



North Syracuse Central School District Reopening Plan Parent/Guardian FAQ #1

This document is intended to provide information to parents regarding the 2020-2021 school year. It will be updated continuously and information is subject to change based on NYS guidance and requirements.

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REMOTE LEARNING

Q. IF I CHOOSE 100% REMOTE LEARNING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

- A. A certified teacher will be assigned to students who elect remote learning. They will be meeting with students online regularly and posting educational materials throughout the week. Students will still receive a report card and will be expected to attend daily.

Q. IF I CHOOSE REMOTE LEARNING AM I COMMITTED TO CONTINUE FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR?

- A. Parents who choose remote learning will need to commit for the first trimester (grades K-4) or first semester (grades 5-12). K-4 students registered for remote learning may re-enter in-person or hybrid learning on December 7 and 5-12 students registered for remote learning may re-enter in-person or a hybrid-model on February 1.

Q. HOW DO I REQUEST THE REMOTE LEARNING OPTION?

- A. Parents/guardians who would like to request the remote learning option for their child(ren) need to submit an online form by August 19. [Click here to fill out the online request form](#). Parents who choose remote learning will need to commit for the first trimester (grades K-4) or first semester (grades 5-12).

Q. WILL THE DISTRICT REQUIRE ANY DOCUMENTATION FROM A PHYSICIAN CERTIFYING A HEALTH CONCERN TO ELECT REMOTE LEARNING?

- A. No.

ATHLETICS/EXTRACURRICULARS

Q. WILL THERE BE SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AFTER SCHOOL?

- A. At this time all extracurricular activities and fall sports are postponed. Athletic and extracurricular activities in the NSCSD are prohibited until further guidance from the New York State Governor's office and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHAA).

Q. IF I SELECT 100% REMOTE LEARNING WILL MY CHILD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS IF THEY ARE OFFERED DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR?

- A. At this time, NSCSD will allow students who elect to do remote learning and meet the eligibility criteria to play sports. Parents will have to provide own transportation to practice.

We are awaiting further guidance on this from NYSPHAA and this may be revisited once additional guidance becomes available.

TECHNOLOGY

Q. HOW WILL NSCSD SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH TECHNOLOGY TO ENSURE THEY CAN FULLY PARTICIPATE IN A HYBRID OR REMOTE LEARNING MODEL?

- A. Every NSCSD student will receive a Chromebook on a pick up date before school or on the first day of class. Parents with unique needs are encouraged to contact their building principal.

SCHEDULES

Q. WHAT DAY(S) WILL MY CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL IN A HYBRID MODEL?

- A. In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines, the NSCSD is limiting daily in-person attendance. *K-7 students will attend in-person two days/week and 8-12 students will attend in-person once/week. Most students will be scheduled to attend schools on the following days by level and the first letter of last name (see below).

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- GROUP 1 (A-K) MONDAY AND TUESDAY
- GROUP 2 (L-Z) THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOLS

- GROUP 1 (A-DE) MONDAY
- GROUP 2 (DI-K) TUESDAY
- GROUP 3 (L-Q) THURSDAY
- GROUP 4 (R-Z) FRIDAY

Parents who have special circumstances should contact the building principal to make necessary accommodations.

*CTD special education students may not be on this alphabetical schedule in grades K-7 to ensure services are provided and social distancing guidelines are followed.

Q. WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY CHILD'S TEACHER PLACEMENT FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR?

- A. Teacher placement letters for students in grades K-4 are scheduled to be sent on August 24. Placement letters for students in grades 5-7 will be sent on August 27. Junior high and high school students will have access to their schedules in Schooltool on August 27 and copies will be mailed.

Q. WILL SCHOOLS OPERATE WITH THE SAME SCHEDULED HOURS AS IN THE PAST?

- A. At this time schools are scheduled to operate on the same hours as in the past. Building hours are listed individually on each school's website. Minor adjustments may be made at the start of the school year. Any modifications made will be posted on the websites and communicated to parents/guardians through the SchoolMessenger alert system.

Q. HOW WILL MY CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR?

- A. Social distancing guidelines require students to be placed 6 feet apart and therefore class sizes will be reduced. Students will be required to wear masks throughout the day and mask breaks will be provided.

SCREENING

Q. HOW WILL STUDENTS AND STAFF BE SCREENED BEFORE ENTERING SCHOOL?

- A. We will be doing daily temperature checks for all students and staff prior to entering school. A child that has a temperature of 100.0 degrees or greater will be sent to school nurse for evaluation and parents will be notified. Parents and staff will be receiving information on how to identify symptoms of COVID-19. Staff members will be required to complete a daily screening questionnaire. Parents should evaluate their children for COVID-19 symptoms before sending them to school and should keep them home when ill.

Q. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF A CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

- A. The District will contact and follow guidance from local health authorities regarding the potential closing of classrooms/areas, cleaning and disinfecting spaces, contact tracing, documenting communications with students and employees and the process required prior to returning to school.

CHILDCARE

Q. WILL THE DISTRICT HONOR REQUESTS FOR CHILDREN WITHIN A FAMILY WHO ATTEND DIFFERENT SCHOOLS TO ATTEND IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AT SCHOOL ON THE SAME DAY HELPING FAMILIES TO ARRANGE CHILDCARE?

- A. Yes. We will make this accommodation if possible and when space is available.

Q. WILL THE DISTRICT HONOR CURRENT BABYSITTER ARRANGEMENTS IF REMOTE LEARNING IS CHOSEN?

- A. Yes. Current arrangements will be honored throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

GRADING

Q. HOW WILL MY CHILD BE GRADED THROUGHOUT THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

- A. The NSCSD will have a consistent grading policy for the 2020-2021 for in-person instruction, a hybrid model, or remote learning. In grades K-4 a trimester standards-based report card will be available in SchoolTool for each student. In grades 5-12 students will receive a numerical grade in a quarterly report card.