

COVID-19 Protocols

2021-2022

Friendship Central School

Please note that the following information is subject to change based on guidance and information that comes from state and county agencies. Our goal is to have all Friendship students in school every day and to keep everyone safe and healthy!

Masking/Physical Distancing

We are adopting universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to our school regardless of vaccination status. If students can successfully maintain at least six feet of social distancing, they can remove their masks. In most of our classrooms and learning areas, we can keep students at least six feet apart. There will be some places and times when this cannot be done, and students will have to wear masks. All students, staff, teachers, and visitors must wear their masks when travelling throughout the building.

Masks must be worn at all times on school busses by passengers as well as drivers regardless of their vaccination status.

A mask will not be required when conducting outdoor activities.

Health Screening/Temperature Checks

School districts are no longer required to document or conduct daily health screenings or temperature checks.

Parents should continue to screen their children for symptoms of COVID-19 before sending them to school. Teachers and other faculty/staff should also continue to monitor themselves for symptoms of illness and self-isolate, as necessary.

Please stay home or keep your children home if they are ill, keep your children home if you or they are COVID-19 tested and awaiting results. If anyone presents during the school day with symptoms, they will be evaluated by the school nurse and sent home if necessary.

COVID-19 Testing

If a student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, students will be referred to outside medical services for a COVID-19 test and diagnosis. Students must isolate and quarantine until they know the results of the COVID-19 test. Test results will play a role in when the student may return to school. Further information regarding COVID-19 testing at school will be shared when it is available.

Arrival/Dismissal

Friendship Central School will open its doors to students beginning at 7:55 AM. Students who ride the bus will be dropped off and picked up on Sunnyside at the doors by the gymnasium. Students who walk or are dropped off/picked up by parents will use the front circle and main entrance. Construction work will prohibit the use of the main entrance for at least the first month of school. We can utilize the front circle, and MS/HS students will be able to use the door by the district office on Main Street to enter and exit.

Elementary students will use the door close to our nurse/guidance offices to enter and exit. Staff will be present to help.

Dismissal of students will occur at 2:55 PM. Bus students will board the buses at the Sunnyside exit. Walkers and parental pickups will be dismissed through the main entrance for MS/HS students and the door near the nurse/guidance office for our elementary school students until the front entrance is finished.

Breakfast/Lunch

As always, Friendship Central School will continue to provide breakfast and lunch to all students. Elementary students will eat breakfast in their classrooms and our MS/HS students will utilize the breakfast carts to “grab and go.” Those students will be allowed to eat breakfast in their homerooms.

For lunch, we will look to use the cafeteria for as many students as safely possible. Some elementary grades will eat lunch in their classrooms. We will also have an overflow room for our MS/HS students during their lunchtimes.

Lockers/Book Bags

Our MS/HS students will be issued lockers for the 2021-2022 school year. Lockers will be in grade level cohorts this year. All MS/HS students are encouraged to utilize their lockers this year and not to carry all their belongings around with them or utilize backpacks.

Water Bottles/Drinking Fountains

Students will be allowed to have water bottles (and water bottles only) to refill at our drinking stations that are located throughout the building. The drinking fountains will only be used to refill water bottles.

Hallways/Passing Time

All MS/HS students will pass between classes at the same time, according to the bell schedule. Students will be required to wear their masks when in the hallways.