



Onondaga
Central Schools

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Reopening Schools Information



Stronger Together



- Student and staff safety have always been our top priority while planning to reopen our schools.
- Teamwork will bring students back to school.
- We are sharing our ideas for reopening before we submit to the NYS Education Department.
- Another opportunity for stakeholder feedback will be provided.

Agenda

- Share our planning before we submit to the State
 - **Outlines** our **Draft** plans to stakeholders
- Proposed - Three Instructional Models
- Highlight Survey Results
- Buildings Structure Reopening - Tentative Plans
 - Rockwell ES, Mrs. Hart
 - Wheeler ES, Mr. Smith
 - Jr./Sr. HS, Mr. Mumford
 - Athletics
- Transportation
- Food Service
- Timeline
- Questions



Onondaga Central School - Reopening Plans

Structures for Opening: following the Department of Health, New York State Education Department, and Center for Disease Control guidelines

- **In-Person Learning: PreK-6**
 - Daily at Rockwell ES and Wheeler ES - accommodations have been made to have all students in school daily
 - Dependent on NO drastic increase in enrollment
- **Hybrid Model: Grades 7-12, In-Person and Distance Learning Combination**
 - Jr./Sr. HS - A/B day alternating days or AA/BB with one day/week distance learning
 - In-Person - five days per week (if enrollment permits)
 - Elementary Distance Learning and In-Person
 - Distance Learning ONLY Option: Open enrollment for the year
 - Commitment needed by August 10th
 - Return to in-person learning at the mid-year mark on January 29th
 - Decisions to return to in-person learning needed by December 11th
- **Remote/Distance Learning Mandate**
 - This option could be ordered by an Executive Order during the year

Survey Results (Families)



- 373 parents answered the survey
 - Each grade level had at least 55% of the parents respond.
 - The senior class had the most responses.
- 70% of responding families prefer to send their children to school
 - Families felt comfortable sending their children while following CDC and Department of Health safety requirements.

Distance Learning/Hybrid Model/In-Person

- ❖ 30% of families prefer to keep their children at home participating in distance learning
 - 56% of those families will commit to distance learning for the entire year
- ❖ The two most popular choices for the Hybrid Model are AB schedule (one day in person followed by a day of distance learning) and alternating two days in school followed by three days of distance learning.
- ❖ 150 of the parents surveyed felt K-6 students should be in school with 7-12 students on a Hybrid Model of instruction.

Transportation

- 47% of parents are willing to drive their child(ren) to school or students will drive themselves to reduce the number of kids on the bus at a given time.



Please note...

All plans are in DRAFT Form and subject to change as per CDC Guidance, Department of Public Health Mandates, and as per Governor's Executive Orders.



District Safety Procedures - Routines

- CDC, NYSED and DOH guidance will be followed in all schools
- Students and Staff will be instructed on best health practices: hand washing, face covering and social distance etc.
- Masks will be worn daily & social distancing will be practiced according to guidance
 - We will have built in mask breaks for students
- Frequently Cleaning and Disinfecting
 - High touch areas
 - Classrooms
- Students will follow their daily schedule in all three instructional models
- Attendance will be taken every day in all three instructional models and by period at the secondary level
 - Parents will receive notification if students are not in attendance

Face Masks

- We are asking each family to add cloth face masks to their school supply list for the upcoming school year
 - Face coverings should comply with Code of Conduct expectations - no offensive language or promotion of drugs/alcohol
- Each child will receive one cloth face mask to wear on the bus and at school
- There will be disposable masks on hand should a student find themselves without one



District Safety Procedures - Routines (continued)

- Daily temperature checks will be taken for all students and staff
- Students that clear screening will move directly to classrooms
- Students that need additional screening will report to the nurse
 - If students exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, they will be sent home with their parent/guardian
 - Temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees fahrenheit
 - Have come into contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
 - Symptoms: Cough, Troubled Breathing, Chills, Headache, Shortness of Breath
- If we have a positive case, we will follow Department of Health directions & lead plus assist them required.

