

# Welcome

## Ridge Hill Open House

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# Attendance

## Attendance still counts!

- If your child is unable to come to school or participate in synchronous distance learning, guardians must call the school and let us know the reason for their absence.
- Guardians can only excuse the first nine absences with just a phone call. After that, a doctor's note is required to excuse the absence.
- Students are TRUANT if they have 4 unexcused absences in one month or a total of 10 for the school year at any point.
  - Students that are considered chronically absent are “present” less than 90% of the days in school. 95% is the gold standard for learning



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# Distance Learners

Distance Learners remain home each day of the week. They are awake and ready to participate in school by 8:30 AM each morning. Teachers will post a “Week at a Glance” in the google classroom. Students **MUST** participate virtually in Synchronous Learning 4 days a week. They must also attend lessons for specials according to their specials schedule and designated class.

- The full Grade Distance Learning Day is dedicated for teachers to make contact with Distance Learners. This day is a time to talk with parents and meet with students to support their learning. Students must be available via phone, Zoom or Google Meet to do this.
- Distance learners may also be asked to join “break out groups” in zoom to participate in small group instruction. Students must be available from 8:30-2:00 PM Daily.
- Specials classes are running differently this year. Each grade level has the same special four times per week for three weeks, then the special changes. See your Google classroom for more information.

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# Hybrid Learners

Hybrid Learners come to school 4 out of 5 days a week. They participate in distance learning on the fifth day. Most of the learning on the home day is A-Synchronous! Teachers will focus on connecting with Distance Learners on this day. Parents can ask for an appointment or phone as well.

- Specials classes are running differently this year. Each grade level has the same special four times per week for three weeks, then the special changes. Students must enter the Zoom through the specials teachers Google classroom and Zoom Link.
- Hybrid learners come school from 8:30-2:00. Students participate in Reading, Writing, Math, Specials, Mask Breaks/recess, Morning Meeting, Social Studies, Science and Health each day. Sometimes students in the classroom are on Zoom with the Distance Learners while other times only the teacher can see the Distance Learners.

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# Breakfast & Lunch

All students are able to have FREE breakfast and lunch each day. Menus will be sent home electronically only. Hybrid learners eat in school. Distance learners can pick up breakfast and lunch at Church Street School or Hamden High School each day.

- Breakfast is available in the bus ramp. It comes with chocolate or white milk, fruit and main meal. (cereal, muffin, pop tart, etc.)
- Lunch is delivered to the classroom each day. Students have three choices. A- varies each day. B- is the same meal for a week and C- is always a bagel lunch.
- Please discuss these options with your children at home before coming to school.



# Switching Between Hybrid and Distance Learning

Families have the option of enrolling their children in Hybrid or Distance Learning. There are some things you need to know...

- Students cannot be switched from Hybrid to Distance learning just because they want to stay home a day or two.
- If you are Hybrid, you are expected to be in school. If you stay home and are on the zoom links you are still considered absent.
- If you are Hybrid and choose to go to distance you can do it after you notify the principal and the secretary in writing. This can take place immediately.
- If you are Distance and want to switch back to Hybrid, you will wait for 5 school days before coming back into school. You will continue as a Distance Learner until the day you are allowed to start.

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# Questions?

Thank you for coming tonight. Please visit each of your child's teachers. Don't forget to see the Specialists, Specials teachers and/or the PPT Team for your questions.

Thank you for trusting us with your prized possessions. They are safe and enjoying the time in school despite the circumstances.

