

Reopening the Winfield Township School

Opening Objectives SY2223

- The Winfield Township School central office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM beginning September 6, 2022.
- Staff members report for opening PD Wednesday, August 31.
- All students report Tuesday, September 6
 - 9/6 and 9/7 will be half days
- Beginning Thursday, September 8, 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. When necessary, meetings are available to be conducted remotely
3. Child Study Team evaluations will continue during in-person instruction, with appropriate safety precautions in place.
4. 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
- Students will report directly to their homeroom.

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)

Classroom spaces:

- To the greatest extent possible, students and staff will remain 3 feet apart (per CDC updated guidelines).
- 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 are available for therapy rooms to enable participants to reduce risk.

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)

- Outdoors will be utilized when possible for snack breaks. The gym may be used in the event of inclement weather.
- Hallway signage/markings as needed will be placed in the building.

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)

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 (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)

- 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 (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 4 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.

Wellness through a
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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

County	Union
District	Winfield Township School
Chief School Administrator	Ross LeBrun
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School Information (cont'd)

District Narrative	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.
Demographics	The school system houses a diverse population of students; 17 Black/African-American, 30 Hispanic, 3 Asian, 92 White

School Information (cont'd)

Total Enrollment	142
LSE	27%
ELLs	0
State funded preschool	24
Homeless	0
SWD	12%
District Student Breakdown Narrative	<p>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 12 Special Education students, and 5 students with Speech Pathology services, totaling at 17 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		

Health and Safety for all (Exclusions)

School Exclusion Chart (source: Union County School Containment Guidelines, Illinois Department of Public Health, New York Public School Reopening Release)	Period
Student tests positive for COVID-19	██████
Student exhibits one (or more) symptoms of COVID-19	██████
Student had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19	██████
Student had close contact with someone who is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms	██████
Student has a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius)	72 hours fever free without use of fever reducer
Student has a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) and exhibits one or more additional symptoms of COVID-19	██████
Student has returned from a location with sustained widespread transmission, potentially including areas located within the United states	██████
If there is one confirmed case, that student's classroom will transition to remote learning while the students and staff in that classroom quarantine for 14 days.	██████
Two confirmed cases in the same classroom.	██████
If there are at least two confirmed cases in multiple classrooms in the same school, the entire school building closes and all students in the school transition to remote learning while contact tracers investigate.	██████
If there are multiple cases in one school and contact tracers cannot determine a link between them, the school closes and all students learn remotely	██████