



WASHINGTONTM
TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Reopening Plan Draft – Updated

July 14, 2020

For your information...


The WTSD School Reopening Plan is still in draft and additional revisions will be done, as appropriate. The plan is intended to provide a starting framework for the 2020-2021 school year, amid COVID19, to support planning needs for the school community.

Additionally, the following plan details considerations primarily for students attending on-site instruction. Families choosing remote learning instruction for the 2020-2021 school year will be asked to submit their request by Friday, July 31st. This will allow the district to develop appropriate grade-level schedules for remote instruction. View the link to submit a form request: [WTSD Remote Learning Option Form 2020-2021](#).

The School Reopening Plan is a fluid document and will continually be updated, as guidance emerges from both state and local health and education departments.

WTSD appreciates your feedback and support, as we focus on both the social and emotional well being of our students and providing a healthy and safe learning environment.

Plan Considerations

- “The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education”
-New Jersey Department of Education
 - American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
 - CDC – Considerations for Schools
 - National Institute for Excellence in Education
 - Staff Survey
 - School Community Survey
 - Warren County Health & Education Departments
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Plan Components

- **Conditions for Learning**
 - Health & Safety Standards
 - Academic, Social and Behavioral Supports
 - Social Emotional Learning and School Culture & Climate
 - Multi-tiered Systems of Support
 - Wraparound Supports
 - Food Service & Distribution
 - Childcare
- **Leadership and Planning**
 - Requirements to Reopen: Knowns & Unknowns
 - Pandemic Response Teams
 - Scheduling
 - Staffing
 - School Technology Needs
 - Extra-Curricular Programs/Athletics



Plan Components

- **Policy and Funding**
 - **School Funding**
 - **Grants**
 - **Reserve Accounts**
- **Continuity of Learning**
 - **Ensuring the Delivery of Special Education and Related Services to Students with Disabilities**
 - **Technology and Connectivity**
 - **Curriculum, Instruction & Assessments**
 - **Professional Learning**





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Proposed Reopening Plan

School Reopening Plan

- The School Reopening Plan will be revised as new situations develop and new guidance is received.
- Staff, students and families must be flexible as adjustments to the plan, programs and schedules are made.
- The School Reopening Plan will not fit everyone's individual circumstances, but it will allow the district to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff.

General Schedule Items

- **Students: Full-day schedule, Monday – Friday**
- **District will maintain the current school calendar – 1st Day for Students --- September 2, 2020**
- **Schedules are being developed so that programs can transition quickly between in-person and remote learning.**
- **No Childcare Program to start the school year (no before care or after care)**
- **No extra-curricular activities to start the school year**
- **Lunch periods will be adjusted to allow more time between lunches for additional cleaning / sanitizing.**

General Schedule Items

- Limited mixing of student cohorts:
 - No leveled math groups
- Special area teachers will travel to student homerooms
- Students will have 1 special area subject class per marking period (art, music, world language, media)
- All students will continue to have physical education, health, and safety classes throughout the school year
- Sixth grade will follow a revised classroom model; students will remain together (no switching classes)

Health Screenings

- **At Home:** Parents should screen their children before putting them on the bus or bringing them to school.
 - Temperature check
 - COVID-19 (signs to look for to be provided to families)
- **At School:** Students will be screened for COVID-19 before entering the buildings.
 - Students will be directed to enter 1 of 2 entrances designated for students; plan to have SRO and additional staff if needed monitor security due to multiple entrances
 - Infrared touchless thermometers will be used by staff to check each student's temperature.
 - Students with a temperature of 100°F (*temperature guidelines provided by "The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education"*) or greater will not be allowed to enter the building. These students will be directed to each building's "quarantine room" for further screening from the school nurse. Students with a temperature of 100°F or greater will be sent home.
 - Students dropped off by parents will be temperature screened immediately at the drop off area and will remain with the parent if they have a temperature.
 - Potential COVID-19 cases will be reported, as required, to the Warren County Department of Health. Guidelines for what constitute 'potential COVID-19' will be provided.

Protective Measures at School

- All staff members will be required to wear a face covering
 - Exception: medically documented health condition that prevents such a covering.
- Students will be required to wear face coverings when on school buses and in school
 - Exception: medically documented health condition, special needs. Younger students, maintaining a face covering at all times is challenging. Students will do the best they can to maintain face coverings. Students will be provided “mask breaks” during the school day (socially distanced and/or outside). Parents are asked to help their children build “mask endurance” prior to school resuming in-person by practicing new social norms in public settings.” Guidance will be provided. Students are asked to bring their own masks from home, but the school will have additional supplies available for students.
- All student desks will have desk shields (clear plastic dividers on student desks).

