

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will my child be required to wear a face covering?

A. Yes, students and staff will be required to wear face coverings. Cloth or surgical masks are required.

Q. Will the schools maintain six feet of social distancing during the day?

A. We will do our best to keep everyone separated as much as possible. In the classrooms desks will be six feet apart. We will minimize the number of students in hallways and classrooms.

Q. How many students can be in a classroom and still be socially distanced?

A. This answer varies from room to room due to classroom size and the size of the furniture/desks.

Q. Will there be screening of the students & staff for symptoms to identify a sick child or staff member before entry?

A. Students and staff will be screened daily via temperature and visual checks at entrances.

Q. Will there be signage to keep social distance and directional flow in the halls, classes and buses as well as reminders about face coverings?

A. Yes, we will have signage and tape to help with distancing of students and staff as well as to remind people to wear face coverings.

Q. Will windows be open to provide fresh air? Are the filters in the buildings changed on a regular basis?

A. Yes, some windows will be open and yes, the filters are changed regularly. In addition, our HVAC units ensure healthy air flow and circulation.

Q. Will arrival and dismissal times be staggered to allow for reduction of people in the halls at one time?

A. Yes, and we will eliminate the use of large areas for students to wait prior to the school day starting by having students report directly to their designated entrance and then to their classrooms after being screened for fever.

Q. Will students in grades 5-8 use gym and hall lockers?

A. No, students will report directly to their homerooms/classrooms and will not use hall lockers. Students will not change for physical education.

Q. Will the buildings be sanitized thoroughly and what products will be used? Will this occur during the school day as well as after?

A. Yes, we have purchased equipment and supplies to keep the building sanitized. Highly touched surfaces will be sanitized during the day as well as after school. Products on the EPAs approved disinfectant list will be used.

Q. Will hand sanitizer be available for students and staff?

A. Yes, the district has purchased and installed hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the schools but it is recommended that each student bring in their own personal hand sanitizer.

Q. Will water fountains be open for use?

A. No, parents should send students to school with a water bottle labeled with their name.

Q. What if I don't have a device to access the internet? What if I don't have access to the internet?

A. The district will provide all students with a device. Internet access (hotspots) will be provided as needed.

Q. Can I opt for my child to have a fully virtual educational program?

A. Yes, it will be a combination of live-streaming and distance learning using other virtual means.

Q. If I choose a virtual program for my child, can I switch to in-person?

A. Yes, but there will be designated times that you will be able to switch. This information is being sent on August 12th.

Q. During live-streaming, will students be able to ask questions and interact with the class live?

A. The teachers may be able to respond to questions typed in the chat feature or by raising their hands on a case by case basis. All students will have the opportunity to meet virtually with their teachers in the afternoon.

Q. Can we switch to virtual learning at any time?

A. Yes, but you will need to let the school know in writing.

Q. What is the difference between homeschooling and virtual schooling?

A. Homeschooled children are not students of the district, they are either withdrawn or never enrolled in the district. Virtually schooled children are part of the district but are learning at home through virtual means.

Q. Will extracurricular activities like after school clubs, band, athletics, etc. take place in 2020-21?

A. At this point we will not be providing extracurricular activities, this will be revisited once the school year is underway.

Q. How will Child Study Team and other Parent meetings be held?

A. All parent meetings will be held virtually.

Q. Will intervention and basic skills classes take place?

A. Yes, all programs will take place either in-person, virtually or using a hybrid approach.

Resources

[American Academy of Pediatrics- safely reopening schools](#)

[CDC Website- Importance of reopening schools](#)

[CDC Website Guidance for Schools](#)

[CDC Website on Screening For Schools](#)

[NJ Department of Education the Road Back](#)

[NJ Department of Education Resources for Schools](#)

[NJ Department of Health COVID Information](#)