



# ST. HELENS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Riverhawks

## SHMS In-Person Hybrid School Overview

March 18, 2021

Dear St. Helens Middle School Students and Families,

We are excited to finally be preparing for our students to return to school. We are thrilled to see the faces of all of our students, even if they are covered by masks; it will be wonderful to have them in our halls and classrooms again!

For students currently participating in our Hybrid-CDL model and those currently enrolled in St. Helens Virtual Academy who want to move to the In-Person Hybrid, this letter gives an overview of what will be offered in our ***In-person Hybrid*** school when we open on April 19th.

### **Transportation/Drop-Off & Arrival**

Students will be able to ride buses with masks and safety protocols, walk to school or be dropped off by parents. If you live in an area eligible for busing service (1.5 miles away from school) and would like to access busing, please reserve your seat by completing the following form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuVQrzYvr-G999iz9\\_mKUjwUkbkubuPgEeLiC2fQVaAi7jqg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuVQrzYvr-G999iz9_mKUjwUkbkubuPgEeLiC2fQVaAi7jqg/viewform?usp=sf_link).

*Masks must be worn by everyone upon arrival to school.* When arriving, students will not be able to congregate in front of the school. (Students should not arrive before 8 am.) They will be ushered by staff to separate grade level entrances where they will line-up with their cohort class for the day: 6th grade entry = Cafeteria, 7th grade entry = Small Gym, 8th grade entry = Large Gym

### **Cohorts/Line-Up & Visual Screening**

After lining up with their cohort teachers, students will get a visual health screening by staff and then proceed to their cohort classrooms through separate grade level hallways. Students will remain in this cohort classroom for the entire instructional day (8:30 - 12:30) and teachers will rotate through cohort classrooms when changing class periods. Each cohort will attend school ***in-person two days per week*** and ***online from home three days per week***.

### **Cohort/Movement Breaks/Restrooms & Meals**

Cohort classes will get periodic 5-minute breaks and a 25-minute physical movement break once during the school day. Students will be offered a simple snack and a safely distanced location to eat during their long movement break. Each cohort classroom will have a single restroom assigned to their cohort class and students will be provided restroom access on an individual basis. Breakfast and lunch will be offered as to-go options when students leave at the end of each school day. We will not serve lunch or breakfast in our cafeteria during the Hybrid In-Person school day.

### **Cohort Core Classes/Enrichment & Focus**

Students will attend *Focus* and three core classes while onsite: *Humanities, Math, & Science*. Students will

also be scheduled into one Enrichment class which occurs during their online learning-from-home-days: *PE, Health, STEAM\*, or ART\**. (*\*Requires online Zoom sessions.*)

### **Departure/Clubs/Band & Sports**

At the end of the school day, students will be released by cohort to pick up their to-go lunch/breakfasts and then proceed to buses, parent pick-up and sports. Sports will begin immediately following the school day and end at 2:45 pm. Band and Clubs will remain as virtual online programs until further notice.

### **Masks/Sanitization & Social Distancing**

Students and staff will be required to wear masks correctly during the entire school day and while on campus. Failure to wear a mask appropriately will result in safety coaching sessions for students and continued refusal to wear masks will result in removal from Hybrid In-person learning and enrollment into the St. Helens Virtual Academy. Students and staff will practice regular hand washing and sanitizing along with six-foot social distancing. Classrooms and seating areas will be arranged for proper distancing. Students will get regular reminders of these procedures with opportunities to develop consistent, safe behaviors.

### **Chromebooks/School Supplies/Personal Items**

Students will need to bring their district-issued Chromebook with a full charge to school and home for digital learning at both sites. (Additional school Chromebooks will be available for check-out if your student is currently using their own device.) We also recommend students bring their own backpack or bag with the following items: *earbuds, water bottle, 3 ring binder, note pads, pencils, paper, and hygiene products.* Students will not use lockers and will store backpacks in their cohort classroom.

### **Daily In-Person Hybrid Schedule**

*Arrival - 8:15 am*

*School Begins - 8:30 am (Focus)*

*Core/Enrichment Classes - 9:10 - 12:30 pm*

*School Ends - 12:30*

*Departure - 12:45 pm*

*Intramural Sports - 12:45 - 2:45 pm*

We realize that this is a lot of information. We want to make sure parents and students have a good understanding of what is being offered during in-person hybrid learning. Current hybrid families can also expect to receive a call during the first week of April from their student's teacher to survey needs in preparation for reopening.

Looking forward to reopening,

Cris Gwilliam, SHMS Principal