

# Winfield Township School Safe Opening

SY2122 Edition (Updated 2/22/2022)

# The Push to Reopen (SY2021)

NJDOE “The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education”

“...(A)bsent a shift in the public health data, school buildings will open in some capacity for in-person instruction and operations in the Fall. The reopening of our schools will include necessary limitations to protect the health and safety of our students and staff.”

# The AAP Guidance (SY2021)

The American Academy of Pediatrics Guidance Document states that,

“Finally, policy makers should acknowledge that COVID-19 policies are intended to mitigate, not eliminate, risk. No single action or set of actions will completely eliminate the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission, but implementation of several coordinated interventions can greatly reduce that risk.”

“The AAP strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school.”

## Reopening Objectives

- The Winfield Township School central office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM beginning September 1, 2021.
- Staff members report for opening PD Wednesday, September 1.
- All students report Tuesday, September 7
  - 9/7 and 9/8 will be half days
- Beginning Thursday, September 9, all students will be in school for a full day.

## 6 Guiding Principles

Health and Safety for all	Communication with all stakeholder groups
Learning and the focus on growth	Engagement by ensuring access for all students
Wellness through a focus on social and emotional growth	Empathy through our ability for care for others

# Learning and the focus on growth

## Remote Learning Option

March 24, 2021: According to Governor Murphy press briefing, there will be no remote learning option for SY2122.

March 31, 2021: Governor Murphy announces that those with health concerns WOULD have remote options.

# Learning and the focus on growth

1. All instruction will be in person.
2. Individual needs of students and programs will be considered to ensure we address all of the components of IEP's as students return to in-person learning.
3. When possible, meetings will continue to be conducted remotely
4. Child Study Team evaluations will resume during in-person instruction, with appropriate safety precautions in place.
5. Case Managers will work collaboratively with families and other members of the student's educational team to determine if additional services or supports are required.

# Learning and the focus on growth

In the event students moved to quarantine:

Students will work asynchronously - as permitted by their health. Teacher teams will be created on an “as needed” basis to provide face-to-face interaction with students during a modified study hall in order to help them feel that they are not falling behind.

# Learning and the focus on growth

In the event of an emergency closure (instruction):

In the event we move from in-person learning to a full remote-learning model, a synchronous method of digital instruction has already been put in place with SY2021. The school day would run from 8:30 - 12:53, consistent with our early-dismissal schedule. We have found this allows for the students and staff to be ready in the most adaptable curricular program possible in these uncertain times.

# Learning and the focus on growth

In the event of an emergency closure (food service):

In the event we move from in-person learning to a full remote-learning model, meals will continue to be provided at no cost to all students. An electronic order form will be used for interested families. Meal distribution will take place at the school. If the length of remote-learning is less than five days, meals will be distributed daily (pickup start time 10AM). If the length of remote-learning is greater than five days, meals will be distributed twice per week (pickup start time 10AM).

# Health and Safety for all

Planning is considering 5 factors for ensuring safety to the best of our ability:

- Physical Distancing
- Wearing a mask is strongly recommended
- Washing hands properly and regularly
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces properly and regularly
- Staff and students staying home if sick

# Health and Safety for all

All students and staff are strongly encouraged to continue to wear a mask at the school.

For those staff and students at higher risk:

Staff members are encouraged to reach out to administration to address concerns and investigate possible reassignments.

Families are encouraged to reach out to the school if there are any health concerns for students.

# Health and Safety for all

Arrival - 8:30 AM

3 separate doors

Prek-1: Main entrance on Gulfstream

2-4: Elementary entrance on Pacific Ave

5-8: Middle school entrance on Atlantic Ave

Signed health disclosure form for each student and staff member

Temperature Screening at no-contact scanner

Students will report directly to their homeroom.

# Health and Safety for all

Dismissal - 3:00 PM

4 Doors -

PreK-1: Main entrance

2-4: Elementary entrance

5-8: Middle school entrance

Older siblings will travel to their younger siblings

# Health and Safety for all

## Classroom spaces:

To the greatest extent possible, students and staff will remain 3 feet apart (per CDC updated guidelines).

Each student will be provided with his or her own materials to limit the use of shared materials.

Classroom-based materials will be cleaned and sanitized daily.

## Therapy rooms:

To the greatest extent possible, students and staff will remain 3 feet apart.

Plexiglass partitions will continue to be used in therapy rooms to enable participants to be mask free when necessary.

# Health and Safety for all

Custodial and Maintenance crew will follow a stringent facility cleaning and sanitizing checklist daily. (Carried over from SY2021)

All rooms will be cleared of extraneous materials and fabric furnishing to provide social distancing and limit contact. (Carried over from SY2021)

Air conditioning has been added to all rooms to be used for student instruction. These devices - in alignment with code - are pulling air from outside the building, not recycling the air in the room. (Carried over from SY2021)

Air purifiers have been added to all rooms in which staff will be working. These devices purify the air in an 800 square foot room approximately every 12 minutes.

# Health and Safety for all

Outdoors will be utilized when possible for snack breaks. The gym will be used in the event of inclement weather.

Parents will need to submit an assurance that their children do not have a temperature above 100.4 degrees. Staff will be required to do the same.

Hallway signage/markings as needed will be placed in the building.

# Health and Safety for all

Limiting extra student transitions outside the classroom

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# Health and Safety for all

Instruction/reminders on hand washing, social distancing, recommended mask wearing, sneezing/coughing, eye contact, movement, and bathroom use.

