

**Norwood High School
Increase to In Person Learning
Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: What is the timeline for increasing in person learning at NHS?

A: We will increase in-person student learning in 3 phases, indicated below:

- Phase 1, Monday April 12: Students in grade 12 who choose full time in person learning (Cohorts A,B,F) will return for 4 partial days of in person learning following our current hybrid schedule (11:45 in person dismissal, remote PM classes, grab and go lunch, remote Wednesday).
- Phase 2, Tuesday, April 27: Students in grades 9-11 who choose full time in person learning (Cohorts A,B,F) will return for 4 partial days of in person learning following our current hybrid schedule (11:45 in person dismissal, remote PM classes, grab and go lunch, remote Wednesday).
- Phase 3, Date TBD: Begin 5 days of in person learning in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidelines and timeline (A,B,F). At this time, a modification to our existing daily schedule will be required and will be communicated to you appropriately.

Q: Why is NHS not moving to five in-person days immediately?

A: As the largest school in the district, it is important for us to move in phases that allow us to make modifications or improvements as we go and monitor case numbers in the community and school. Additionally, this time allows us to prepare for adjustments in our schedule, and navigate specific challenges with feeding all students safely. We intend to move to five days of in person learning in accordance with the DESE guidelines and timeline.

Q: Do I need to fill out the change in placement form that was sent to me?

A:

- If your child is currently in Cohort R and learning remotely five days a week and will stay there until the end of the year. No form needed.
- If your child is currently in Cohort R and you want to move them to the 4 day, and then the 5 day, model - **you must submit a form.**
- If your child is currently in the hybrid model and you want them to go 4 days in person, and then 5 days in person. No form needed.
- If your child is currently in the hybrid model and you want to move them to cohort R to learn remotely five days a week - **you must submit a form.**

Q: When are the change in placement forms due?

A: April 5 by noon for seniors, April 9 by noon for grades 9-11.

Q: Will there be another opportunity to switch between in person learning and remote learning later in the year?

Q: My child did not take the bus before, but will need transportation once NHS goes to school four days a week. What should I do?

A: Please visit <https://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/about/transportation-services> to complete the bus registration process. Limited spots are available. Please contact the transportation office directly with any questions.

Q: Is the mask policy changing?

A: Yes. Gaiters, which were previously allowed, will no longer be allowed **effective April 5**. Also, students and staff will be encouraged to "double mask" as an extra precaution. Any student or staff member who needs a mask can retrieve one from the nurse's office, main office, or front entry area.

Q: My child has been in Cohort R and will be returning to in person schooling. Will their class schedule change?

A: In some cases, a student who is returning from cohort R may increase our in person class limit. In this case, the student would "remote in" to that single class from a supervised location in the building (library, cafeteria, gym, or another classroom). In some instances, a student may need to change courses, but we will make every effort to come up with another solution before that is necessary.

Q: Will student parking be affected?

A: Some students may have to move parking spots, as currently some spots are shared throughout the week in the hybrid model. But, we anticipate all juniors and seniors who currently have a spot will still be able to park on campus.

Q: Is it possible that NHS would not get to phase 3, or have to move back to our current hybrid model?

A: Depending on Covid-19 data in our community and in our school, as well as the guidelines from the Massachusetts DESE, both of these situations are possible. However, our intention at this time is to move through the listed phases on schedule as long as it is safe to do so.

Entry Date: ____/____/____

Received by: _____



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REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

If you want your child to stay in their current placement you do not need to complete this form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Home School of the child (select one):

☐ Norwood High School

Check ONE Choice Below:

☐ My child is currently in the Hybrid Learning Model (Cohort A, B, or F) and I officially **request that my child be changed to Cohort R to learn remotely five days a week.**

☐ My child is currently learning remotely five days a week (Cohort R) and I officially **request that my child be changed to attend in person school four days a week in Phase 1 and 2, and then five days a week in Phase 3.**

Please acknowledge and sign below:

☐ I also understand that changes in placement of instructional model is intended to be a permanent change until the end of the 20-21 school year.

This request must be signed and given to the main office at Norwood High School by Monday April 5 at noon for Grade 12 students, and Friday April 9 at noon for Grade 9-11 students.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____