

Seymour High School COVID Reopening Plan

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Seymour High School will be implementing an A/B Block schedule with four blocks per day. This change is being implemented temporarily during the pandemic to limit the number of times the students have to be in the hallway to change classes. However, this schedule and our procedures will be different than those in previous years. The major changes are summarized below.

Masks – All students must wear a **facemask** when they are in the school building or when outside of the building when social distancing cannot be maintained. **Bandana or other face coverings that wrap around the entire head are prohibited for security reasons.** One cloth mask will be provided to each student. Due to this face covering, hats and hoodies will not be permitted during the school day for security reasons. If students refuse to wear an appropriate mask that covers their nose and mouth they will be sent home. Facemask breaks may be available to the students during the school day only if the students are socially distanced in their class in an identified safe mask-free area of the building.

Bus and Parent Dropping off Students – Students are not permitted into the school before 7:10 a.m. Buses and parents must keep the students in the vehicles until school opens at 7:10 a.m. When students arrive at school they are to report to their homeroom immediately without wandering the halls or gathering.

Breakfast will be available to students who choose to purchase one as they enter the building. They can be purchased from tables by the bus entry and main entrance of the school. After arriving/purchasing breakfast all students are to report to their homeroom.

Homeroom will run from the moment students arrive until 7:35, students are to report immediately to homeroom and stay there until classes begin. Homeroom will be used for announcements and for taking daily attendance, at times homeroom will be extended to provide school counseling lessons, Capstone support, and other administrative tasks. Parents/Guardians of students who do not report to homeroom will receive an automated phone call indicating their child is absent from school.

Lockers will **not** be used by students until the COVID-19 pandemic is over. Students are expected to carry their books with them throughout the day.

Senior Privilege – A.M. Senior Privilege will be suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic. All students must report to school by 7:30 in the morning. This is being implemented to minimize cohort mixing at the beginning of the school day.

Lunch Waves – An additional lunch wave has been added to the schedule to decrease the number of students in the lunchroom helping to maintain social distancing, outside dining will be expanded to accommodate more seniors and potentially juniors. Additional time has been added between lunch waves to allow for cleaning.

Hall Passing Times has been decreased from five minutes to four minutes. Students are not allowed to use their lockers or congregate in groups during hall passing. Stairways will be identified as either an up or down stairway, some hallways will be one-directional, some will have marked right and left sides maintaining a bi-directional open pathway for students.

Lavatories – No more than two students will be permitted at a time into the school lavatories. Additional lavatories will be opened throughout the school provided supervision is available.

REMOTE Learning Day – All students will participate in their regularly scheduled classes using Google Classroom and Google Meets. Their schedule will follow the schedules as outlined below. This will allow them to listen to teacher instruction, ask questions, and participate in classroom activities with the rest of the class in real-time. A portion of each class will be devoted to live interactive video streaming.

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Attendance – The attendance policy will continue to be implemented during hybrid and remote learning. Students are expected to log in and be present in their classrooms during their scheduled class times. Teachers are expected to take period attendance for each meeting. Students who do not log in will be marked as a class cut and the work that was due that period or assigned that period will not be accepted. If a student is sick and cannot attend because of sickness parents should call the school as they normally would to inform the school that the student is sick. Students who are attending in person will also have daily attendance taken during homerooms. Parents should expect a phone call if their child was not present for homeroom on the days that they are attending in person.

Technology - All students and staff are expected to follow the district acceptable use policies and follow all academic integrity expectations. Materials and content will be distributed through the Google Classroom platform and any synchronous teaching will occur through Google Meet, which has enhanced features for the fall of 2020. Google Meets allows for the use of break out rooms, which can be used for small groups of students. Student training on Google Classroom and all related applications will occur during the first few weeks of school.

School Counseling Visits – When students arrive at school they go directly to homeroom, if the student needs to see a school counselor they will have two options. They could either inform the homeroom teacher who will call the school counseling office to check availability, or they can schedule an appointment using an online scheduling tool. Students will only be allowed to schedule an appointment during their study hall period unless emergency circumstances require swift intervention. If a teacher believes a student is in a Social-Emotional Crisis they should inform the administrative and counseling office to expedite an intervention response. School counselor availability before school will be limited due to supervisory duties.

