

WILLSBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT REOPENING OVERVIEW



A RETURN TO IN PERSON INSTRUCTION

Key Reopening Plan Components

- Continued attention to **safety and security** of students, staff, and visitors.
- **Daily health checks/screenings** of students and employees.
- Advanced and more frequent **cleaning and disinfection** of buses and buildings.
- Protocol for how we will address and **isolate students or staff who become ill** during the school day.
- Students and staff **wearing of masks/face coverings** on buses and in our buildings with certain exceptions.
- **Social distancing** requirements and guidelines when entering the school building, in the school building, and in our classrooms.
- **Training availability for students, staff, and parents** on health and safety protocols and effective components of remote learning.
- **Continuous communication** through consistent forms and various means including our school website, email, social media, mailings, and automated voice calls.
- School **visitors restricted** to those required for emergencies and/or school business.
- Frequent cooperation and communication with **state and local health departments** when dealing with COVID-19 related health concerns.

General School Information

- School hours adjusted to accommodate separate bus runs for elementary (Grades PK-5) students and secondary (Grades 6-12) students.
 - Grades PK-5 School Hours: 8:00-2:00
 - Grades 6-12 School Hours: 9:00-3:10
- School calendar adjusted to provide additional staff training before student return. The first day of school for students will be Wednesday, September 9th.
- Parent/guardians required to complete health checks of all students prior to arrival at school, most notably assurance of temperature not exceeding 100°F.
- Social distancing of all students, faculty, and staff when on school facilities, grounds, and transportation (to the best extent possible on buses).
- Students, staff, and visitors will be expected to wear face coverings. Students will be allowed to remove face coverings during meals, portions of instruction under the guidance of the teacher, and for short breaks so long as they maintain appropriate social distance.

- To the extent possible, students will remain in cohorts to reduce contact between different groups of students throughout the day.
- Health protocols in place for nurse office visits, quarantine of students/staff with symptoms, and return to school after symptoms/positive test.
- Meals eaten in classrooms with certain exceptions for larger classes and younger students. Alternate locations will be provided for students with severe food allergies, as needed.
- Time dedicated during the first week of school for K-12 student orientation to familiarize students with school and new protocols. Orientation schedule will be announced at a later date.
- Hallway traffic will be one-way, where possible, with appropriate signage. Classes moving within hallways will be regulated to reduce the number of students in the hallway at a given time.
- Filtration and ventilation will meet or exceed minimum requirements. Teachers will be encouraged to have windows open and instruct parts of classes outdoors, where feasible.
- Limited hallway locker use at scheduled times. Gym lockers will not be used. Students will be asked to carry a reduced number of materials with them on a daily basis.

Transportation

- Masks will be required for all passengers and drivers on school buses.
- Parents/guardians must screen their child(ren) for fever/signs of COVID prior to getting on the bus; sick students must be kept home.
- Students will be assigned seats for appropriate social distancing. Members of the same household/family will sit together on the bus.
- Parents are encouraged to drive their children where feasible.
- Bus capacity will be limited by providing separate bus runs for elementary (PK-5) and secondary (6-12) students:
 - Elementary bus run will include morning pickup times similar to previous years (7:00-7:45 AM) while afternoon drop-off for elementary students will occur at approximately 2:15-3:00 PM.
 - Secondary bus runs will include morning pickup times at approximately 8:00-8:45 AM while afternoon drop-off for secondary students will occur at times similar to previous years (3:15-4:00 PM).

Teaching & Learning

- Daily onsite instruction planned for all students in grades PK-12.
- Due to social distancing requirements, all school spaces may be used as instructional spaces (e.g., classrooms, auditorium, cafeteria, special area classrooms).
- Coursework for 3-12 grades should be conducted using Google Chromebooks.
- 7-12 students will move class-to-class as normal, with staggered bell switches to limit contact, exposure and traffic.

- Student lockers will **only** be used at the beginning and end of the day at scheduled times.
- Implementing a hybrid model (mix of in-person and remote learning) may become necessary at some point during the 2020-2021 school year depending on current COVID-19 circumstances. Decisions on how hybrid models will be structured will be determined when necessary by school administration.
- On virtual instruction days if/when implemented, students will be required to participate in classroom work remotely and/or complete assignments. Student expectations on virtual days will be determined by the teacher based on what will work best for the specific class and what is being learned.

Specialized Services

- Students in special education programs will be onsite daily when school is in session. All individualized education programs (IEPs) will be followed as written.
- Students will continue to be provided with the necessary accommodations, modifications, supplementary aides, and technology to meet the unique needs of the student.
- Students receiving related services will continue to receive these services either in-person or virtually when needed (e.g. speech, occupational therapy, etc.).

Remote Learning (In the Event of Full or Partial School Closure due to COVID-19)

- In the event school buildings are compelled to close, either partially or fully, school will resume remotely. Home technology and internet access will be provided by school if needed.
- Attendance will be taken daily for all students during both in-person and remote learning.
- Grades K-6 students will follow the in-school schedule at home with a combination of synchronous (live online) and asynchronous (recorded) teacher lessons, online group work or small group instruction. Time spent on instruction will vary by grade level, however, students will engage with learning daily.
- Grade 7-12 students will follow the in-school schedule when at home with live, virtual instruction (most common method), blended with recorded teacher lessons, online group work, and small group instruction. Students will be engaged in learning activities when classes would have been in session.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR, ATHLETICS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Physical education and performing arts will be socially distanced at 12 feet between participants.
- Currently, interscholastic sports are not permitted. Additional guidance is expected to be forthcoming.
- Extra-curricular activities will be examined to determine which can be conducted virtually.
- Building use by outside groups may be restricted.

Full Reopening Plan Available

This reopening framework is a summary of the district's complete reopening plan which can be found on the school website: www.willsborocsd.org/re-opening.

While the district has created plans for in-person instruction, Governor Cuomo will make a final decision regarding school reopening, tentatively expected during the first week of August.