District Safety Procedures - Routines (continued)

- Parents will be asked to complete a daily check **prior** to their child boarding the bus or being dropped off at school:
 - Complete a temperature check at home
 - Answer a few questions regarding COVID-19 (Parents will complete this form daily)
 - Is your temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees fahrenheit?
 - Have you come into contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
 - Are you experiencing any of the following symptoms:
 - Cough, Troubled Breathing, Chills, Headache, Shortness of Breath
 - If your child exhibits COVID-19 symptoms please do not send them to school and take them to your family doctor.
- If we have a positive case we will follow Department of Health directions & lead plus assist them required.

Daily Attendance, Grading and Schedule

- Students will follow their daily schedule in all three instructional models
- Attendance will be taken every day in all three instructional models and by period at the secondary level
 - Parents will receive notification if students are not in attendance
- Counselors will work with families to ensure students are in attendance regardless of the model of instruction
- Grading will follow established practices, which include a combination of participation and skill level. Typical assessment and grading procedures will apply.
- All teachers will continue to use Google Classroom to manage classroom materials and assignments
- Distance Learning enrollment numbers will impact our class lists/size for In-Person or Hybrid Instruction models

Rockwell ES - In-Person School Day

- **Arrival:** Buses emptied one at a time
 - Students will have their temperatures taken and hands sanitized
 - Students that clear screening will move directly to the classrooms
 - Students that need additional screening will report to the nurse
- Upon entering the building, students will walk on the “Tiger Paw Trail” of prints six feet apart to classrooms
- In the classroom, students will empty their belonging, wash their hands, and go to their desk



Rockwell ES - Reopening Plan

- **Breakfast** will be delivered and consumed in the student's classroom
- Desks will be cleaned and hands will be washed often
- **Instruction:**
 - Desks will be six feet apart
 - Students will stay seated at their desks for instruction



Rockwell ES - Reopening Plan

- **Lunch:** Hands washed, in classroom, desks cleaned after lunch by monitors and custodians
- **Recess: Wear Masks**
Three locations: Playground-equipment/organized games
 - Outdoor classroom
 - Front lawn
- Following Recess - All students will wash hands



Rockwell ES - Reopening Plan

- **Special Area Classes:** Art/Music/PE in classroom
 - Special area teachers will wear masks during all lessons
 - Students will have their own art supplies
- **Dismissal:** Students prepare to go home with masks on, washed hands, and will be dismissed by classroom being socially distanced
 - **Student Pick-up** - Students will wear masks, be escorted to gym (socially distanced) for individual dismissal to the parent/guardian

Rockwell ES - Distance Learning

Rockell ES will be using Google Classroom for distance learning lessons

- A daily schedule will be provided to families
- Lessons will be pushed out each morning by 8:00am
- Instructional day is from 7:45am to 3:15pm
- Student's work and assignments are to be completed during the instructional day

Rockwell ES - Hybrid Plan Options

- A combination of the In-Person and Distance Learning plans
- Changes from In-Person Model
 - Class size will be further reduced as a result of families selecting the Distance Learning model
 - Depending on the number of students at each grade level that opt for distance learning, classes may be re-sectioned as “In-Person” or “Distance Learning”
- All teachers will continue to use Google Classroom to manage classroom materials and assignments
- Grading will follow established practices, which include a combination of participation and skill level. Typical assessment and grading procedures will apply.

Rockwell ES - Hybrid Plan Options (continued)

Possible Run a AA/BB Schedule

- Tuesday and Wednesday will be AA days with only 50% of the population in attendance
- Monday will be fully virtual to allow the building to have a deep cleaning
- Thursday and Friday will be BB days with the other 50% percent of the population in attendance

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

Following the same schedule, but Pre-K students will attend in the morning session only, AM Students on AA days and PM students on BB days.

Kindergarten students will have a half day or a shortened day.

