



NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



WELCOME NEW FAMILIES!

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION

WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing the North Syracuse Central School District for your child's educational needs! We are pleased to have you as a member of this wonderful community of a part of our great school system.

Because the 2020-2021 school year will look different from others, the District created this information sheet to help our new families get the information they need.

Please take a few minutes to look over the important information and also check out our comprehensive website at www.nscsd.org. Thank you again for choosing an education with us!

SCHEDULES

The 2020-2021 school year will begin on Thursday, September 10 using a [hybrid instructional model](#) to limit daily attendance in accordance with social distancing guidelines. *K-7 students will attend in-person two days/week and 8-12 students will attend in-person once/week. Students will receive remote (virtual/online) learning for the days they are not in our buildings.

Most students will be scheduled to attend schools on the following days by level and the first letter of last name:

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 with special circumstances (such as blended families) 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.

SAFETY

The North Syracuse Central School District is committed to protecting the health and safety of students, staff and building visitors and has created a plan to address concerns around COVID-19. [In its reopening plan](#) submitted to New York State, the District provides details to address the following safety concerns in schools:

- [Temperature Screening](#)
- [Hand Hygiene](#)
- [PPE and Face Masks](#)
- [Respiratory Hygiene](#)
- [Illness in School](#)
- [Returning to School After Illness](#)
- [Contact Tracing](#)
- [Signs of Illness](#)
- [Social Distancing](#)

Click on any of the topics above to learn more about the District's plan for that area.

MEALS

The North Syracuse Central School District will ensure that all students enrolled in the School Food Authority (SFA) have access to school meals each school day. This includes students in attendance at school, as well as students learning remotely. For the 2020-2021 school year, students receiving in-person learning will be provided meal service in the classroom. For students not in attendance, the District will provide Grab and Go Meal Service. Meals will be free for eligible students, all others will require payment. [Click here for information about free/reduced price meals.](#)

To ensure the safety of students with allergies, the District will not serve or allow students to bring in any peanut butter or peanut products.

[Click here for additional information about school meal service in relation to COVID-19.](#)

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COMMUNICATION

The North Syracuse Central School District has a comprehensive communications strategy to ensure information is quickly provided to students, parents/legal guardians, staff and visitors. The District is committed to using all available methods of communication to share information with students, staff, families and community members in the most efficient and effective manner. The District will provide information such as instructions, training and other notifications related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Appropriate signs will be posted in all schools, district buildings, classrooms, buses and common areas as required. Please click the methods of communication listed below to learn more.

In order for the District and schools to communicate with families, it is important that we have your current contact information. All parent/guardian information is maintained in the [SchoolTool](#) data management system. Parent/guardian information is shared with the District's messaging system, [SchoolMessenger](#) so that important information can directly be shared via text, email and telephone messages.

If you are not receiving messages from the District, first verify that your contact information is listed in SchoolTool correctly and then contact our School Information Officer at (315) 218-2190 or by [email](#).

WHO TO CONTACT

The North Syracuse Central School District has designated a District-wide COVID-19 safety coordinator. Christopher R. Leahey, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, will serve as the District-wide COVID-19 safety coordinator. Each building's principal or designated administrator will act as the COVID-19 safety coordinator for that building.

Safety coordinators are responsible for continuous compliance with all aspects of the District's reopening plan, as well as any phased-in reopening activities necessary to allow for operational issues to be resolved before activities return to normal or "new normal" levels. Any questions should be referred to them.

Safety coordinators can answer questions regarding COVID-19 from students, faculty, staff and parents/legal guardians.

Each school nurse will also serve as their building's COVID-19 resource. The school nurse will be the main contact upon identification of a positive COVID-19 case. School nurses can be contacted by calling the building's health office. Click here for a listing of school health office contact information.

The North Syracuse Central School District will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any sort and has designated DASA Coordinators at each building. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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