

NASHUA SCHOOL RE-OPENING PROPOSAL

2023-2024

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The mission of the Nashua School District is to provide an educational program that expects excellence and accommodates individual needs, interests, and abilities providing the highest quality educational program to the children and adults of our school district.

This proposal is a product of the hard work of the Nashua School staff, both classified and certified, the Nashua School Board of Trustees, and the Nashua School Re-Opening Committee.

It is based on guidelines received from the following educational and healthcare entities:

1. MT OPI (MT Office of Public Instruction)
2. MTSBA (MT School Board Association)
3. MTPEC (MT Public Education Center)
4. CDC
5. Valley County Health Department

As a group we have tried to establish the best protocols to ensure that our students and staff are safe. We understand that the best place for our students to learn is inside our building. There are however going to be aspects that are going to change. Some are going to be small but some are going to be very noticeable. All of these however have been put in place to allow us to have our students return and to create the safest learning environment possible.

A. Student Return Model:

- a. All students in the building engaged in face to face learning.
- b. The Nashua School Board is NOT MANDATING masks be worn in our building.
- c. If a student or staff member feels more secure in wearing a mask in the building they are free to do so.

B. Transportation and Arrival of Students to the Nashua School

- a. The Nashua School will use our established bus routes for transporting students. There will be some added guidelines to our transportation routine.
 - i. Students who ride the bus will not be required to wear a mask.
 - 1. All students will be dropped off in the morning at the main entrance to the building.
 - ii. In order to help keep our students safe and healthy, we will have the following protocols in place for seating on our buses:
 - 1. Students no longer have assigned seats on the bus.

C. Daily Routine

- a. If there is a COVID-19 outbreak, schools have received guidelines to follow in order to help ensure the safety of their students and staff. These guidelines will necessitate change in many of our day to day activities in the Nashua School. In order to establish the safest environment possible for our students, we will be taking the following steps. Our goal, however, is to return to a normal daily routine as possible for this upcoming year.
 - i. Social Distancing in our classrooms and hallways when possible.
 - ii. We will monitor COVID 19 conditions as we begin to plan for large student gatherings. These will be determined by the information that we have at those times
 - iii. Other protocols may arise during the year.

D. Safety Measures

- a. Hand sanitizing stations in each classroom.
- b. Cleaning supplies to be used at the end of each class period to clean tables, desks, supplies.
- c. All areas of the building will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of each day by the Nashua School custodial staff.
- d. In the event of an identified positive case inside the Nashua School, the following process will be followed
 - i. The Nashua School will help identify any students who may have been in contact with the positive case and that information will be given to the VCHD.
 - ii. The VCHD will contact and work out any medical procedures that need to be followed.
 - iii. The Nashua School will take steps to ensure the health and safety of all of our students and staff.

E. Return to School Protocol

- a. The Nashua School has worked with the VCHD to create a return to school protocol for individuals when they have been identified as having COVID-19 Virus.
- b. This policy is designed to allow staff and students to return to school as quickly as possible in the case of exposure to COVID-19.

- c. This protocol is intended to help our students return to the classroom as soon as possible.

The Nashua School does not take into consideration the vaccination status of any individual in this process or any other decision making in regards to the normal operation of the Nashua School.

F. Extra-Curricular Activities

- a. We have not had any guidance from MHSAs on activities. They have left that to local districts to work out. We are scheduling and planning on having all activities with full fan attendance for this year.

G. Final Thoughts

- a. This is the framework of our plan. Please understand that this plan can and does change regularly sometimes even daily. We need to be flexible and keep in mind that it will likely change.