



# FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Re: HS Locker Communication

Fairfield HS Students and Parent/Guardians,

This communication is to follow-up on information that was conveyed to students and parents/guardians at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year in regards to HS lockers. At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, the information communicated was that HS lockers would not be issued and further evaluation would take place in regards to lockers as the school year progressed.

We are approaching the mid-point in the first marking period, so revisiting HS lockers is appropriate. After a review of current procedures and protocol...the decision going forward is that HS lockers will be issued to HS students for limited use. Lockers will be issued at the beginning of the 2nd marking period (November 10<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>) for students to house their "colder weather" coats and packed lunches. Additionally HS students will continue to carry their book bags/backpacks, books, binders, and other classroom materials to class and those items will not be stored in lockers.

HS students will have access to their lockers three (3) times a day. Students will have access before 7:55 am (Block 1) to place their coats and packed lunches in their lockers. Students that arrive late to school, ie...ACTI students, students with an AM appointment, and students with senior privilege will be able to use their locker before reporting to their first class. Students will be able to use their locker at the end of Instructional Lab (11:26 am – 11:30 am) to retrieve a packed lunch. Finally HS students will be able to use their locker at the end of the school day after 2:44 pm, or whenever a particular student leaves school. To reiterate...at those three (3) specific times students will be able to access their locker to complete actions stated above.

Several key factors are directly impacting the decision moving forward.

1. The high school has worked to reduce student down time and students congregating in the hallways between classes as it relates to social distancing and the health and safety of all personnel in the high school...not issuing lockers at the beginning of the school year has positively impacted student congregation and traffic in the hallway and direct student progression to the next scheduled class. It has been very successful endeavor.
2. HS teachers have reported that book bags in the classroom are a minimal distraction.
3. It is imperative that HS students have all their materials at home each night. Learning from last March, it is important for HS students to have class materials at home. This is important because we are on a rotating schedule and because the high school wants to mitigate a possible DOH phone call instructing us to not have in-person learning for X-number of days. In other words, we are working to be proactive every day...so students are prepared to learn.
4. As colder weather approaches...students and others tend to wear warmer clothing...ie, heavier coats. Lockers will provide a place for HS students to store coats during the school day.

If you have specific questions or concerns in regards to HS lockers...please contact the HS Office at 717-642-2004.

Keep Moving Forward,

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