

# **Reopening the Winfield Township School**

# Opening Objectives SY2324

- The Winfield Township School central office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM beginning September 5, 2023.
- Staff members report for opening PD Wednesday, August 30.
- All students report Tuesday, September 5
  - 9/5 and 9/6 will be half days
- Beginning Thursday, September 7, all students will be in school for a full day.

## 6 Guiding Principles (Carried over from SY2021)

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. (This option became clear when Omicron hit during winter break, and we were remote for the first 10 days of 2022.)

## **Learning and the focus on growth**

1. All instruction will be in person.
2. Child Study Team evaluations will continue during in-person instruction, with appropriate safety precautions in place.
3. 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 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 (carried over from SY2021)**

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

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

In the event of moving to remote, the custodial staff will keep up and maintain all building maintenance procedures. Essential employees will continue to work in the building, and those names will be communicated to the county, per regulations.

## Health and Safety for all (updated)

- All students and staff will continue to have the option of wearing a mask/face covering at school. Each student's individual decision will be respected by students and staff alike.
- **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 (updated)

- 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
- As part of beginning of year paperwork, Google Form acknowledging Covid threat (This one digital form will serve for families acknowledging that they understand our exclusion policy based on close contacts or positive cases.)
- Temperature Screening at no-contact scanner

# **Health and Safety for all (updated)**

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 (updated)**

- Custodial and Maintenance crew will follow a stringent facility cleaning and sanitizing checklist daily. (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 (Carried over from SY2122)**

- Instruction/reminders on hand washing, social distancing, mask wearing, sneezing/coughing, eye contact, movement, and bathroom use.
- Frequent hand washing daily. Hand sanitizers throughout schools.
- Faculty and students are allowed to wear masks, and all will be supported regardless of the masking decision they choose to make.

# **Health and Safety for all (Updated)**

## Field Trips

- Field Trips are back.

## Extra-curricular activities

- Enrichment (could be in person OR remote)
- 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 (Updated)**

### 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.

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 (updated)

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 families without reliable internet access in their homes.

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.



## Access to Teachers (updated)

- In the event we move to a full remote-learning model, a synchronous method of digital instruction has already been put in place with SY2021.
- Attendance is taken in synchronous remote learning, and teachers engage in active communication with families to ensure participation and engagement.
- Basic Skills and Gifted and Talented instruction also would move to remote and happen on the same schedule as in person.

## Access to Special Services (updated)

In a move to virtual or remote learning, the CST will continue to work with teachers and families through remote meetings and digital correspondence to ensure that accommodations and modifications are up to date and being utilized. Meetings would also move to remote, utilizing video conferencing technology.

## 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  
(Carried over from  
SY2021)

**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.

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emotional growth  
(Carried over from  
SY2021)

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

thank you for your support

# School Information

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

<b>District Narrative</b>	The Winfield Township School district serves a total of 142 students enrolled in a preschool through 8th grade building in regular and special education programs. The Pre-K program consists of 24 students in total, with 21 General Education students, and 2 receiving speech therapy services.
<b>Demographics</b>	The school system houses a diverse population of students; 17 Black/African-American, 30 Hispanic, 3 Asian, 92 White

# School Information (cont'd)

<b>Total Enrollment</b>	146
<b>LSE</b>	27%
<b>ELLs</b>	0
<b>State funded preschool</b>	20
<b>Homeless</b>	0
<b>SWD</b>	12%
<b>District Student Breakdown Narrative</b>	The Winfield Township School District is composed of 21.1% Economically Disadvantaged Students, 0% English Language Learners, 0% homeless, and 0% students in foster care. The District services 10 Special Education students, and 7 students with Speech Pathology services, totaling at 17 students eligible for and receiving services.

# 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		