



# WELCOME TO CONTE WEST HILLS

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PARENT & STUDENT ORIENTATION: 2021-2022

August 25, 2021

Grades K-8

# HARRY A. CONTE WEST HILLS MAGNET SCHOOL: *A SCHOOL OF EXPLORATION AND INNOVATION*

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- School Vision: *Developing in each student the curiosity of an explorer and the creativity of an innovator.*
- School Mission: *Conte West Hills Magnet – A school of Exploration and Innovation; uses the resources of our school and community members to offer a challenging, integrated curriculum that inspires students to become active, independent learners on their academic and social journey toward excellence.*

# CONTE WEST HILLS: ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

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# SCHOOL HOURS

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Pre K 8:30-2:50

K-8 9:05-3:30

## Early Dismissal

Pre K 8:30-12:50

K-8 9:05-1:25

**First Day of School  
for School Year 2021-2022**

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**Monday, August 30th  
Kindergarten - Grade 8**

# ARRIVAL FOR STUDENTS

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- **Arrival:** Arrival time for students is **9:05 a.m.** All students will enter the building through the bus platform door (nearest Room 15).
- **Drop-offs:** Parents will drop off students on Greene Street. Staff members will be present to direct students to the bus platform entrance.
- **Please note that parents will not have access to the building.**
- Video Link:

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# DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS

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Dismissal time for students is 3:25 p.m.

- If a student is in grades K-3 than the parent must sign the student by completing the QR form at the time of dismissal.
- All grade 4-8 students who are designated walkers/pickups will be released out the auditorium doors.

If a student is picked up early for an appointment, he/she/they MUST be picked up prior to 2:45 p.m.

# Procedures for Drop-Off and Pick Up

## Safety Purposes: No Access to Building

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### Drop Off

1. Take Chapel Street to Olive Street
2. Turn onto to St. John's Street
3. Continue around corner.
4. Proceed to Greene Street.
5. Follow staff directions for "drop off" spot.

### Pickup

1. Take Chapel Street to Olive Street
2. Turn onto to St. John's Street
3. Continue around corner.
4. Proceed to Greene Street.
5. Park in lot closest to basketball court.
6. Proceed around building to auditorium.

- Video Link:

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Kindergarten - 8th Grade  
Drop Offs - Greene Street

All Bus  
Students  
Rm 15

Pre K Students  
front playground

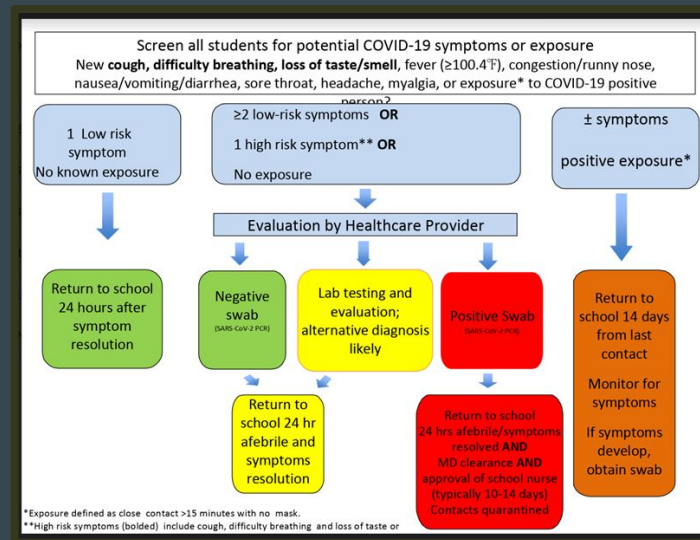


**Parents & families will not have access to the building.**

# BEFORE YOU ARRIVE EACH DAY...

- HEALTH SCREENER- DAILY
- MASK (backup mask)
- UNIFORM
- CHROMEBOOK & CHARGER
- WATER BOTTLE

## COVID DAILY Home Screener Tool



# What is on the daily checklist before sending your child to school?

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1.

