



SCHOOL REGISTRATION – FAMILY NOTES

Hanover School Division

1. **School Website** – www.HSD.ca – This website is a good place to get general information. From here you can navigate to your child's school website and find out about your child's school and what is happening there. Both websites can be translated into 9 different languages, by using the button on the top left of the home page.
 - a. **Parent Portal** – After your child is registered for school, you will receive an emailed invitation to sign up for the Parent Portal. Create your account as soon as you can. From here you can view your child's grades, attendance, and also inform the school when your child is sick or will not be in class.
 - b. **Communication with Teacher** - Please use the Teacher's email address to send messages.
2. **Outdoor Clothing** – Remember to dress for the weather. Rain and Snow jackets are recommended for Fall and Winter. Gloves, Hats, Scarves are also necessary as the temperature can be below freezing for much of the school year. Check the school division website for the Cold weather closure policy for more information.
 - a. **Footwear** – Elementary and Middle schools generally require 3 types of footwear: Outdoor (boots in winter, shoes/sandals in summer), Indoor (for in class/hallways) and Sports (for use in the gymnasium during physical education classes)
 - Secondary schools only require separate footwear for specific uses: Physical education class/sports participation, trades classes (safety footwear), etc. Please check your school's website for specific requirements
3. **Meals** – Elementary and Middle Schools generally do not have cafeterias and do not provide regular meals to students. Parents are responsible to pack a lunch and snacks for their children each day. There is limited availability of microwaves for reheating food, so thermal containers (which keep food hot), or ready to eat cold lunches are recommended.
 - a. **Containers** – you can purchase a lunch box or bag from Dollarama, Giant Tiger, or Walmart in Steinbach. Reusable/Recyclable containers for food are preferred. Lunches can also be packed in a paper lunch bag, if necessary.

- b. **Hot Lunch** – there will be occasional days when hot food is available for students at lunch time. This will be planned for and students will have to order and pay for this meal several days ahead of time. Students can bring cash to school for this purpose
 - c. **Where to eat** – Generally students will eat in their home classroom. They must stay in the classroom during the lunch break.
4. **School Supplies** – Parents are expected to provide school supplies for their child at the beginning of the school year and as needed during the year. Some schools ask parents to pay a fee to the school and then purchase the supplies needed for all students together. Check your school website for their process.
- a. **Supply List** – If parents need to purchase school supplies, a list will be posted on the school website early in July for the next school year. Parents need to check for this list summer, to purchase the correct supplies for the coming year.
 - b. **Backpack** - Children also require a backpack to bring their lunch, shoes, homework, and other items to and from school. These can be purchased for reasonable prices at local stores
5. **Getting to School**
- a. **Walking** – in most communities, walking to school is a regular occurrence.
 - b. **Bicycles/scooters** – If children wish to ride a bike or kick scooter to school, bike stands are provided for the child to lock their bike during the day. Parents must provide a lock for each bicycle.
 - c. **Bus Transportation** – Depending on where you live, there may be free bus transportation available for your child to get to school. The school website will list the number for the Transportation Department. You need to contact the Transportation Department to register your child for the school bus, and receive the bus number, location and time of pickup/drop off.
 - d. **Parent drop off** – There are specific zones at each school which are designated for parent drop off of children. Please consult with your school for this information.
 - e. **Highschool** – Students who wish to drive their own vehicles to school, may do so. Parking is limited, so check with the school for where students should park and if they need a parking pass assigned.