

2021-2022 SCHOOL REOPENING GUIDELINES

Disclaimer: The district's reopening plan is a fluid document that is subject to change based on the recommendations from the CDC, AAP, NYSED, NYSDOH, WCDOH, the district's Risk Management and Safety Specialist, and/or the district's physician. The district will also be monitoring Washington County's COVID-19 community transmission rate and how the transmission rate may impact the daily operational procedures. Transmission rates are measured by the CDC's four-category system of low, moderate, substantial, and high. Visit covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view for the CDC COVID-19 data tracker.

Goals: The priorities for the 2021-2022 school year will be to:

- Return to 100% in-person instruction
- Safely maintain an in-person learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff
- Preserve co-curricular activities, extracurricular activities, and interscholastic athletics for students

Guidance: The district's reopening plan is based on the guidance from:

- The Center for Disease Control
- The American Academy of Pediatrics
- The New York State Department of Health
- The Washington County Department of Health
- Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC
- The district's Medical Director



Remote Learning:



- No voluntary remote learning option
- Remote learning will be offered if there is a class/grade wide mandatory quarantine issued by Washington County Public Health Services

Daily Health Screenings:



- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to complete the daily "Raptor" screening tool
- Students and visitors will complete a temperature check when entering the building

Use of Face Masks:



- **Indoors:** Masks are required indoors when students are present
 - Masks may be removed during meals when eating
 - Masks are required for all personnel in the district, regardless of vaccination status
 - Frequent mask breaks are encouraged
- **Outdoors:** Masks are not required
 - Unvaccinated guests at outdoor events (*i.e. spectators*) are encouraged to wear masks
 - Outdoor learning and recess is encouraged to be used as much as possible

Visitors:

- The number of visitors will be limited
- Masks and temperature checks are required



Social Distancing / Classroom Arrangement:

- Student desks will be distanced by 3 feet or greater if possible
- Classroom windows and doors will be open to increase ventilation, to the extent possible
- Stairwells will be one-way areas
- Seating charts are required



Attendance:

- All students are expected to attend school in-person every day
- Individual students who are quarantined will be provided tutoring opportunities



Transportation:

- Busses can be filled to capacity
- All passengers and drivers must wear a mask while on the bus, regardless of vaccination status
- Windows will be open to the greatest extent possible
- Parents/Guardians who are able to provide transportation to and/or from school are encouraged to do so to reduce the population on busses



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Daily Cleaning/Disinfecting Procedures and Protocols

- The district will continue regular cleaning and disinfection daily or more frequently, as needed, along with frequent cleaning and disinfection of shared objects and surfaces as well as high transit areas, such as rest rooms and common areas
- Filtration/Ventilation: ensure maximum outside air is utilized in all HVAC equipment by monitoring the EMS systems for outside damper positions when appropriate.
- Classrooms will be disinfected as necessary
- High volume touch points will be disinfected frequently throughout the day as well as each night
- Primary products used: EPA approved disinfectants, disinfecting mist/fogger, disinfecting sprays and surface wipes
- Use of hand sanitizer and the practice of good hygiene will be taught/encouraged
- All staff will have access to PPE



Meals / Cafeteria:



- The primary eating location will be in the cafeteria, with overflow in the gymnasium or other identified locations
- Students will be separated at a minimum of 3 feet

Interscholastic Athletics:

- **Indoor Sports:** Masks are required
- **Outdoor Sports:** Masks are not required
- **Spectators:**
 - Indoor Sports - Limited spectators, masks are required
 - Outdoor Sports - Spectators encouraged, masks are recommended for unvaccinated individuals



Extra/Co-curricular Activities:

- Extra-curricular clubs will be active
- Field trips will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- 10th period and late busses will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
 - A fourth late bus will be operating to reduce capacity

Quarantines:

- Each case will be investigated, but per Washington County, the general plan is:
 - If there is an exposure:
 - Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine if asymptomatic
 - Unvaccinated individuals:
 - Separated by at least 6 feet: No quarantine required
 - Separated by less than 6 feet:
 - If properly masked: No quarantine required
 - If not masked (*i.e. during meal time*): County quarantine

Miscellaneous:

- **Use of School Facilities**
 - Limited indoor use of school facilities by outside groups
 - Outdoor use of facilities will be permitted
- **Substitute Teachers**
 - The district will attempt to secure substitutes for necessary positions
- **Safety Drills**
 - Modified to maintain social distancing
- **Vaccinations**
 - No current mandate/requirement for employees to be vaccinated
 - The district will work with WCDOH on encouraging vaccinations and holding clinics for eligible students and staff