Wheeler - In-Person School Day

Arrival: Buses emptied and students will be separated by grade level (3rd/4th grade or 5th/6th grade)

- Students will have their temperatures taken and hands sanitized before entering the building
- Students that clear screening will move directly to their classrooms
- Students that need additional screening will report to the nurse
- Students wanting breakfast will pick up a bagged meal on the way to their classroom and eat it there
- Once in their classrooms, students will put their belongings by their desk, wash their hands, and then have a seat before removing their masks

Wheeler - Reopening Plan

Classroom Step up:

- Desks will be six feet apart
- Students will stay seated at their desks
- All desks face the same direction



Wheeler - Reopening Plan

Lunch:

- Students will wash their hands before leaving the classroom
- Each class will walk to the cafeteria, maintaining appropriate social distancing, and sit at assigned tables and seats
- Once seated, students may remove their masks to eat



Wheeler - Reopening Plan

Recess:

- Classes will go to recess by class, not by grade
- Before going to recess, students will put on their masks and wash their hands
- Possible locations:
 - 3rd/4th grade playground
 - 5th/6th grade playground
 - Courtyard - behind the school
 - Ball field
 - Small gym
- Following recess - students will wash their hands and keep their masks on until they are seated in the classroom

Wheeler - Reopening Plan

Special Area Classes: Art/Music/PE/Library/Technology in the Classroom

- Students will stay in their rooms and Special Area Teachers will come to them
- Special Area Teachers will wear masks during all lessons
- Students will not share supplies/equipment

Dismissal:

- Students will prepare to go home, wash their hands, and will be dismissed by classroom socially distancing using 3rd/4th grade entrance and main entrance
- Pick-up - Students will walk to the small gym and maintain social distance while waiting for individual dismissal to parent/guardian

Wheeler Reopening - Hybrid Plan

Changes from In-Person Model

- Class size will be further reduced as a result of families selecting the Distance Learning model
- Distance Learning enrollment numbers will impact our class lists/size for In-Person instruction
- All teachers will continue to use Google Classroom to manage classroom materials and assignments
- We may close the cafeteria for the lunch meal and have students eat in their classrooms

Wheeler - Distance Learning

Wheeler will be using Google Classroom for distance learning lessons

- A daily schedule will be provided to families
- Lessons will be pushed out each morning by 8:00am
- Instructional day is from 7:45am to 3:15pm
- Student work and assignments are to be completed during the instructional day

Jr/Sr High School - Student Arrival

- Bused students will be dropped off at the cafeteria entrance
 - Students will have their temperatures checked and will use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
 - Students will follow the social distancing markers as they make their way to their first period classroom (Lockers will not be utilized).
 - Students will be expected to wear masks through the hallways.
- Breakfast will be served (to those that want it) and students will utilize desks to eat. Students that do not eat breakfast will move directly to their first period class.



Jr/Sr High School - Student Arrival

- Students driving themselves or being dropped off will enter through the main entrance
 - Students will have their temperatures checked and will use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
 - Students will wear masks and follow the social distancing markers as they travel to their first period classroom and in hallways.
- Lockers will not be utilized

Jr/Sr High School - Hybrid Instruction

- Students will be in a classroom with desks six feet apart
 - Desks will be disinfected between classes.
- Students will follow the schedule throughout the day
 - Students will wear masks to transition to their next class and will utilize social distancing markers to keep safe distances.
 - There will be hand sanitizer stations throughout the building to ensure students have the ability to clean hands as needed.
- We recommend you send your child with hand sanitizer to carry on their person.

