

Henrietta High School

COVID Procedures and Protocols

2020-2021

Masks

Henrietta High School staff and students will be highly encouraged to appropriately wear masks, especially in hallways, common areas, on buses, and during arrival and dismissal. Schools in counties with 20 or more active COVID-19 cases must comply with the governor's executive order regarding the wearing of masks during school hours. Clay County currently has LESS THAN 20 active COVID-10 cases as of 8-5-20. HHS has a full supply of masks available for students to wear.

Henrietta ISD plans to promptly adhere to the following requirements regarding the wearing of face masks IF Clay County active COVID-19 cases reach or exceed 20 or more active cases.

Face masks will not have inappropriate pictures, emblems or writing that is offensive, vulgar, or obscene. Masks may not advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under school policy. Masks must not contain innuendos, gang references, or double meanings.

Hallways

Students will be asked to stay to the right when proceeding down the hallway. Due to the number of intersecting hallways, we will not have direct hallway traffic patterns, beyond the common practice of staying to the right in hallways.

Students will be discouraged from standing and congregating in the hallways. We recognize the need for social interaction. However, based on current recommendations, student areas such as the commons may be closed, and students will be discouraged from gathering and visiting during passing periods.

Lockers

Students will not be issued lockers this year. Students will be asked to carry their items with them during the day. Many teachers will allow students to leave their binders in class daily to reduce the amount of items the students must carry.

Students in athletics will be allowed to take their workout items to the locker room when they arrive at school. They will not have access to these lockers except before school, during the athletic period, and at the end of the day.

Entry

Henrietta High School already offers multiple entrance points. Bus riders and students dropped off by parents will be encouraged to enter through the main entrance. Seniors and Juniors will be encouraged to enter through the cafeteria side of the building. Sophomores who drive and athletes will be allowed to enter through the athletic entrance at the new gym.

Students arriving early should report to the old gym. Students wanting to eat breakfast will be allowed to pick it up from the commons area once they arrive at school. We will have both the home and visitor stands open to allow students to spread out and socially distance in this area.

Exit

Students will exit in a similar format to entering the building. However, based on after school activities, student may exit the building through a different point than from which they entered.

Item Drop-off

Dropping off forgotten items and lunches will be discouraged unless necessary. We recognize that students will forget things from time to time and things will need to be brought to school; however, as high school students it is reasonable for them to become more responsible in this area.

If the occasion comes up and something needs to be dropped off, we will have a table in the foyer area in which items can be placed. The school will not notify students about items placed for pick-up in the foyer area, nor will the school be liable for the loss or theft of these items.

Tardies/Attendance

Henrietta High School takes attendance every class, not just once per day. All Texas Education Agency policies regarding attendance are in effect for all 8 periods. Also, tardies are kept for every class period.

Student pick up and return during the school day

As a part of everyday life, students will on occasion have to arrive late or leave early due to doctors or other appointments. Since we are a high school with student drivers, we will extend our current practice to all students. Should you need your student to leave or be picked up, please call the front office. Parents or guardians will not need to enter the building to check out their student.

All students arriving late or leaving early are still required to sign in or out through the office. In addition, any student arriving late or leaving early must have a signed and dated note from their parent or guardian in order for the absence to be excused. At the high school a phone call will not count as documentation of an absence.

Students Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms

Students who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated in the sick room. Their parent will be called, and arrangements will be made to send the student home as soon as possible.

Outside Guest – Parent Meetings / Guest Speakers

Guest and parent access to our building (beyond the front office) will be limited to school business. For this purpose, school business will be defined as a scheduled parent meeting or scheduled class presentation.

At this time, all visitors will be required to appropriately wear masks, especially in hallways and common areas. All necessary visitors to campus will have their temperature scanned and complete a health screening. Parent meetings will be conducted virtually whenever possible.

General Cleaning Protocols

All students and staff will be trained the first day of class on proper hand washing expectations. Commonly touched surfaces, such as door handles and restroom sinks, will be cleaned after each passing period. Classroom desks and computers will be cleaned continuously as well. Hand sanitizer and soap will be readily available throughout the campus.

Lunch

We will still offer off campus lunch; this is a benefit for our campus to reduce the number of students on campus during this time. Students that choose to eat lunch on campus will report to the old gym or attend an offered tutoring session after 5th period. Since we share a cafeteria with the elementary, students will be allowed to enter the cafeteria at 12:30 for lunch. Students will be encouraged to spread out and practice reasonable social distancing.

Tutoring

Students will have the opportunity to attend regularly scheduled tutoring each week. In addition, we have adjusted our bell schedule to allow for regular and mandatory tutoring opportunities during the first 20 min. of lunch each day. Students not completing work during the class period or in danger of failing can be assigned by the teacher or office mandatory tutoring. Students that choose not to attend mandatory tutoring assignments will serve discipline consequences.

Virtual Learning Platform

Henrietta High School will be utilizing an asynchronous platform with options for synchronous leaning opportunities. Students will be able to access curriculum through the Schoology platform and will have opportunities to attend class synchronously during assigned class times. Students will be required to login and show progress each day in each class. Progress will be measured by time-on-task as recorded in Schoology and progress on assignments turned in daily.