Frequent hand washing daily. Hand sanitizers throughout schools.

Lockers/cubbies will not be used to ensure social distancing & reduce student contact.

Faculty and students are encouraged to wear masks or face shields.

# Health and Safety for all

## PE

Students and staff will remain socially distanced to the greatest extent possible.

Equipment used will be cleaned and sanitized daily

## Recess

Recess will be planned according to class cohorts to reduce exposure to other students and reduce risk for close contacts.

# Health and Safety for all

Transportation -

One bus stop at the school for all students

Students getting on the bus will have temperatures taken before boarding.

Bus will be cleaned and sanitized following the morning and afternoon run.

Students will load from back to front and depart from front to back to minimize points of contact.

It is strongly recommended that all students and drivers continue to wear face coverings while on the bus.

# Health and Safety for all

## Field Trips

Field Trips will be explored as we enter SY2122

## Extra-curricular activities

Extra-curricular activities will be addressed on a case by case basis. Any extra-curricular activities will adhere to the guidelines set forth in this document for in-class activities.

# Health and Safety for all

The School district is required to report all positive cases of COVID-19 to the NJ Department of Health.

In conjunction with the NJ Department of Health, contact tracing will be implemented.

# Health and Safety for all (Isolation and quarantine)

- **Isolation:** If you test positive for Covid-19: stay home and ISOLATE from others for 5 days, End isolation after 5 full days if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving, take precautions until day 10 (wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days anytime you are around others in your home or in public)
- **Quarantine:** If you ARE NOT up to date on vaccinations: Quarantine for 5 days, wear a well-fitting mask around people in your home, watch for symptoms, days 6-10: if you return to work or school following a negative test, wear a well-fitting mask around others, if you elect to not take a test, you may return to school after day 10.
- **Quarantine:** If you ARE up to date on vaccinations: NO Quarantine needed, just watch for symptoms, take precautions as needed.

## **Communication with all stakeholder groups (Carried over from SY2021)**

The school will provide regular updates as information comes available to community and staff regarding health concerns, any need for new procedures, and school schedules. This information will come in the form of mailings, phone blasts, email blasts, and social media announcements.

# Access to Technology

Our students in the 5th through 8th grades are a part of our 1-to-1 Chromebook initiative. Additionally we are now able to offer Chromebooks to all students in kindergarten through 4th grades as well. We have surveyed our population, and we'll be offering hot spots to 4 families without reliable internet access in their homes.

We continue to update our records on this issue through family surveys and consistent communication with the staff and greater school community.

The infrastructure we've added will continue to be available to our students and their families as we move forward to in-person instruction as needed.

# Wellness through a focus on social and emotional growth

## Staff:

- SEL consultation and support for staff and students.
- Continue the process of referring students to school counselor for SEL assistance based on need for support
- Provide resources and tools to initiate topical discussions regarding current events.
- Adopt new SEL curriculum for K-8

# Wellness through a focus on social and emotional growth

## **Students:**

School staff will work in conjunction with students, teachers, and families to determine students' personal, social, and emotional concerns/stressors

- Monitor the needs of students
- Identify students that need additional support.
- Promote supportive adult-student relationships.
- Provide resources and tools for student for SEL.

# Wellness through a focus on social and emotional growth

## Parents:

- Provide support to help parents prepare their students socially and emotionally to return to school.
- In the event we must move to remote learning again, we will offer resources to parents who may struggle with managing their time at home while simultaneously being hands on when educating their child.
- Communicate with families SEL implementation, practices, and resources.

# Empathy through our ability for care for others

Encourage intentional empathy development at all age levels for both in-person and remote learning by committee led by the school social worker. Committee will include CSA, teachers, parents, and students.

# stay safe

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# School Information

<b>County</b>	Union
<b>District</b>	Winfield Township School
<b>Chief School Administrator</b>	Ross LeBrun
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## School Information (cont'd)

<b>District Narrative</b>	The Winfield Township School district serves a total of 144 students enrolled in a preschool through 8th grade building in regular and special education programs. The Pre-K program consists of 19 students in total, with 13 General Education students, and 6 receiving speech therapy services.
<b>Demographics</b>	The school system houses a diverse population of students; 19 Black/African-American, 32 Hispanic, 5 Asian, 88 White

# School Information (cont'd)

<b>Total Enrollment</b>	144
<b>LSE</b>	27%
<b>ELLs</b>	0
<b>State funded preschool</b>	22
<b>Homeless</b>	0
<b>SWD</b>	13%
<b>District Student Breakdown Narrative</b>	<p>The Winfield Township School District is composed of 17.4% Economically Disadvantaged Students, 0% English Language Learners, 0% homeless, and 0% students in foster care. The District services 13 Special Education students, and 6 students with Speech Pathology services, totaling at 19 students eligible for and receiving services.</p>

# Reopening Committee

Ross LeBrun	Chief School Administrator	Danielle Tarvin	School Business Administrator
Cassie Searles	Technology Coordinator	Kolene O'Dell	Teacher
Deanna Castello	Teacher	Michael Garcia	Teacher
Mary Greeley	Teacher	Rachel Holeman	Social worker
Kristina Barabas	Teacher	Lori Puhak	School Nurse
Tim Heuser	Board member	Ann Marie Weiss	Board member
Gerrie Paez	Teachers' Union Representative		