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3.

# What supplies will your child need daily?

1.

2.

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# HEALTH POLICY

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1. All kindergarten and 7th grade students must submit a Health Assessment Record (updated physical and immunization record)
2. All new students to Conte West Hills must also submit a Health Assessment Record before being admitted to school
3. All medications must be handed to the school nurse along with the Medication Authorization Form, signed by the physician, along with the medical plan
4. If a student has a medically documented food allergy, the parent/guardian must notify the school and submit a written Emergency Allergy Plan from the child's physician.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY MEASURES TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF OUR CHILDREN AND EDUCATORS

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- Masks are mandatory for all students and staff to reduce virus transmission. No masks with vents.
- Social Distancing will be maximized to ensure safety
- Proper Handwashing techniques will be reviewed and followed.
- Entry to the building for adults must be pre-approved to limit visitor traffic in schools and reduce risk of virus transmission.
- Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfection Protocol and Schedule
- Create Student and Staff Cohorts and seating charts to minimize cross-contamination of student groups.



# When should a student stay home?

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We ask that parents/guardians, students, and staff continue to monitor their health and to stay home and contact their medical provider should they experience any of the symptoms below.

- Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher)
- Chills or shaking chills
- Uncontrolled new cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell

# When should a student stay home after contact?

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- If your child has symptoms - STAY home, CALL the doctor, get a Covid-19 TEST
- If your child is in close contact with a Covid-19 positive individual:
  1. Inform the school by calling the main office or contacting the classroom teacher.
  2. Child should not report to school and remain home until cleared by New Haven Health Department

You may select to get your child Covid tested 5-7 days after exposure

- If the test is negative, after being in close contact, your child may return to in person learning, upon the nurse reviewing your child's case, typically after 10-14 days
- If the test is positive, please contact your child's doctor and the school

# Attendance Matters

- Starting in kindergarten, and even pre-kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read (*this is also the strict cutoff requirement for receiving the New Haven Promise Scholarship*).
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher must slow down learning to help children catch up.

## When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



# Reporting Student Absences

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- STAY HOME WHEN SICK
- Report an absence by calling the main office or alert the homeroom teacher
- If a fever is present, a Covid-19 test must be conducted before returning
- No student will be allowed to enter school following an absence due to COVID-19 positive test or exposure until cleared by the school nurse

# ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL FAMILY SURVEY

## Arrival \*

- My child will take the bus to school in the morning.
- My child will be dropped off at school in the morning.

## Dismissal \*

- My child will be a walker (This includes walking to the car).
- My child will take the bus.

## Child #1 First and Last Name \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

## Child #1 Homeroom Teacher \*

# MANDATORY FORMS

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- Emergency Form
- Media Release Form
- Department of Health Form
- Technology Form

# Information on Forms

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## Steps:

1. Visit <https://nhpsorientation.net>
2. Scroll down to watch Superintendent's message to students and families.
3. Select your child school from the list.
4. Watch your school's principal's orientation message.
5. Access all forms on PowerSchool <https://powerschools.nhboe.net/>
6. Sign in with your PowerSchool account.
  - o PowerSchool login instructions and help: <https://www.nhps.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=119>
7. Access the Forms on the left column of the PowerSchool Portal.

# HOME & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION TOOLS

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- District Website: [www.nhps.net](http://www.nhps.net)
- School Website: [www.contewesthills.net](http://www.contewesthills.net)
- PowerSchool: <https://powerschools.nhboe.net/public/>
- *Google Classroom & Google Meets*
- *Parent Link*
- *Classroom DoJo*
- *Staff Email*
- Please make sure phone numbers and email are up to date. Changes can be made by calling the Main Office at (475) 220-5400.

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“The only thing we can control is our behavior, social distancing, and wearing a mask. We need to change how we interact, and how we behave. If we do that we can change the trajectory of your circumstance.”

- Bill Gates

# Questions

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# Kindergarten

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