



# 2020-2021 Re-opening Plan Summary

Returning to Full In-Person Instruction

July 28, 2020- Original

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Please note: All elements of this plan are fluid and will be adjusted as needs and situations evolve. Current health information and changing regulations will be incorporated into future updates.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Objective

Safely reopen schools for in-person learning.

### Goals

- To safely and responsibly educate students.
- Maximize in-person learning time.
- Create a schedule of normalcy for students, staff and families.
- Adhere to all mandates from the Governor's office, NYS Education Department and the [most current guidance from the NYS Department of Health](#).

### Considerations (REVISED)

- Social Distancing requirements (<https://tinyurl.com/Full-Reopening-document>):
  - 6ft of Social Distancing for traditional classrooms [at the Elementary Building and 3ft in the Jr. Sr. High Building](#) and ~~12ft~~ [6ft](#) for Music/Physical Education
  - Masks must be worn when social distancing cannot be maintained [and must be worn at all times when in a classroom socially distanced at 3ft.](#)
  - A bus could hold 40 students can now hold an average of 17 students.  
[Social distancing of 6ft will remain on busses. Parents will support by transporting as much as possible. Routes will be altered to transport all students needing a ride to school.](#)
  - Students and faculty ~~need to be~~ [have been](#) trained and [have practiced](#) remote based learning to improve both teaching and learning.
  - Building Capacity for students to be socially distanced:
    - UPK-6 classrooms have sufficient capacity to socially distance classes [at the 6ft. distance and will be open for full in-person all five days of the week beginning April 26, 2021.](#)
    - 7-12 classrooms ~~that traditionally held 25-30 students can now hold 10-15.~~ [will have seating adjusted to maintain a 3ft social distance between desks.](#)
  - We do ~~not~~ have the classroom space to accommodate (at full capacity) these regulations as they are currently written.

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### ~~Possible Solution:~~ Elementary School Building (UPK-6)

- Rooms ~~may be~~ have been relocated within the building.
- All students in UPK-6 will attend in-person instruction ~~four~~ five days per week ~~(Tuesday-Friday)~~ and have one day of remote learning on Monday.
- Special teachers will travel to classrooms ~~or~~ have been relocated to larger spaces for instruction.
- Groups of students will remain together while limiting their movement within the building.
- Outdoor activities will be encouraged.

### ~~Possible Solution:~~ Jr. Sr. High School Building (7-12)

Create a rotating schedule for students to receive ~~both~~ in-person ~~and~~ remote instruction.

- ~~Students in the district will be separated into two cohorts (teams):~~
  - ~~Teams will take in consideration primary household members and geographic transportation needs.~~
  - ~~Teams will attend for in-person learning for two consecutive days and then participate in remote learning for three days. Teams will alternate learning modalities to create approximately half capacity at any one time.~~
  - ~~Teams will follow a weekly schedule allowing equitable in-person contact with teachers and maintain a traditional schedule that follows odd/even days.~~
- ~~If Restrictions are lifted~~ have been eased thus allowing the students ~~would not require a new schedule for~~ to attend full-time by reverting to the traditional six day cycle of odd and even days. Students in grades 7,8 & 9 will return to in-person instruction five days per week beginning Monday, May 3, 2021. Students in grades 10, 11 & 12 will begin on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

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### Health Considerations

Parents will need to take student temperatures in the morning before bringing them to the building. Students will be randomly selected for temperature screenings. If a student is found to have a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher, they will not be allowed into the building. Arrangements will be made with the parents to safely transport the student home. The health of all students and staff shall be monitored closely throughout the day. The district will make daily focused effort to maintain a cleaning regiment that addresses the current CDC recommendations. The district shall work closely with the Essex County Health Department and our school medical director to monitor the infection rates in our

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communities and respond according to their recommendation. Should the local infection rate rise, the need to move to fully remote would be seen as a factor to control and lessen the spread of the virus, the district is prepared to make that shift at anytime.

### Equal Access to Virtual Learning

~~Secondary Students who have no or limited internet access will be afforded the opportunity to access a large group instructional area which will have internet capabilities. This opportunity will require agreement of both family and district to attend.~~ In these cases, when families have requested remote instruction, classes will be streamed throughout the day. In any situation where a family does not have adequate internet to enable the student to participate in remote learning, the family is asked to reach out to their principal to make appropriate accommodations.

### Virtual Learning

~~The reality we are faced is one that schools need~~ The district will continue to provide educational opportunities in a non-traditional format for those families wishing to continue remote instruction. We will be utilizing Google Classroom to provide live streaming instruction ~~on~~ for our remote students. ~~learning days.~~ Students who request/need paper based materials will be provided these materials.

### Social Emotional and Mental Health Support

Our team stands ready to assist our students in the transition back to this ~~new~~ traditional model of instruction. ~~way of learning.~~ The District has Counselors, Social Workers and Psychologists committed to supporting our students. If students or families need support, we stand ready to assist or facilitate connecting with our community based partners.

### Food Service

Breakfast and Lunch will be offered to our students. Students will eat in classrooms and in the cafeteria (K-6) and cafeteria using an altered schedule (7-12) while maintaining all social distance requirements.

### Transportation

Students will be offered transportation ~~on their specified in-person learning days.~~ Student pick-up and drop-off locations will need to be established for the year to prevent over-crowding on the bus. We will not be able to accommodate changes to these locations. Parents are asked, when possible, to assist by transporting their own students to and from school for the remainder of the year.

### Custodial and Maintenance

PPE (masks) will be provided per guidance requirement for all students and staff. Regular cleaning and disinfection will occur per CDC guidelines. Additional cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces will continue throughout the school day.

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Will there be Regents or State testing?**

Yes, students in grades 3-8 will be taking part one of the two part State tests in ELA and Math. Four Regents exams will be given this June.

## **How will my student be graded?**

We will be returning to our traditional grading system. Students will receive a numeric grade in the secondary level (7-12) and elementary students (UPK-6) will be graded on a standards based system.

## **What about attendance?**

Schools are responsible for tracking and reporting attendance for all students. Students are expected to attend and engage daily.

## **Will my student still be able to attend CV-TEC?**

Yes. CV-TEC will be maintaining their same Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday schedule. Each student enrolled with CV-TEC should continue to attend classes on their appropriate days. Accommodations for missed class time and course work missed at TCSD will be made on a case by case basis.

## **When will my child be required to wear a mask in school?**

Students will wear a mask while riding on the bus, in the hallways, and anytime they cannot maintain 6ft of distance between each other. Once our students and teachers are in their assigned learning seat, they may take off their mask if seating is 6ft apart. For those classes with 3ft seating, masks are required to be worn.

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### **What is the plan for visitors?**

Based on the NYSED guidance we must follow; we will be limiting adult visitors to the building as much as possible. We will not have volunteers in the classroom due to the limit of how many people can be in the room at one time. Some parent meetings will occur virtually and some will occur in person depending on the circumstances. [This practice will continue at this time. The district will limit the use of our facilities by community groups and organizations as well through to the end of the school year to limit exposure.](#)

### **What is my child required to bring to school everyday?**

- A clean mask/face covering is required - labelled with your child's name. The district will provide masks to those students who need them.
- A water bottle for their personal use - labelled with their name.

### **Will students use locker rooms and change for Physical Education?**

Until further notice, locker rooms will not be used. Social distancing is not possible in locker rooms therefore students will not change for PE classes. [This practice will continue at this time](#)

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