Jr/Sr High School - Hybrid Potential Schedules

- The Jr/Sr High School schedule with a AA/BB schedule for all its students
 - Tuesday and Wednesday will be AA days with only 50% of the population in attendance.
 - Monday will be fully virtual to allow the building to have a deep cleaning.
 - Thursday and Friday will be BB days with the other 50% of the population in attendance.
- The Jr/Sr High School with A/B schedule for all its students
 - The students will follow a rotating schedule of A/B days this is similar to what we do now.
 - On A days 50% of the population will be in attendance (i.e. A-M).
 - On B days the other 50% of the population will be in attendance (i.e. N-Z).
 - The students that are at home on opposite their in-person day will follow their bell schedule digitally.
- *Distance Learning enrollment numbers will impact our class lists/size for In-Person Instruction.*

Jr/Sr High School - Hybrid/In-Person Potential Schedules

- **All** students attend in-person everyday/distance learning students will remain virtual
 - Students would be in school on both A and B days, following their bell schedule.
 - Grading will follow established practices, which include a combination of participation and skill level. Typical assessment and grading procedures will apply.
 - Attendance will be taken daily and by period.
 - Students will wear a mask while in the hallways.
 - Students will wear masks and social distance while at school.
 - All disinfecting procedures will remain in place given this model.



Jr/Sr High School - Distance Learning

- Students that are choosing to attend school virtually and not attend school in person
 - These students will follow their daily bell schedule from 7:45am - 2:25pm.
 - Students will be expected to log on at 7:45am and attendance will be taken every period to ensure students are participating virtual learning.
 - Attendance will be taken daily and by period.
 - Students will need a device to view the class instruction and to access Google Classroom to receive and turn in assignments.
 - Grading will follow established practices, which include a combination of participation and skill level. Typical assessment and grading procedures will apply.
- Students that choose to move from Distance Learning to Hybrid/In-Person instruction can only be done at the end of the first Semester

Jr/Sr High School - Lunches

- The lunch room will have individual desks placed six feet apart to ensure proper social distancing during lunch.
 - We will utilize the gym and lobby to ensure that every student has a seat during lunch.
- Students will be expected to wear their mask when they are in transition to and from their seats.
 - Staff members will direct students to ensure social distancing while in the lunchroom.



Jr/Sr High School - Hybrid Dismissal/Activity Period

- All students will be dismissed at 2:25pm to leave school grounds.
 - Students will wear masks as they exit the building.
 - Students will not loiter and will leave promptly.
- Activity Period (2:30pm - 3:15pm) will be used for extra help by appointment only.
- Clubs and Class meetings will be held virtually by Club and Class Advisors.

*** *Athletics will follow the NFHS and Re-Opening NY Sports and Recreation guidelines.*

Transportation

Plans for Reopening

- Two Bus Runs:
 - Jr/Sr HS and Wheeler
 - Rockwell ES
- Students must be at their assigned stop.
- No large or group bus stops - all stops are at the home.
- Family members will sit together.
- Non-family member will be one student per seat and seated closest to the window.
- Masks must be worn on the bus at all times.
- Assigned seats will be provided.
- Buses will be loaded back to front.



Transportation (continued)

Plans for Reopening

- No daily bus passes for the interim
- The need for late buses will be determined after school starts
- Cleaning & Disinfecting
 - High touch areas will be disinfected after each run
 - The entire bus will be disinfected daily
- Estimated pickup and drop off times will be close to previous year's times



Food Service

- The district is looking into expanding the Nutrislice Menu, to allow pre-ordering remotely to eliminate student lines.
- Initially, meals will be pre-packaged for students attending school.
- Distance learners will need to complete a food service survey for food delivery.
- As of today, Emergency Meal Provisions have elapsed. Therefore, students will be charged their regular price for any meal ordered.





Important Dates & Timeline

- Board of Education Meeting - July 28, 2020 at 6:00pm, Virtual Meeting
- Submission of plans to NYSED - July 31, 2020
 - Plans will be posted on the district website
- NYS Governor's Announcement of Reopening NYS School Plans - August 3-7, 2020
- Distance Learning Enrollment Commitment - due August 10, 2020
 - We need this to facilitate finalizing of class lists and transportation
- Child/Children Self Transport Commitment - due August 10, 2020
- Building's Summer Packets Mailed - August 14-21, 2020
- Board of Education Meeting - August 25, 2020 at 6:00pm, HS Cafeteria & Virtually

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