



**Safe Return to In-Person  
Instruction and Continuity of  
Services Plan 2021-2022**

**June 2021**

# **ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING**

Horizon Science Academy of Lorain (HSAL) will return to traditional school beginning in August of 2021. There will be no waiver on instruction time or minutes this year. Therefore, HSAL will operate on a full day schedule. Students will be required to take all mandated state and district assessments.

In the event that HSAL has to close due to a COVID-19 outbreak (as defined by the CDC or local health department), HSAL has a plan in place to engage all students via Virtual and/or Hybrid instructional model and Chromebooks / hotspots will be provided if needed. Progress and attendance will be monitored by the classroom teacher and the truancy team.

Teachers will maintain communication with students and parents through Classroom Dojo, Google Classroom, ConceptSIS, e-mail, and/or Seesaw.

Teacher based teams will meet biweekly and the Admin Team will meet weekly to follow up with progress during online / hybrid learning.

HSAL will follow grading scales, enrollment procedures, attendance procedures, and promotion/retention policies in place that are consistent with previous requirements for all students regardless of traditional or distance learning status.

# **OPERATIONS**

Students will arrive and dismiss as determined by the HSAL daily schedule. Students will be dropped off and picked up in designated areas of the school building. Buses will drop off and pick up students in front of the building as normal. Parents and students will be encouraged to administer health checks prior to arriving on school building.

Students will participate in breakfast and lunch as normal. Students will eat breakfast in the classrooms and lunch in the cafeteria.

The start date for students for the 2021-2022 school year is August 9, 2021. The end date for the 2021-2022 school year is May 26, 2022.

# **Communication and Family Support**

HSAL maintains communication with parents in a variety of methods such as Class Dojo, email and School Reach – our schoolwide phone call & text messaging system.

Class Dojo allows teachers with the ability to send and receive communications in a quick messaging format. Surveys will be conducted over the course of the year regarding technology and learning to ensure progress with each student and that each student has access to the resources they need.

All current health and safety guidelines as prescribed by CDC and Lorain County Health Department will be communicated with parents via our regular communication tools.

Our policies, protocols, and procedures regarding student illness (including COVID 19) are posted on our website and/or in our student handbooks. All policies, procedures, and protocol will be strictly adhered to.

School nurse/health aide, school administrators, and/or other appropriate school staff will communicate with parents as needed in regards to health concerns of students.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### Overview

HSAL has taken steps to prepare for the health, wellness, and safety for students and staff for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. These guidelines are part of a living document and will be updated with new information as it becomes available. Please see the information below for a set of general guidelines and expectations. Decisions will be made in coordination with local and state guidelines as they are released.

### Arrival

- Staff, parents, and students will be encouraged to perform health checks including temperature checks before arriving to school.
- Students will use hand sanitizer or hand washing upon arrival into classrooms.
- Common areas will be under a sanitizing schedule

## Dismissal

- Use of the car line will be used for student pick-up only. No in-person parent pick-up to avoid parent gatherings in school lobby or in front of school. Bus riding students will be dismissed first. All car-riding students will be dismissed after the school buses.

## Cafeteria

- Hand washing/hand sanitizer will be available before and after lunch.
- Cafeterias will be appropriately disinfected after each use.

## Classrooms

- Multiple social distancing strategies will be implemented based on feasibility of the unique space and needs of each classroom.
- Students will be encouraged to maintain distance from each other in the school and taught appropriate hygiene/COVID practices.
- Personal water bottles will be used for touchless drinking fountains.
- Frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing will be encouraged.
- Appropriate measures will be taken for cleaning Chromebooks/other technology devices.
- Staff will observe students for illness prior to starting class and refer students to nurse/health aide as needed.
- Teachers and staff will clean/disinfect at appropriate times.

## Visitors

- Non-essential visitors will be limited.
- Visitors are encouraged to call the school before entering the building.
- Proper face coverings may be required as per current CDC and local health guidelines.
- Regulated number of visitors in the building at one time

## Playground / Gymnasium

- Students will be monitored for social distancing while on playground / in gym.
- Handwashing/sanitizer will be available upon re-entry to building.
- Frequently used playground / gym equipment will be cleaned routinely.

## Cleaning

- Cleaning crew will target cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, such as counters, doorknobs, stair rails, tabletops, bathroom fixtures, toilets, drinking fountains, and any other surfaces that are visibly necessary.

## Health Services

- School personnel will provide COVID safety training/materials to faculty and staff via Safe Schools
- School personnel will provide education to staff and students regarding health and safety protocols as they relate to prevention of communicable disease.
- Students or staff demonstrating symptoms will be referred to the nurse/health aide. Prior to returning to school, the school nurse/health aide will be consulted or documentation from health care provider will be provided.
- Students and/or staff exhibiting COVID symptoms will be required to wear a provided mask.
- Students/adults who are symptomatic will be issued a mask to wear until they are picked up by a parent or leave the building.

## **Technology**

All students will have access to a Chromebook or other device regardless of traditional or distance learning environment.

In the event of an outbreak of COVID -19, online review training for Google Classroom, Seesaw, and other programs will be provided to students, parents and staff.