

BACK TO SCHOOL

FALL 2020



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Families at Kenowa Hills Public School have two choices to start the 2020-21 school year.

100% VIRTUAL

Staffed by Kenowa Hills teachers, students in our KH Online Learning Academy (sometimes called KHOLA for short) will experience the same rigor as the traditional classroom, as well as support from Kenowa Hills educators and a teacher of record. Students will be graded and checked in on frequently, so they receive the support they need.

100% FACE-TO-FACE

As long as we remain in Phase Four or higher, we will offer face-to-face learning during the traditional school day (Monday-Friday), with strict safety measures in place. At any time should we move to Phase 3 or lower, all face-to-face learning has to be suspended, and all students will move to a remote learning environment.

I AM A KENOWA HILLS PARENT, WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

1. Read through this summary document, which provides a high-level overview of the changes that will take place in our Face-to-Face learning environment. For full details, click here to read our full [Return to School Plan](#).
2. [Click here](#) to read through the overview of our 100% Virtual Program, KH Online Learning Academy, to learn more about the format and expectations. The first day of school for the KH Online Learning Academy is Tuesday, August 25.
3. Decide whether you want to have your child attend our 100% Virtual option, or our 100% Face-to-Face option. To facilitate our staffing and transportation plans, parents must decide and complete the needed forms to the right by August 10 at 5:00 pm.

I CHOOSE FACE-TO-FACE

Please [complete this form](#) to let us know if you will still use bussing.

— OR —

I CHOOSE VIRTUAL

Please [complete this form](#) to sign up for the KH Online Learning Academy.

We understand that parents have different feelings about the start of the school year. Please know that we are all Knights, and whether you choose the 100% Virtual option or 100% Face-to-Face option, we will stay connected to support and encourage each other during this challenging time.

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Back to School Schedule for Students Returning Face-to-Face

WEEK OF AUGUST 24

First Day of School for 1/3 of the Face-to-Face students will be 8/25, 8/26, or 8/27. Students will be divided equally into thirds by last name (families living in the same household with different last names would attend on one of the noted dates.)

Students will attend a full day of school only ONE day during this week. This will allow smaller groups of students to meet their teachers and get accustomed to the strict safety measures in the Face-to-Face environment.

Student devices will also be deployed at the elementary and middle school levels and to those high school students who do not have a district-issued device.

K-Knights -12th grade

August 25 - Last Name begins A-F

August 26 - Last Name begins G-N

August 27 - Last Name begins O-Z

WEEK OF AUGUST 31

All Face-to-Face students will attend school virtually from 8/31 – 9/3 (up until the Labor Day holiday) with learning led by their classroom teachers. This will allow students to practice the Remote Learning option, should we get moved back to Phase 3.

BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

(after the Labor Day holiday)

The schedule following Labor Day will be communicated during the week of August 31st after we have evaluated our face-to-face protocols and determined our capacity to continue a 100% daily face-to-face schedule.

Summary of Changes to Face-to-Face Learning

As long as we remain in Phase 4 or higher, Face-to-Face learning will continue at Kenowa Hills. Students will attend Monday - Friday during normal school hours beginning Tuesday, September 8 (after Labor Day).

Because of the uncertainty of our State remaining in Phase 4, all parents should have a back-up plan, should we move to Phase 3, or COVID-19 outbreaks happen within our learning communities. Should this happen, students who are in our Face-to-Face option will move to Remote Learning. Remote learning students will be taught online by their classroom teacher.

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Summary of Changes to Face-to-Face Learning (cont'd)

SCREENINGS

Parents will be required to complete daily health screenings for their student(s) before they attend school each day. Results will be submitted electronically. More details will be provided before school begins.

FACE COVERINGS

KHPS will be providing all students with 3 facial coverings. Parents are required to wash after each use. You can also wear your own.

All staff and students in grades preK-12 are required to wear a facial covering while:

- on a bus
- in hallways and other indoor common areas
- in classrooms

TRANSPORTATION

- Students will use provided hand sanitizer before entering the bus.
- The bus driver, staff, and all students in grades preK-12, must wear facial coverings while on the bus.
- Transportation vehicles will be cleaned and disinfected before and after every transit route. Children will not be present when a vehicle is being cleaned.

HYGIENE

- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed in every K-5 classroom. Hand sanitizer stations will be placed in MS & HS high traffic locations.
- Buildings will now have a day custodian to support disinfection efforts while students are physically in attendance.
- Students & teachers will schedule handwashing every 2-3 hours.
- The sharing of supplies will be limited.

SPACING

- Staff will space desks and tables to support social distancing measures to the greatest extent possible
- Family members or other guests are not allowed in the school building except under extenuating circumstances as determined by district and school officials.
- Elementary "specials" will be brought to the classrooms
- Physical education will be held outside and social distancing of six feet will be practiced, when possible.

FOOD SERVICE, GATHERINGS &

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Kenowa Hills will prohibit indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom.
- Classrooms or outdoor areas will be used for students to eat meals at school where distancing guidelines can be met.
- When cafeterias are used, meal times will be staggered to create seating arrangements with six feet of distance between students.
- Off-site field trips are suspended unless otherwise noted in the full plan.
- Recess will be conducted outside whenever possible with appropriate social distancing. If more than one class is outside, students should wear facial coverings.
- Extracurricular activities **may** continue with the use of facial coverings.

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State of Michigan Guidelines

If you choose to have your children return in-person, we will operate under these guidelines.

PHASES 1-3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5	PHASE 6
VIRUS STATUS	VIRUS STATUS	VIRUS STATUS	VIRUS STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community spread of the virus is increasing substantially There is concern about health system capacity Testing and tracing may not be adequate to prevent the spread 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall cases are high though new cases and death rates have fallen Most new outbreaks are quickly identified, traced and tracked Need for diligence in social distancing and other guidelines remain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New cases and deaths continue to decrease Community spread is common 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post pandemic Few, if any, active cases
LEARNING OPTIONS	LEARNING OPTIONS	LEARNING OPTIONS	LEARNING OPTIONS
Schools will remain closed for in-person instruction, which will be provided remotely	Schools may reopen for instruction with strict safety protocols	Schools may reopen for in-person instruction with moderate safety protocols	Schools open for in-person instruction with minimal safety protocols
INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL	INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL	INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL	INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL
Instruction fully online with assigned classroom teachers. This model will be used in case of a subsequent shutdown. Teachers will use Canvas and a consistent schedule with grading and assessment.*	In-person instruction resumes full time with modifications to accommodate strict safety protocols.	In-person instruction resumes full time with modifications to accommodate strict moderate protocols.	In-person instruction resumes in a traditional schedule for staff and students.

***SPECIAL NOTE:** All parents choosing Face-to-Face should have a back-up plan should we move to Phase 1-3 Remote Learning. The schedule for Remote Learning will be much more rigorous than learning this spring. Attendance will be required and the virtual "school day" will be similar to a typical face-to-face school day, meaning students will be expected to be online, following a daily schedule. Plenty of breaks, activities, etc. will be included in the daily schedule to keep students engaged.

Safety Protocols by Phase

Here are the general guidelines regarding the safety protocol and expectations of both staff and students.

	PHASES 1-3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5	PHASE 6
No face-to-face instruction	✓			
Face coverings required at all times for all staff and students grades PreK-12		✓	✓	
Social distancing		✓	✓	
No visitors in buildings		✓	✓	
Transportation provided with face coverings		✓	✓	
Face coverings required for all students and staff in hallways and common areas		✓	✓	
Modified lunch and recess		✓	✓	
Strict cleaning and hygiene protocols		✓	✓	✓