

Hooksett School District



Reopening Plan

2023 - 2024

Revised August, 2023

As we look to the 2023-2024 school year, we continue our commitment to a safe and meaningful opening of school that aligns with CDC, state and local health guidelines and recommendations. **The Underhill, Memorial and Cawley schools will open for full-time in-person learning for all students on September 5, 2023.** We recognize that in-person learning is the best way to provide services to our students to meet their educational needs as well as for staff and student mental health needs. This document outlines our plan for full in-person learning for the 2023-2024 school year.

This opening plan was developed in part to satisfy federal COVID related grant requirements, and also to communicate with the Hooksett School community the expectations for the coming school year. The plan will be reviewed by the School Board every six months to ensure we are continuing to deliver the best practices/services for our school community.

The plan was developed from input by the SAU staff, school administration, teachers, school board and parents. The plan was revised in August, 2023 and is posted on the district website with an optional survey for comments and suggestions. The survey is open to anyone in our community to take. Our website and school board meetings are open to the public as well.

When planning the best use of the ESSER II / III funds, the Hooksett School Board reviewed the proposal by the SAU in a public meeting in which the community was welcome to attend. Everyone in attendance was welcome to speak to the spending in public comment. The needs identified for ESSER funds include facility needs such as air quality, HVAC upgrades, and additional cleaning /disinfecting supplies and personnel; personnel, materials and professional development to identify and fill learning gaps; contracted intervention services; and supports for student and staff mental health.

Our top priority is the safety of everyone in our school buildings. We will continue to collaborate with the NH Department of Health and Human Services as needed. We have found that some of our new procedures have served us well, and we will keep some of them in place as they have assisted us in becoming more efficient, focused and safe.

Screenings

Families and staff will not be asked to report daily screenings; however, both students and staff will be asked to stay home if they have COVID-19 symptoms. It is the responsibility of the family to ensure that students are well when they come to school. Staff and students who have symptoms should also contact their primary care physician for further instructions.

Parents/Visitors/Volunteers

Visitors will be allowed into the Hooksett schools following protocols; all visitors must sign in upon entering.

Lunches

Lunches will be served in the cafeteria as long as appropriate spacing can be maintained.

Physical Activity

Recess is scheduled for students in grades K-5. Our physical education classes will take place in the gymnasium or outside as appropriate. Extracurricular activities will continue in full, and we will look to Tri-County Athletics for any guidance in sport programs. All other activities will follow school protocols.

Facility Precautions

Frequent cleaning will occur in hallways and bathrooms throughout the day. Night time cleaning will be completed using normal cleaning practices along with spray disinfectant. Our HVAC system filters will be replaced more frequently to help promote clean air. When possible, windows will be opened to help with the circulation of fresh air.

Masks

Any person entering our facilities has the option to wear a mask at any time due to any concerns they may have.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

The Hooksett schools will have signs reminding students and staff of healthy practices such as coughing/sneezing into your elbow, frequently sanitizing/washing hands for at least 20 seconds and staying home when sick. Students and staff will sanitize hands (wash hands or use hand sanitizer) upon arrival to school, when changing location and before and after eating.

We hope that this plan provides you with information that helps to outline the Hooksett School District reopening in September, 2023. Additional information regarding the 2023-2024 school year will be available in August.

Please go to www.hooksett.sau15.net to comment on the 2023-2024 reopening plan.