

High Bridge School District

Tiny Topper's

Preschool ReOpen

Frequently Asked Questions

Which ReOpen Model does the Preschool follow?

The Preschool follows the district's Hybrid Model or parents may choose the Full Remote Model (as of July 28, 2020)

What does the Hybrid model look like for Preschool?

Students are assigned an AA (Monday and Tuesday) or BB (Thursday and Friday) cohort when attending school. On Wednesdays, ALL district students (PS, K-8) remain at home for Remote Instruction, for the purpose of deep sanitization throughout the district's buildings. The cohort consists of approximately 50% of the class size. Preschool cohort size is approximately 8 students per cohort.

Parents may choose the 100% Remote Instruction model. This cohort of students will be provided with five-days/week hands-on learning materials, live remote instruction, and recordings according to the class schedule, as well as, regularly scheduled check-ins to monitor the student's progress.

What time does school start and what is the drop-off/pick-up procedure?

School *begins at 9:00am and ends at 1:15pm*. The students are dropped off and picked up at the side door, closest to the parking lot at the playground level (same door as last school year). Students will be greeted by their classroom teacher outside the door. The students will have a designated area to line up, 6 feet apart, clearly marked on the ground.

Teachers, students, and families/guardians will wear their masks. No adult will be allowed to enter the school building. Your child's snack, coat, and optional backpack will be the only personal belongings to enter the

classroom. ***Any exceptions will need to be brought to the teacher's attention.***

What are the Safety Procedures/Protocols in Preschool?

Students will enter their classrooms and will have an assigned cubby that is spaced apart from their classmates. Minimal personal belongings will be stored (backpack, snack, and coat). The cubbies will be sanitized daily. Students will be seated 6 feet apart at a table. Students and staff are required to wear a mask. Individual student learning, playing, and task/center areas will be separated by 6 feet. Materials will be individualized and sanitized daily. All adults interacting with students are required to wear a mask. Handwashing protocols will be followed throughout the day. All table surfaces and common areas (bathrooms, door handles, knobs, switches, etc.) will be sanitized throughout the school day.

When will the Preschool students go outdoors for play and learning?

Teachers are required to schedule all outdoor activities with the main office. Outdoor experiences will be for large motor movement and for instructional experiences.

How will the students have social peer interactions?

Students will be encouraged to talk and move about with each other, while respecting a 6 foot distance. Examples: gross motor activities (follow the leader); role playing; sharing in conversation; read alouds; and during instructional activities (we use High Scope's Plan, Do, Review curriculum) students will be encouraged to verbally engage with their peers. During in-person and virtual lessons, the Guidance Counselor, the Teacher and the Paraprofessional will encourage Social/Emotional Learning and engage students in verbal interactions. Picture prompts and high motivational materials will encourage social interactions (ex. two-way conversations and turn-taking).

How will the classroom furniture be arranged to maintain safety?

High Scope is a centered based curriculum.

Students will be seated at tables with a 6 foot distance from peers in center areas 6 feet apart. During circle time, center time, and other movement activities students will be 6 feet from each other. Teachers will outline areas for social distancing and still engage your child in the learning process.

Can I change from Full Remote Learning to Hybrid In-Person Learning? Or Hybrid to Full Remote?

Yes. The class size remains the same. Your child will follow either schedule, depending upon the model selected.

Will my child be provided with technology and learning materials?

Yes. Each student will be provided with a Chromebook for use to engage in the learning process through the platforms: Google Classroom and Google Meet. Each student will be given a personal account, regardless of siblings in the same household.

Communications and Expectations.

The teachers will provide to you how they will be communicating with you. They will provide student/family expectations, the High Scope Schedule, pictures of the classroom set-up, and safety requirements for wearing a mask, washing hands, sneezing, and social distancing. You will be encouraged to practice with your child, prior to the start of school: wearing a mask, washing hands, social distancing, and sneezing protocol.

Should you have any specific question in regards to the ReOpening of Preschool, please contact me at fallonl@hbchools.org