

Hartville R-II Schools

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Dear parents/guardians,

As we look forward to beginning a new school year it is important to notify you of the precautions we are taking to keep students and staff healthy and safe. School will look different this year. The complete Hartville R-II School Re-Entry Plan can be found on the school website (www.hartville.k12.mo.us), as well as the Hartville Junior High Facebook page.

Listed below are some highlights specific to Hartville Junior High School. The most visible difference will be in our daily schedule.

School hours for students will be 8:00 am – 2:30 pm. The front doors will open at 7:45 am. Students will not be allowed in the building before this time. Junior High students wishing to eat breakfast will go to the Junior High grab and go, get their breakfast, and go to their classroom to eat. Students not wishing to eat breakfast will immediately report to their classroom.

Temperature checks will be required for all staff and students before entering the bus or building. Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will not be allowed to attend. Students with a fever of 99.5 to 99.9 will be kept in isolation to monitor.

Parent/Visitor access will be limited to the front foyer and central office. Face-to-face meetings with teachers, administrators, and staff will be by appointment only. As always, phone calls, emails, and other message communication with teachers is encouraged.

Masks: The district has purchased masks for students and staff. Masks may be encouraged, but will not be mandatory at this time. If we are mandated by local, state, or federal agencies to require masking we will comply. Teachers may be wearing face shields and/or masks when working in close proximity with students.

There will not be Open House this year. Please contact the Junior High office to verify your student(s) enrollment. We can make individual arrangements as needed, otherwise, necessary enrollment forms will be handed out on the first day of school to be returned by the student at a later date. New student enrollment forms will be posted on the school web page along with information on how to apply for free and reduced lunch electronically.

“Building successful futures. . .one child at a time.”

School Bus: Students will have **assigned seats** on the bus, with families sitting together whenever possible. Students must remain in their assigned seat at all times. Parents are encouraged to transport students if able.

Cleaning/Sanitation: Classrooms will be sanitized each evening. Surfaces touched by students will be frequently disinfected. Good hygiene and frequent handwashing will be encouraged.

Water fountains: Students will need a water bottle with a lid. Students will not be allowed to drink directly out of the water fountains.

Lockers: Students have been assigned lockers in the Junior High hallway that have existing combination locks on them. We are requesting students travel light and avoid the need to go to their locker between every class transition.

Class Offerings: Class offerings for Junior High include English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Art, Keyboarding, Music, PE/Health, and Study Hall. Band and choir students will receive some band and choir instruction during music class.

Daily Schedule: Students have been divided into four cohort groups per grade level and the day has been divided into four periods. Junior High students will remain with their cohort and transition to each class as a group. This schedule, along with cohort seating, transition, and lunch procedures, will assist efforts to trace and limit student contact. Students will receive instruction in the class offerings listed above as they rotate through an alternating block schedule every other day. To allow for elementary specials, Art, Music, and PE will share two blocks of time.

Lunch: Junior High students will eat with their cohort daily. One half of the cohort groups will eat in the classroom while the other half of the cohort groups eat in the cafeteria on a rotating schedule every other day.

Transitions: Student transition between classes, lunch, and end of the day will be staggered and monitored by cohort group.

Seating: Students will be seated in each class and at lunch in the same seat by the same students.

Parent Considerations: If your student has COVID-19 symptoms and/or a fever of 100 degrees or more, keep them home. Do not send your student to school within 12 hours of taking a fever reducing medication. Students who are kept home due to fever only, may return after being fever free for 24 hours.

We look forward to seeing our kids once again!

Sincerely,

Scott M. Keith, Principal
Hartville Junior High School