

DVHS PARENT FAQ

[Please click here to read the up-to-date reopening information on the Delaware Valley School District website.](#) The school district has posted several links which review the reopening plan and provide answers to most of your questions. The FAQ below is specifically for DVMS and builds upon the information on the district website.

1. How has arrival and dismissal changed?

- Parent/Guardian drop off is encouraged to occur between 7:25 a.m. – 7:40 a.m. in front entrance of the middle school designated drop-off area.
- Students arriving prior to 7:42 a.m. will report to the middle school cafeteria.
- Students will report to their lockers and then directly to homerooms at 7:42 a.m. to avoid hallway congestion.
- Students will be dismissed incrementally at the end of the day beginning at 2:34 to minimize hallway traffic.

2. Will students who selected the Zoom option have materials (textbooks, chromebooks, etc.) on the first day of school?

- Material Distribution for those who will be on zoom, which will consist of textbooks and chrome books, is scheduled prior to the first day of school.
- On Friday, August 28th from 11–3 PM in the middle school cafeteria, technology equipment and instructions material pick up will occur.
- Parents who are unable to pick up materials at this time should contact their student’s school counselor to make alternate plans for pick-up.

3. Will my student be required to wear a mask?

- [In accordance with the Face Covering Order from the Secretary of the PA Department of Health and additional guidance from the PA Department of Education, all students, staff, and visitors age two and older are required to wear face coverings in school buildings and school buses.](#)
- The Order will require individuals to wear a “face covering.” “Face covering” means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. A plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth will also be acceptable.
- Refusal to wear a face covering in the building or on the school bus will result in disciplinary action.
- Students may be permitted to remove their face coverings when they are at least six feet apart during “face-covering breaks” to last no longer than 10 minutes.

4. How do parents/guardians meet with school personnel?

- An appointment is required to meet with school personnel. Parents who have not scheduled a meeting prior to arriving will not be permitted to wait in the building.

- School personnel are encouraged to schedule Zoom meetings with parents/guardians instead of face-to-face. A phone conference can also be offered to parents/guardians.
- 5. Will parents be permitted to drop-off items for their student this year?**
- There will be no lunch drop-offs in offices this year.
 - Any other drop-offs (instruments, uniforms, etc.) will be left labeled in a segregated location in the office.
- 6. How is DVMS going to reduce hallway traffic?**
- Block classes, classes designed to be longer than one period, will stay in the classroom during class changes.
 - Students will only have access to lockers before school, 5th period, and after school.
 - Dismissal from class will start with half the class leaving 2 minutes before the bell and the remaining half of the class leaving at the bell. This will be done by an A-L and M-Z divide.
- 7. Will the hallway traffic be one-way?**
- Due to reduced capacity, staggered dismissal times, and dead-end hallways, the hallway traffic will remain two ways in most areas.
- 8. What changes will be made to classroom environments?**
- If possible, students will be seated 6 feet apart. This is based on class size.
 - All desks will be faced in the same direction when possible.
 - Students are permitted to carry their own hand sanitizer and water bottles as we will no longer have water fountains available.
 - Teachers will establish operating procedures for their classrooms and communicate them to their students. Every classroom has varied needs and the procedures should reflect the needs of the specific classroom.
- 9. What changes will be made to the cafeterias?**
- Additional locations will be utilized during school lunches to allow for adequate spacing among students.
 - Cafeterias will now be utilizing cashless operations. Families can make deposits electronically or pay via check in the designated drop-box outside both cafeterias.
 - Students will be using a scan card or phone app to purchase lunch in place of a pin keypad.
- 10. Will classrooms have hand sanitizer?**
- Classrooms that have sinks available should be used for the students to wash their hands.
 - All classrooms without sinks will have hand sanitizer.
- 11. Will students be sharing materials?**
- If shared materials are used, they will be cleaned between uses.

12. Will clubs run after school?

- No, the clubs will not run after school during the first quarter.

13. If I have to pick up my student from the nurse's office, what is the procedure?

- The parent/guardian will call the respective nurse's office when he/she arrives at DVMS. The parent/guardian will meet the student and the nurse at the front entrance. The student will be signed out through the nurse not the main office.