In the case of a COVID-19 outbreak, students may be required to revert to grab and go breakfast and lunch program. In this case students would be required to eat their breakfast in their homeroom classes, while eating their lunch in their 5th period classes.

Students will be assigned a locker for this school year. Students will receive a lock and combination. It will be the responsibility of the student to make sure that the locker remains locked at all times, unless being accessed by the student assigned to that locker. The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged items from a locker that has not utilized the lock and combination correctly. The student will also be responsible for the cleanliness of the locker, and must return the lock and combination at the end of the school year. If the lock is not returned the students will have a \$10 fee added to their school account, and all school files, reports cards and transcripts will be held until that fee is paid.

The start date for students for the 2021-2022 school year is August 12, 2021. The end date for the 2021-2022 school year is May 27, 2022

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Horizon Science Academy-Dayton High School will communicate with families through the following tools for the 2021-2022 school year.

- School Messenger Automation Messaging System
- The Horizon Science Academy-Dayton HS Website: www.horizondayton.org
- The Horizon Science Academy-Dayton HS Facebook: <http://m.facebook.com/hsadaytonhighschool/>
- All local news media outlets (Radio, Newspapers, TV Stations & Government Agencies)
- Email

All current health and safety guidelines as prescribed by CDC and Ohio Department of Health will be communicated with parents via our regular communication tools. Our policies, protocol, and procedures regarding student illness (including COVID-19) are posted on our website and/or in our student handbooks. All policies, procedures, and protocol will be strictly adhered to.

School nurses, school administrators, school counselors, and/or other appropriate HSADHS staff will communicate with parents as needed in regards to health concerns of students.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

The Horizon Science Academy-Dayton High School has taken steps to prepare for the health, wellness, and safety for students and staff for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. These guidelines are part of an ever-changing document and will be updated with new information as it becomes available. Please see the information below for a set of general guidelines and expectations. Decisions will be made in coordination with local and state guidelines as they are released. The HSADHS Admin team will serve as the coordinators for health and safety measures.

Arrival

- Staff, parents, and students will be encouraged to perform health checks including temperature checks before arriving on campus.
- Students will use hand sanitizer or hand washing upon arrival into classrooms.
- Common areas will be restricted where feasible.

Dismissal

- No in-person parent pickup to avoid parent gatherings in school lobby or in front of school.
- HSADHS will set protocols for dismissal on their campus. These protocols will emphasize social distancing.

Cafeteria-Breakfast and Lunch

- Cafeteria protocols will be based upon school population and cafeteria size.
- Hand washing/hand sanitizer will be available before and after lunch.
- Cafeterias will be appropriately disinfected after each use.

Classrooms

- Multiple social distancing strategies will be implemented based on feasibility of the unique space and needs of each school.
- Students will be encouraged to maintain distance from each other in the school and taught appropriate hygiene/COVID practices as guided by CDC and ODH.
- Personal water bottles will be encouraged.
- Frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing will be encouraged.
- Appropriate measures will be taken for cleaning Chromebooks/other technology devices.
- Staff will observe students for illness prior to starting class and refer students to nurse as needed.
- HSADHS teachers and staff will clean/disinfect at appropriate times.

Cleaning / Hygiene

- Cleaning will target cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched hard, nonporous surfaces, such as counters, tabletops, stair rails, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, drinking fountains, and any other surfaces that are visibly necessary.

Hallways

- Hallway traffic may be limited by schedule and students will be monitored while walking in hallways.
- Movement throughout buildings will be limited or reduced / one -way traffic where feasible.
- Hand washing/hand sanitizer will be available.

Health Services

- School personnel will provide COVID safety training/materials to faculty and staff.
- School personnel will provide education to staff and students regarding health and safety protocols as they relate to prevention of communicable disease.
- Students or staff demonstrating symptoms will be referred to health care professional.
- Prior to returning to school, the school nurse will be consulted or documentation from health care provider must be provided.

- Exclusion procedures will follow best practices. Students and/or staff exhibiting COVID symptoms will be required to wear a provided mask.
- Students/adults who are symptomatic will be issued a mask to wear until they are picked up by a parent or leave the building.

PPE

- Masks will be required at all times unless noted differently by school.
- Use of personal mask will be allowed for students and staff as long as they are school appropriate, and meet the recommendation of the CDC and ODH.
- Disposable masks will be available to students if they forget their personal masks at home.

Other General Items

- Additional guidance will be forthcoming as public health data, safety precautions, and guidance evolves.
- Field Trips will be considered on a case by case basis and will be limited.
- Confirmed COVID case (student/staff) --CDC Guidance or ODH guidance will be followed. As the school year advances, procedures within the HSADHS are subject to change in accordance with state regulations and CDC guidelines as it relates to positive COVID cases.
- Social and emotional health services will be available for students and staff.

Visitors/Volunteers

- Non-essential visitors will be limited.
- Lunch guests or volunteers will be limited if and when allowed.
- Visitors are encouraged to call the school before entering the building.
- Proper face coverings may be required as per current CDC and/or ODH guidelines.

TECHNOLOGY:

All students will have access to a Chromebook or other device should the school be forced to return to a distance learning environment. Occasionally the school will reach out to the student and parents to complete online surveys. The data gathered from these surveys and parent communications will be considered when planning instructional programming and supports for the HSADHS students and staff.