Nurse Visits

- Teachers will try to limit well-child visits to the nurse's office for students with minor problems (e.g., Our classroom teachers will be provided with Band-Aids from the nurse for minor cuts and abrasions as well as any needed sanitary products).
- Teachers/Staff will call school nurses before sending a student to them to limit the number of students in the health room and limit exposure.
- School Nurses will have the necessary PPE equipment to protect themselves and others that may come into contact with an infected student.
- School Nurses will work closely with administrators in developing a plan to isolate sick children until someone comes and gets them.
- School Nurses will assess the student and take appropriate actions. If a child needs to be sent home, we ask that the parent and/or guardian make every attempt to pick up their child within 30 minutes. The nurse may encourage that your child is COVID-19 tested if they are presenting with those symptoms.
- School Nurses will sanitize and disinfect their office after any student is seen for care.

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Hybrid Scheduled Opening 20-21 Bell Schedule, 4 Blocks per Day/4 Lunch Waves

The student population will be divided into two cohorts by bus route. Students who are scheduled for remote learning will participate in their normally scheduled classes via Google Classroom and Google Meets. This will allow them to listen/view instruction, complete assigned tasks, ask questions, and participate in discussions with the entire class in real-time. Periods are in reverse order to accommodate existing PLC and Duty Times.

		Monday Cohort 1 IN-PERSON Cohort 2 REMOTE	Tuesday Cohort 1 IN-PERSON Cohort 2 REMOTE	Wednesday* School Deep Cleaning Day Between Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 Building use	Thursday Cohort 1 REMOTE Cohort 2 IN-PERSON	Friday Cohort 1 REMOTE Cohort 2 IN-PERSON
Start Time	End Time	A-Day Block #	B-Day Block #		A-Day II Block #	B-Day II Block #
7:10	7:35	HR	HR		HR	HR
7:39	9:02	4	8	All classes will participate in remote learning. An Eight Block Schedule will be developed. Teachers will hold office hours to provide students with assistance as needed	4	8
9:06	10:29	3	7		3	7
10:33	12:00	2	6		2	6
10:33	10:57	1 st Lunch	1 st Lunch		1 st Lunch	1 st Lunch
11:04	11:29	2 nd Lunch	2 nd Lunch		2 nd Lunch	2 nd Lunch
11:36	12:01	3 rd Lunch	3 rd Lunch	3 rd Lunch	3 rd Lunch	
12:08	12:33	4 th Lunch	4 th Lunch	4 th Lunch	4 th Lunch	
12:37	2:00	1	5		1	5

* If the week is shortened due to scheduled professional learning or school recess, the Wednesday Deep Cleaning Day will be eliminated allowing both cohorts to have equal classroom time. If this is the case, the custodial staff must deep clean during the evening between cohorts.

Proposed Distance Learning Schedule only to be used if the school is closed to in-person learning.

Class Schedule, 4 Blocks Synchronous Learning per Day

Start Time	End Time	A-Day Block #	B-Day Block #
7:30	9:10	Open Office Hours, Individual Student Support, Department Meetings, and PLC's	
9:10	10:15	4	8
10:15	11:20	3	7
11:20	11:50	Lunch	Lunch
11:50	12:55	2	6
12:55	2:00	1	5

Facemask Breaks – Wearing facemasks throughout the day will be difficult for students and teachers. Conditions exist where teachers and students can take-off their facemasks for a break. To have a facemask break students and faculty must be in an identified safe mask-free location, they must also maintain a distance of at least six feet apart from one another. Below is a list of locations where facemask breaks can be provided.

Facemask Break Locations

Inside Locations (7 locations)	Outside Locations (8 locations)
Media Center – will be closed to general use, three facemask free instructional areas will be available.	The two preexisting outside classrooms, one is by the science wing , the other is outside of the cafeteria .
Cafeteria – will be used for study halls when not being used for lunch.	The lunch tables outside of the cafeteria when not being used for lunch.
Rooms 219 and 235	The softball bleachers in front of the school (two sets)
Gymnasium when not being used by physical education classes.	The track and field bleachers on Sponhiemer Field and The home or away bleachers on DeBarber Field