



**Onondaga**  
Central Schools

# OCS REOPENING

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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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