



BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

# Hastings Elementary Schools

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Dear Families,

We'd like to start with a huge "thank you" to all families, teachers and staff members for making the first week of school so positive. It was great to see students and staff members already making strong connections. We appreciate the patience and understanding everyone has had as our plans have now become reality! Please see the information below for updates to our school procedures. While most things have gone very close to as planned, we do recognize some adjustments may need to be made. Together, we will continue to make this year a success!

## Attendance & Academic Accountability

In line with state requirements, schools will track attendance during their at-home days (distance learning days). We do this by having students interact with learning tasks & materials. If learning tasks need modifying or are not being completed, parent/teacher communication will be needed. Please feel free to reach out with your teacher on Flex days.

Although attendance is required, we value students thoughtfully engaged in their learning. Accountability for learning (completing assignments/assessments) will be separated from "showing up for distance learning" (attendance). For the purpose of accountability, students are expected to complete tasks daily and demonstrate evidence of their learning.

To report an absence, parents/guardians can notify the school's attendance line at 651-480-7220.

## Food and Nutrition Services

Meals for home

- Students in Cohort 1 (attending onsite Monday/Tuesday) Order lunch on Monday by noon for students to take at the end of the day on Tuesday for Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.
- Students in Cohort 2 (attending onsite Thursday/Friday) Order lunches on Thursday by noon for students to take at the end of the day Friday for Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.
- To order lunches for the at-home days, **please use this order form each week:** [Order Lunches for Elementary Hybrid Distance Learning Days](#).
  - **Online Academy Students**, please use this order form: [Online Academy Lunch Order](#).
- Check out the [Food Service section](#) on the Bridge to Learning Website or the most recent [Raider Update from Sept. 13](#) for additional information and updates.

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## Elementary Student Handbook

Please see the current [student handbook](#) for more elementary information.

### Picture Day Sept. 22 (Cohort 1) or Sept. 24 (Cohort 2)

Check out the additional [picture day information](#) on our website for ordering details.

### iPad update - Hybrid 1st-4th Grade Students Only

Great news! Our shipment of iPads has arrived and is currently being prepared for student use. Due to the large number of iPads, **we anticipate these being ready for home use in the next couple of weeks, starting with our fourth grade students and working down the grade levels.** Thanks for your patience as we work through this. If you have not already returned the [iPad and Technology Use Agreement](#) to your teacher, please do so as soon as possible. Using a district device provides students with a unified experience and allows school staff to reliably support student needs. It also ensures that proper safeguards are in place. If families prefer to use a home iPad, please communicate your plan with your child's primary teacher. As stated in previous communications, our plan for kindergarten students is to focus iPad use to on-site learning days to begin the year.

We have developed some helpful [technology resources for families](#) and a way for you to [request technology support](#) for a district issued iPad or other district resource.

Students are asked to bring iPads home each night to ensure access to any needed learning materials. Please help your child have this important learning tool with them each day. iPads will be used in a balanced approach taking advantage of online activities (Seesaw and other digital resources) and traditional paper/pencil activities. We will continue to be mindful of screen time.

There may be, on occasion, the need to cancel a morning or afternoon virtual session (on Zoom) if the teacher is needed to support an in-person learning group. In these cases, students can continue working on their previously assigned learning tasks. We do not anticipate this being a regular occurrence but do need to create back-up plans to ensure coverage of students at school each day. Please understand we will do our best to honor students' virtual support times.

In partnership,

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