



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 51

Encourage Excellence Every Day with Compassion, Commitment, and Community

Return to School Plan for the Fall of 2021

***Central School District 51 Mission Statement
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In-Person & Remote Learning -

For the 2021-22 school year, following the guidance released by the Illinois State Board of Education and State Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala's declaration calling on the return to full time in-person learning, Central School District 51 will return to in-person learning for the upcoming school year. All students will be enrolled as "in-person" when completing registration.

With the 2021-22 CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools adopted by the Illinois State Board of Education, only those students who are ineligible for a vaccine and are under quarantine order by a local health department (or the Illinois Department of Public Health) are eligible for remote learning. It will be a combination of live streaming, recorded lessons, and assigned tasks. Remote learning is only available for students who have been placed in quarantine by the Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD).

Per Illinois State Board of Education guidelines, students who are deemed Medically Fragile will have the option of receiving a 504 Plan. Medically fragile refers to those students who are at an increased risk of severe illness (or live with someone who is), need to be out of school for an extended period of time and have a verified note from a physician. Students deemed medically fragile by a physician will be contacted to set up a 504 Plan meeting, and if the student qualifies for a 504 Plan, they will be placed on homebound instruction.

Quarantine & Contact Tracing -

Students and staff who test positive or are symptomatic for COVID-19 must isolate per CDC/IDPH Guidelines. We will continue to use the latest guidelines from the CDC and work closely with the Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD) regarding close contacts and quarantine recommendations. Individuals who are considered a close contact but are [fully vaccinated](#) or have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past three months, are not required to quarantine as long as they are symptom free. Students who are required to be quarantined by the TCHD, at any level, would be able to participate in remote learning.

A close contact does not include students who were within 3-6 feet of an infected person, where both students were engaged in the consistent and correct use of well-fitting face masks, and other school prevention strategies, such as physical distancing and increased ventilation. We hope by following this new [guideline on quarantining](#) that fewer students will have to be quarantined this school year.

Field Trips and Assemblies -

Field trips that align with instructional outcomes and/or are an extension of the learning environment may be permitted during the 2021-22 school year. All-school assemblies will not be permitted at this time.

School Schedule -

Central Primary School and Central Intermediate School will resume with the traditional schedules set in place. CPS: 8:20-3:15 / 8:20-2:15 (WED) CIS: 8:00-2:51 / 8:00-1:51(WED) All students, pre-k through eighth grade, will continue to go to their classrooms/first-hour class

upon arrival to school. There will not be any mass congregation in gymnasiums or other common spaces before the school day begins. CIS students may arrive after 7:40am and students at CPS may arrive after 8:00am.

Masks -

Central 51 will have a “mask for one, mask for all” policy. There will not be separate rules for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons. At this time, masks will be required for all students and staff. We will continue to evaluate our mitigation strategies throughout the fall.

For the 2021-22 school year, the CDC, IDPH, and TCHD strongly recommend masks be worn indoors for all unvaccinated and vaccinated staff and students in K-12 schools. Central 51's focus on physical distancing will remain in place and 3 feet of physical distance between students will be the goal in all settings. We know with our enrollment and class sizes at some grade levels, meeting the 3 feet physical distance between students will be challenging. Administration and teachers will continue to search for ways to provide opportunities for students to not wear masks at school while following CDC, IDPH, TCHD and ISBE guidelines. The wearing of masks is fluid and can change based on local community transmission and occurrence of outbreaks. Central 51 will continue to collaborate with the Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD) to determine any increase and/or decrease in layers of mitigation.

Lunch & Recess -

Students will resume eating in cafeterias during the 2021-22 school year. Students will be socially distanced to the greatest extent possible. Students at CPS will sit with classroom peers and CIS students will sit with students in assigned classes. Masks are not required for outdoor recess but will be necessary for inside recess.

Lockers -

For the 2021-22 school year, the use of lockers at both buildings will resume. Large gatherings at concurrent times will be avoided.

Shared Materials -

Shared materials may continue to be utilized during the 2021-22 school year, however, this will only be resumed with increased sanitation measures.

Band and Choir -

Music programs will resume regular programming for the 2021-22 school year. This will include competitions, concerts, and programs based on availability and further guidelines. Before and after school meetings related to music may continue to take place indoors.

Visitors - Volunteers and visitors will be permitted on a limited basis during specific times when assistance is needed.

Specials Subjects -

Music, Art, PE, Spanish, Technology, Library, and STEM will resume regular programming during the 2021-22 school year. Specials teachers will resume classes in their assigned classrooms.

Transportation-

Masks are required by the CDC to be worn by all students and staff on all buses at all times.

Mitigation Procedures -

The following mitigation measures will continue during the 2021-22 school year:

- Students will be physically distanced to the greatest extent possible.
- Classrooms will be sanitized periodically as they were during the 20-21 school year.
- Teachers will wipe down student areas periodically or as needed.
- Seating charts will continue to be used in the classrooms, lunchrooms, and buses.
- Buses will continue to be sprayed and sanitized each day. Masks will be required on buses.
- Continued sanitizing and hand washing will be encouraged throughout the day.

Increasing/decreasing Mitigations-

The district will continue to collaborate with the Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD) to determine when increasing or decreasing mitigations in the district.

Disclosure-

The contents of this return to school guidance are subject to change based on Federal, state, or local guidance. Any changes will be communicated via email, posted to the district website, or via phone message if appropriate.