

Menchville High School

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions and Answers)

<p>Q. What will the mitigation strategy look like at Menchville High School?</p>	<p>Social Distancing Classrooms have been configured using the CDC guidelines.</p> <p>Wearing a face covering All NNPS students are required to wear a face mask while on the bus and inside the building. Families are encouraged to provide masks for their students to wear. Disposable masks will be provided to students who are unable to provide their own or if they do not have a face mask upon entering the building or boarding the school bus. Guidance from Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters addresses the medical reasons for which children may be considered for an exemption from wearing a mask while at school. If parents/guardians feel their child’s medical condition would warrant an exemption from wearing a mask, they must obtain a note from the child’s physician supporting the exemption. This note should be provided to the school nurse who will follow up with the physician if necessary.</p> <p>Handwashing In addition to the restrooms with soap and water, each classroom has hand sanitizer and foaming hand-soap for student use. Students are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer each time they enter the room and before exiting the room.</p> <p>Sanitizing and frequent cleaning of surface areas Classroom desks will be wiped down between each class change. Restrooms will be cleaned throughout the day, as needed. Frequently touched areas, such as door knobs, handrails, will be cleaned regularly. Classrooms and commons areas will be cleaned and sanitized each evening. Each classroom has a sanitization station of disinfectant wipes and cleaning supplies. There are also sanitization stations throughout the building.</p> <p>Contact Tracing Protocols and Tracking Each teacher will maintain adequate attendance and a current classroom seating chart. In the event that a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, we will be able to contact trace and notify students and staff who are at risk of transmission.</p> <p>Air Purification Each area has been equipped with an air purification system, along with the regular classroom HVAC.</p>
<p>Q: What time will the in-person students be allowed to enter the building?</p>	<p>In order to protect the safety of our students and staff, students will not be allowed to enter the building until 6:55 am daily. Upon entering the building, the students can pick-up their breakfast and report immediately to their classroom where they can eat their breakfast and prepare for the school day.</p>
<p>Q: Will blended families with different last names be able to attend school on the same days using the hybrid model?</p>	<p>The answer is yes. If students of blended families would be required to attend school on different days, parents can contact the Guidance Office to make arrangements to have their students attending school on the same days. This should be done prior to March 8 in order to start immediately. After March 8, there may be a delay in processing.</p>

<p>Q: Can a student assigned to virtual instruction attend a specific in person class?</p>	<p>At this time, no students assigned to virtual instruction will be allowed to attend a specific in-person class.</p>
<p>Q: If my child starts with the Menchville High School virtual or hybrid model and finds it is not a good fit, can they switch to another option?</p>	<p>We will make every effort to accommodate your request, however we may not be able to grant this request due to the COVID restrictions. You can call our guidance to request that change.</p>
<p>Q. Would my child be allowed to use his/her personal computer at school?</p>	<p>Students may not use their personal computers at school but are allowed to use the Newport News Public Schools issued Chromebooks. If your child needs a Chromebook, they can be picked up at the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dozier Middle School (Up-town) • Warwick High School (Mid-town) • Discovery Stem Academy (Downtown) <p>Students who remain virtual may use their own devices.</p>
<p>Q: How do I get help with internet access and/or computer repairs?</p>	<p>To get help with internet access and/or computer repairs call (757) 928 - 6979. Visit NNPS homepage for virtual learning resources, information about Chromebooks, or to apply for low or no-cost Internet solutions for your student(s).</p>
<p>Q: What are the supplies a student will need to be successful?</p>	<p>Students will need to come the school daily with the following supplies to be successful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NNPS issued Chromebook with charging cord • Paper, pencils/pens and earbuds • Teacher required materials
<p>Q: What will a typical day look like for my student?</p>	<p>Please see the attached bell schedule. Both hybrid and virtual students will begin their school day at 7:20 and the school day ends at 2:05.</p>
<p>Q: Will attendance be taken?</p>	<p>Attendance will be taken daily for every class. This will be noted through Canvas activities.</p>
<p>Q: What is the difference between the Hybrid and the Virtual model of instruction?</p>	<p>The hybrid model is when the teacher instructs the students in person and the students on line at the same time. The virtual model is when the teacher instructs the students remotely on line.</p>

<p>Q: What will the hybrid model of instruction look like?</p>	<p>Teachers have two models that have been shared with them.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concurrent – teachers will teach hybrid and virtual students at the same time. It is similar to what we are doing now, except some students will be at home and some will be in the classroom with the teacher. All will be on zoom/Canvas working on the same learning at the same time. 2. Flip-Flop – teachers will give hybrid students an independent assignment while teaching virtual students via Zoom. Then the teacher will “flip” and teach the in-person students while the virtual students work on the independent assignment. <p>Teachers have the flexibility to decide which model will work best for their class.</p>
<p>Q: What happens if my child’s teacher has to teach remotely?</p>	<p>Students enrolled in virtual instruction will have no interruptions to their learning, however students who are in-person will go to a supervised room during their regularly scheduled class to zoom with their teacher.</p>
<p>Q: Will my child’s teachers be available to continue to help them after class and/or on Wednesdays?</p>	<p>Please reach out to your child’s teacher to make an appointment for additional assistance.</p>
<p>Q: Will students be issued parking permits this school year?</p>	<p>No. Students with a valid driver’s license may park in the students’ parking lot (Only). During the school day, students will not be allowed to park in the teachers’ parking lots nor the bus parking lot during the school day.</p>
<p>Q: Will students eat in the cafeteria?</p>	<p>Students will not eat in the cafeteria. A “Grab and Go” breakfast will be available when students enter the building and can be eaten in the classroom. Students may bring their own lunches and Menchville’ s Child Nutrition staff will deliver school lunches to the classroom.</p>
<p>Q: Can students have food delivered to the school from restaurants or other vendors?</p>	<p>Food deliveries of any kind are not allowed. Students attending in person learning are provided a lunch. Do to COVID restrictions we must reduce the number of people entering the building.</p>
<p>Q: Will in person students be allowed to leave campus during lunch?</p>	<p>Due to pandemic restrictions, seniors will not be able to leave campus for lunch.</p>