Protective Measures at School

- Students will observe social distancing guidelines when possible.
- Entrances to buildings will have automated hand sanitizing stations.
- Each classroom will have hand sanitizer available.
- Students will wash hands before lunch / after lunch, recess, and/or returning from other outside activities.
- All classrooms will have cleaning materials for students to clean their own iPads, personal area.
- Custodians will utilize electrostatic sanitizing equipment during the day to sanitize touch points throughout the building / bathrooms.

Protective Measures at School

- Health offices and “quarantine rooms” will have Odorox Air Processing Systems in place.
- Lunchrooms
 - Fewer students – no combined grade-levels
 - Staggered lunch times to eliminate students waiting to get lunch
 - Grab and go lunch menu options - no self serve or family style serving
 - Plexiglass table dividers to increase separation between students
 - Students will eat lunch with their homeroom cohort
- Plexiglass and/or plastic dividers will be utilized by therapists for instruction. Cohort groupings for therapies will be limited.
- Appropriate staff will have access to N95 masks, face shields, isolation gowns and gloves as needed.

Transportation

- Students must wear masks on the bus
- Bus drivers will have a supply of masks available for students, if needed. Students are asked to bring a mask from home, if possible.
- When possible, bus capacity is being limited. We are in the process of reviewing routes to determine how student numbers can be reduced on specific buses.
- The number of students at a bus stop will be reduced if logistically possible.
- Families will be seated together on buses.
- Windows will be open on the buses as much as practical.
- Buses will be sanitized between Warren Hills routes and Washington Township routes.
- All buses will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of the day.
- Parents may elect to waive district sponsored transportation. Waiver forms will be sent in the near future.

Technology

- All students will have an assigned iPad. Students will not share a technology device. iPads will go home with students each night, in case of a sudden change to remote learning. Students will be required to charge iPads fully, at home, for the school day.
- For families in need, the district will have a limited amount of smart spot WIFI devices for home use.
- Instructional staff members will have access to district devices for use at home, as needed.
- All students will be provided with a Microsoft 365 accounts
 - Microsoft Teams
 - Video-conferencing with staff members, during periods of remote learning
 - Access to all subject areas in one platform
- Students will be provided with a single sign on login. This login will allow students to access many (may be a few exceptions) student programs using one password.

Training

- Students will receive training at the beginning of the school year for utilizing technology programs and their devices.
- Link for utilizing technology programs, will be sent to parents to help support students at home.
- Students will review safety and health protocols at the beginning to the school year.
- Where possible, training webinars / reference guides will be made available to students and parents/guardians.

Sudden Remote Learning for On-Site Students

- At some point, students may need to transition from on-site learning to remote learning. Situations that may cause a change to remote learning:
 - Executive Order from the Governor
 - Local outbreak of COVID-19 requiring closure of school buildings
 - Staffing Issues – if the district cannot safely provide for student health and / or supervision, the district may need to switch to remote learning.
 - Individual Classes or Cohorts of Students may need to switch to remote learning pending the review of suspected COVID-19 cases.
 - Determinations to close on-site school instruction will be made in consultation with the Warren County Health Department.
- Families & Staff will need to be prepared to change to remote with little notice. The District will make announcements regarding remote learning days via Honeywell Instant Alerts and social media platforms.


Full-Time Remote Learning Students

- Families choosing remote learning instruction will be asked to submit their request by Friday, July 31st. This will allow the district to develop appropriate grade-level schedules for remote instruction. View the link to submit a form request: [WTSD Remote Learning Option Form 2020-2021](#).
- Families choosing remote learning instruction understand this schedule will be in effect through the end of the school year. *Note: Families may make a change back to on-site learning, throughout the school year. Additional guidance regarding this process will be detailed in the final reopening plan.*
- Families of students with Individualized Education Programs in place may choose the full-time remote learning option but understand there may be limitations to services provided in this platform.
- Students participating in remote learning must be able to maintain good attendance, keep up with required assignments, etc.
- Students participating in remote instruction will be required to sign on to TEAMS, daily, and attend scheduled video conferencing sessions throughout the day.
- Additional guidance regarding remote learning schedules will be sent to families by grade-level.

Miscellaneous

- Back-to-School Nights will be conducted remotely (Microsoft Teams and / or Zoom)
- Visitor entry to the building will be very limited. Visitors will be screened and will be required to wear a face covering.
- No large gatherings or assemblies.
- Outside organizations will not be permitted to utilize buildings for meetings / events. The district cannot monitor social distancing / health guidelines and does not have the staffing to re-clean and sanitize buildings.
- Outside organizations may utilize district fields, using established procedures.
- Class Trips will not take place in the fall. We will re-evaluate class trips in the future.

To be completed...

- Plan will be revised based on additional guidance provided by the NJDOE and Health Department (expect additional updates.)
 - Additional revisions based on staff, community and Board recommendations.
 - School Reopening Committee will review final plan.
 - School Reopening Plan will be sent to the Warren County Department of Education for review.
 - Finalized plan will be shared with parents / guardians by July 30, 2020.
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