

# NEW HOPE ACADEMY

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Dear School District Administrators,

We hope your summer has been a good one! Let's pray we have less heat and more health as we enjoy the remainder of the summer!

New Hope Academy's (NHA) **Health and Safety and Academic Plan** for September is that parents and students will be able to choose face to face learning or virtual learning. We will offer a strong Academic program in both platforms. We do not plan to offer a hybrid program. NHA is blessed to have a unique situation with so few children in the classroom setting, so we do not need a hybrid program. However, if a parent/child who is in virtual school wishes to transfer to a school building on either campus, or vice-versa, we will consider the transfer on an individual basis. The students who choose to start the year on virtual instruction will follow their schedule receiving direct instruction in the classroom setting via a video platform in addition to google classroom.

## **NHA'S HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN:**

Below is a list of what we will be doing to keep all students, faculty, and staff, safe and healthy--

- Prior to opening, the school building will be sanitized and will continue to be sanitized at the end of every class day.
- All windows will be ready to be open to increase ventilation in the building, along with fans and HEPA air purifiers.
- All staff and faculty will be trained in an on-going manner on the health and safety plan.
- The guidelines for students and families will be communicated in an on-going manner.
- All school vans will be sanitized before and after transporting any students. Face coverings will be required and safe distance on the van will be enforced.
- Guidelines for hand washing will be displayed by posting signs throughout the building.
- Social distancing signs will be posted in classrooms and common spaces.
- Face covering signs will be posted throughout the building and required upon entry.
- Outside visitors, including parents, will be required to have their temperature taken, face covered, and hands cleansed using contactless Hand Sanitizer upon entering the building. In addition, visitors will be limited to the absolute minimal number needed for any meeting.
- Interactions between groups of students will be limited by consistent teacher monitoring.

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**Below is a list of what we will be doing every day--**

- Upon entering the building at each campus, students and adults will have their temperature taken.
- Students with a fever over the CDC recommendation, (100.4) will be sheltered in our new, specifically designed, "Comfy Rooms" until parents can pick up their child. Adults with a fever will be sent home immediately. Adults and students may not return without clearance from a medical doctor and a negative test for COVID.
- All students and adults will wear face masks all day.
- Safe space will always be maintained.
- All class furniture including light switches, doorknobs, etc. will be sanitized before and after all classes.
- We will restrict the number of students in workout, yoga, and lunchrooms to meet social distancing guidelines
- Furniture and equipment used outside, or in any outside activity, will be sanitized before and after use.
- Lunch will be in traceable teams with students, with social distancing, and with adults to monitor. Students will be reminded to use the classroom Hand Sanitizer before and after class, as well as before and after lunch.
- Stand alone, contactless Hand Sanitizers will be positioned throughout both campuses.
- Students will all face front in every class with their own desk and social distancing.
- We will make more information available to Covid high risk students, or staff, and assist them in any way necessary for their health and well-being.

I'm sure there will be changes to the above as the government guidelines change. We will continue to do our best as a small private school. Please call me or my staff with any questions or concerns. My cell is below. Good Luck to each of you as you navigate this new, challenging school year.

All my best,

*Kathy*

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