

# North Syracuse Central School District Reopening Information



## OUR PATH FORWARD: A COMMUNITY OVERCOMING COVID



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**April 2021 Addendum**



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### APRIL, 2021 ADDENDUM

On March 19, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control issued new guidance for operating schools during COVID-19. This new [guidance](#) removed recommendations for physical barriers between students and revised social distancing recommendations to reflect at least 3 feet between students in classrooms. The Onondaga County Health Department issued similar recommendations for reducing social distancing in classrooms from 6 feet to 3 feet. Onondaga County's [Policy Proposal to Increase In-Person School Participation](#) also includes new guidance on transportation protocols, hand-washing, ventilation, temperature checks, Physical Education, Music Education, social distancing, and the use of physical barriers.

NSCSD has integrated this new guidance into our existing practices to increase in-person learning opportunities while maintaining healthy schools. Parents and community members are encouraged to review the list of practices and changes we will be implementing as we increase in-person instruction in April 2021.

This addendum addresses the following areas (view summary of changes on following page):

- Social Distancing in Classrooms
- Staff Social Distancing
- Barriers
- Physical Education Classes
- Music Classes
- Transitioning Between Remote and In-Person Learning (see sidebar)
- Remote Learning
- COVID-19 School Testing
- COVID-19 Athletics Testing
- Transportation
- Temperature Checks
- Symptom Checks
- Hand-Washing
- Reporting

#### Instructional Changes

**Pre-K** students attending **NSEEP** will continue to attend 5 days per week.

**Grade K-4** students will attend 5 days per week starting on **April 12**.

**Grade 5-12** students will attend 4 days per week (M, T, Th, F) starting **April 19**.

Students who receive special education services for 4 or 5 days per week will continue attending 4 or 5 days per week according to their program.

Parents of **grade K-4** students wanting to transition students from Remote to In-Person Learning or vice versa were surveyed and notified of changes.

Parents of **grade 5-12** students can submit a letter to request a change in instructional delivery model to the school principal by **April 7**.



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Social Distancing in Classrooms	Students will continue to wear masks and social distancing will be reduced from 6 feet to 3 feet without the use of barriers.
Staff Social Distancing	School staff will maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from other adults and students, when possible.
Barriers	Barriers will be provided for students when 6 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained during meals or in other unique circumstances such as therapy sessions.
Physical Education	Physical Education classes will transition from 12 feet to 6 feet of social distancing with mask-wearing indoors and outdoors.
Music Instruction	Students in classroom music classes and orchestra will maintain 3 feet of social distancing with mask-wearing. Students in band will maintain a 6 foot distance and use bell covers where appropriate. Students will maintain a distance of 6 feet and wear masks when singing in class.
Remote Learning	Option for remote learning will continue to be offered for the balance of the 2020-2021 school year.
COVID-19 Testing in School	The NSCSD will continue to offer periodic asymptomatic testing in schools in collaboration with the Onondaga County Department of Health.
COVID-19 Testing for Athletes	On January 28, 2021, Onondaga County issued <a href="#">athletics guidance</a> recommending students participating in high-risk sports to be tested weekly. High risk-sports include: Basketball, Cheerleading, Football, Hockey, Lacrosse, Volleyball and Wrestling. The NSCSD's Athletic Department presented a revised plan for Returning to Interscholastic Athletics. <a href="#">Click here to review the document.</a>
Transportation	To minimize contact, students will be required to wear masks at all times and to follow District procedures for seating. All seating will be forward-facing and seats will be filled from the back of the bus to the front of the bus. Roof hatches and windows will be used to maximize ventilation.
Temperature Checks	All students and visitors will be required to have their temperatures checked upon entering any NSCSD school.
Symptom Checks	School nurses will continue to monitor staff and students for symptoms. Students who are symptomatic will be brought to an isolation room, required to be taken home, and be tested or isolated prior to returning to school as indicated in the NYSDOH <a href="#">Pre-K to Grade K-12 COVID-19 Toolkit</a> . All NSCSD Staff are required to complete the daily screener. NSCSD families will be sent a weekly screener.
Contact Tracing	Contact Tracing will continue to be conducted using the Onondaga County Department of Health <a href="#">Contact Tracing Guidelines</a> issued February 6, 2021.
Hand Washing	NSCSD will continue to emphasize hand-washing and provide multiple opportunities to wash and/or disinfect hands throughout the school day.
Reporting	NSCSD will continue to monitor positivity rates daily. <a href="#">The New York State School COVID Report Card</a> will be updated each day school is in session.



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### ELEMENTARY SCHEDULING

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HYBRID INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Group 1	★	★	★	★	★
Group 2	🖥️	🖥️	🖥️	🖥️	🖥️

★ Attends School In-Person

🖥️ Remote Learning

ELL students will be provided the required instructional Units of Study in their ENL program through both in-school and remote learning environments.

Beginning April 12, all K-4 students in the North Syracuse Central School District will attend either 5-days/week in-person or 5-days/week remote.

#### STUDENT GROUPS



Group 1 students attend school in-person 5-days/week.



Group 2 students have chosen to learn remotely 100% of the time.



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### MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULING

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL HYBRID INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Group 1	★	★	📖	★	★
Group 2	📖	📖	📖	📖	📖

★ Attends School In-Person

📖 Remote Learning

Beginning April 19, all 5-12 students in the North Syracuse Central School District will attend either 4-days/week in-person or 5-days/week remote.

#### STUDENT GROUPS



**Group 1** students attend school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; remote learning takes place Wednesday.



**Group 2** students have chosen to learn remotely 100% of the time.

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### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING

#### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HYBRID INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Group 1	★	★	📖	★	★
Group 2	📖	📖	📖	📖	📖

★ Attends School In-Person

📖 Remote Learning

Beginning April 19, all 5-12 students in the North Syracuse Central School District will attend either 4-days/week in-person or 5-days/week remote.

#### STUDENT GROUPS



**Group 1** students attend school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; remote learning takes place Wednesday.



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### HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING

#### HIGH SCHOOL HYBRID INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Group 1	★	★	📖	★	★
Group 2	📖	📖	📖	📖	📖

★ Attends School In-Person

📖 Remote Learning

Beginning April 19, all 5-12 students in the North Syracuse Central School District will attend either 4-days/week in-person or 5-days/week remote.

#### STUDENT GROUPS



**Group 1** students attend school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; remote learning takes place Wednesday.



**Group 2** students have chosen to learn remotely 100% of the time.

ELL students will be provided the required instructional Units of Study in their ENL program through both in-school and remote learning environments.