



Dartmouth Public Schools

HYBRID FINAL STEPS

Week Of October 19 - 23

For Grades: 8-12

What you need to know!

After two weeks of successfully implementing the hybrid model of education we are ready to enter the final phase. Grade 8 teachers and the high school staff are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the rest of our students beginning on October 19th.

We are aware that Dartmouth is registering red on the Governor's Community Level Data Map. As a reminder this is only one metric to be considered when making decisions about our schools. In collaboration with the Director of Public Health we monitor all metrics and trends over time including transmission within the schools. Together we have determined no changes need to be made to our plan at this time.

- October 19: Cohort A: Grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 start in person school.
- October 20: Cohort B: Grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 start in person school.
- Cohort schedules are mapped out in the [color coded calendar](#) on the district website.
- If you chose bus transportation you should have received information about your stop and time of pickup.
- Schools have sent out materials about arrival and dismissal, lunch, recess, daily schedules etc. If you are driving your child to school, please pay close attention to this information.
- If you are driving your child to school, please note the following drop off times:
 - Elementary: **Students cannot be dropped off earlier than 8:45 a.m.**
 - Middle: **Students cannot be dropped off earlier than 7:30 a.m.**
 - High: **Students cannot be dropped off earlier than 7:15 a.m.**
 - Cushman PK: **Drop off at back of school at 8:55 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.**
 - Cushman K: **Drop off at back of school at 8:45 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.**
- All students and staff must wear masks while riding the bus and in the buildings. Gators, bandanas and vented masks are not allowed. Hand sanitizer will be available upon entering & exiting busses and in school. Students may bring a personal size bottle of sanitizer.
- Students will be assigned to a seat on the bus. He/she must remain in their assigned seat.
- LUNCH: All students will receive free meals for the remainder of the school year.
 - Bagged lunches will be delivered to classrooms or other designated areas each day. Students may bring their own lunch, a water bottle & nut free snack. Water bottle filling stations are available.
 - All food will be consumed in classrooms or other designated areas.
 - Schools will be nut free this year. Do not send snacks or lunches that contain any nut product.
 - **Middle School**
 - Students will eat breakfast & lunch in school on in school days.
 - Students will take home a breakfast & lunch for remote days.
 - **Elementary School**
 - Students will eat lunch ONLY in school on in school days.
 - Students will take home TWO breakfasts & one lunch for remote days. The second breakfast should be eaten at home, before school, on the next in person day.

- **High School**
 - Students will go through serving area to choose daily lunch.
 - Students will take home TWO breakfasts & one lunch for remote days. The second breakfast should be eaten at home, before school, on the next in person day.
- **Virtual Learners** (Students not returning to in person school)
 - A week worth of meals may be picked up each Thursday from 10:30 to 12:00 at the middle school cafeteria door (north side). Meals **MUST** be pre-ordered by each Wednesday before 12:00 p.m. at [Dartmouth Nutrition](#).
- Students will follow a regular schedule while in school, including recess & special areas. They may bring a backpack, personal hand sanitizer, small tissue pack & book. No other personal items such as stuffed toys should be brought to school.
- **Student in person school schedules: Schools have provided families with detailed information.**

PK:	9:05 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.
Elementary:	9:05 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.
Middle School:	7:50 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
High School:	7:30 a.m. – 2:03 p.m.
- Students will have mask breaks throughout the day. Silent breaks will be in the classroom; mask breaks will also be taken outside. Social distancing requirements will be adhered to.
- On their **remote learning day**, students independently complete assignments and prepare for the next in person day. Elementary students have been attending live daily morning check in meetings (9:05 – 9:15). High School students may join a PASE period for questions or clarifications.
- It takes a village! We are doing a good job keeping everyone safe. Let's continue to be careful. Don't send a child to school if he/she has developed any of the following symptoms within the past 24 hours:
 - Fever (100.0 degrees or above, chills or shaking chills)
 - Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache when in combination with other symptoms
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies), when in combination with other symptoms
 - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- If staff or students have any of these symptoms, they must get a test for active COVID-19 infection prior to returning to school. Or obtain documentation of an alternate diagnosis. A flowchart is being provided to families & staff to support understanding & decision making. [Mass.gov](#) also provides important information.
- As a reminder all students will be required to have received a flu vaccine by December 31, 2020 for the 2020-2021 influenza season.

We are looking forward to welcoming grades 8-12 on Monday and Tuesday!