<p>Q: Will there be athletic events for the students?</p>	<p>Varsity student-athletes in Newport News Public Schools will be able to compete in this year's fall sports season; however, these decisions were made in cooperation with the other school divisions in the Peninsula District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Season 1: February 15 - May 1 Competition Cheerleading, Football, Sideline Cheer • Fall Season 2: February 22 - May 1 Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf and Volleyball <p>Planning for the spring season (baseball, soccer, softball, tennis, and track and field) is underway.</p> <p>For more information, please contact the school for further sports information.</p>
<p>Q: Will there be after-school clubs and activities for the students?</p>	<p>While schools are operating virtually, diverse extracurricular activities including clubs, mentoring, leadership and other enrichment activities will be offered virtually at the school and division level.</p>
<p>Q: Will students have opportunities to participate in performing arts, including drama, and music?</p>	<p>There will be no in-person rehearsals or performances until the division returns to in-school operation. There will be virtual rehearsals and performances. This includes virtual solo performances and technologically blended performances of theater performances and music.</p>
<p>Q: Do you have any plans in place to support social emotional development for students who will be continuing to do remote learning through the end of the year?</p>	<p>School Counselors will schedule virtual sessions with students and, if necessary, will schedule face-to-face with all safety precautions in place. Sessions can consist of both individual and small groups by way of Zoom. The School counselors are also offering virtual workshops and college and career planning events. Visit http://www.nnschools.org/counseling for more information. Menchville High School also has a student support specialist on staff for students in need of crisis counseling.</p>
<p>Q: Will students and staff be screened for COVID symptoms when they come to school?</p>	<p>Daily Pre-Screening and Reporting All parents/guardians will be asked to conduct a health screening of their child each day before the child reports to school or boards a school bus. Before leaving home, parents/guardians will ensure that their child does not have a fever or have any other symptoms of COVID-19 and has not been exposed to anyone who exhibits symptoms of the virus. Teachers are also asked to do a health self-screening prior to reporting to school.</p> <p>Parent Availability During the School Day and Emergency Contacts <i>All parents and guardians are encouraged to ensure that their emergency contact information is up to date in case of an emergency.</i> In the event that their child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 or becomes sick while at school. If the child exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will be</p>

assessed by the School Nurse and asked to wait in a care room under the supervision of a NNPS employee until a parent or guardian can pick the child up from school as soon as possible.

Talking with Children About COVID-19

As public conversations around COVID-19 continue, children may worry about themselves, their family and friends getting ill with COVID-19. Parents and guardians play an important role in helping children make sense of what they hear in a way that is honest accurate and minimizes anxiety or fear. The CDC has created guidance to help adults have conversations with children about COVID-19 and ways they can avoid getting and spreading the disease.

Monday A Day		Tuesday B Day		Monday A Day		Tuesday B Day	
1 st Period/Homeroom	7:20 - 7:25 Announcements 7:25 - 8:15 Instruction (50 minutes)	1 st Period/Homeroom	7:20 - 7:25 Announcements 7:25 - 8:15 Instruction (50 minutes)	1 st Period/Homeroom	7:20 - 7:25 Announcements 7:25 - 8:15 Instruction (50 minutes)	1 st Period/Homeroom	7:20 - 7:25 Announcements 7:25 - 8:15 Instruction (50 minutes)
Class Change	8:15 - 8:23	Class Change	8:15 - 8:23	Class Change	8:15 - 8:23	Class Change	8:15 - 8:23
3 rd Period	8:23 - 9:51 (88 minutes)	3 rd Period	8:23 - 9:51 (88 minutes)	3 rd Period	8:23 - 9:51 (88 minutes)	3 rd Period	8:23 - 9:51 (88 minutes)
Class Change	9:51 - 10:00	Class Change	9:51 - 10:00	Class Change	9:51 - 10:00	Class Change	9:51 - 10:00
5 th Period	10:00 - 11:28 Instruction (88 minutes)	4 th Period	10:00 - 11:28 Instruction (88 minutes)	5 th Period	10:00 - 11:28 Instruction (88 minutes)	4 th Period	10:00 - 11:28 Instruction (88 minutes)
	11:28 - 12:13 Lunch (45 minutes)		11:28 - 12:13 Lunch (45 minutes)		11:28 - 12:13 Lunch (45 minutes)		11:28 - 12:13 Lunch (45 minutes)
Class Change	12:13 - 12:21	Class Change	12:13 - 12:21	Class Change	12:13 - 12:21	Class Change	12:13 - 12:21
7 th Period	12:21 - 1:50 Instruction (89 minutes)	7 th Period	12:21 - 1:50 Instruction (89 minutes)	7 th Period	12:21 - 1:50 Instruction (89 minutes)	7 th Period	12:21 - 1:50 Instruction (89 minutes)
Staggered Dismissal	1:50 - 2:05	Staggered Dismissal	1:50 - 2:05	Staggered Dismissal	1:50 - 2:05	Staggered Dismissal	1:50 - 2:05