

# Hancock Central School District

**The Wildcat Pledge:** We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

**Our Vision:** Striving for excellence as an innovative, advanced and reflective school community.

**Core Beliefs:**

- Our mindset: We do whatever it takes to ensure continuous growth because we believe each of us can learn.
- Collaboration: We work better together, always.
- Innovation: We embrace creativity and advancing technology.
- Integrity: We trust, respect, support and care for one another.
- Learning environment: Our approach is engaging, learner-centered and adaptable to individual needs.
- Student centered: We put students first.

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Dear Wildcat Parent/Guardian/Caretaker:

During and beyond the COVID-19 closure of school, HCSD administrators and staff have worked to maintain the continuity of effective instruction and student learning.

The 2021-2022 school year will welcome the return of all students in-person, five days per week. All students will be issued an iPad (PreK-Grade 1) or a Chromebook (Grades 2-12) for use at home. Students with a verifiable medical need for remote instruction may apply for consideration on an individual basis.

In the event of an unanticipated need for district-wide remote instruction, electronic platforms for remote learning have been standardized to two learning management systems: Seesaw for PreK-2; Schoology for Grades 3-12. Each system allows for the electronic delivery of documents, eliminating the need for paper packets. Teachers may choose to use Zoom or Microsoft Teams when interaction and collaboration are required.

In accordance with the NYS Department of Education, students are expected to attend school every day, whether in-person or remote. This requires each student to be engaged with their teachers' "live" instruction daily. To be considered in attendance on remote instruction days, students must interact with the assigned task on Seesaw or Schoology or contact their teachers through Seesaw or Schoology or HCSD email.

If it becomes necessary to transition to a remote model of instruction during the school year, all in-person schooling will be suspended, and every student will participate remotely using their district-issued iPad or Chromebook. Teachers will provide "live" instruction through the doc cam. Attendance procedures will be the same in that students must interact with their teachers each day.

We are ready to provide safe, effective instruction for our students, and we are excited to welcome them back.

Sincerely,

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