

A summary of the plan to reopen school for students and staff beginning August 19 for teachers and August 23 for students:

- Full in-school learning five days a week with a 2pm dismissal through Labor Day. The schedule could still be adjusted due to weather during the school year. Doors for students will be open at 7:45am.
- All students are expected to attend school daily and follow the Armstrong Township High School District #225 Opening Plan. Students not following the guidelines cannot attend school as a means to protect others.
- Require the use of appropriate personal protective equipment(PPE), including face coverings--we are planning breaks to allow students/staff to go outside and remove masks with social distancing.
- Require social distancing of 3 to 6 feet to be observed, as much as possible; single direction sides of hallways and possibly staggered class dismissals may be used.
- Students will be allowed to carry backpacks to limit gathering at lockers.
- Require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings.
- If a student/employee tests positive for COVID19, they will follow doctor's orders, be out of school for at least fourteen days, and can return upon presentation of a doctor's note if in a school building. It may be possible to return sooner with a doctor's note.
- Students/employees that were in close contact with an individual with a positive COVID19 test, will be required to self-quarantine based on contact tracing. Contact tracing will be done by the health department.
- To help with bus limitations, we are encouraging parents/guardians to transport students to school. Masks are required to be worn on buses. The parking fee has been waived for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Additional classroom/building cleaning protocols will be in place.
- The current guidance from IHSA concerning athletics this fall is that participants, workers and spectators must wear masks for those activities conducted inside. Our plan is to play our proposed schedules as we would any other year. We understand that this may be adjusted as guidance comes from the state.
- Families who enroll and are later impacted due to unforeseen medical circumstances may be provided with a remote learning plan as needed. A doctor's note will be required and situations that arise will be reviewed on a case to case basis.