

2021-2022 In-Person Learning Plan

COVID-19 Safety and Protection Protocols

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Students in the Cairo-Durham Central School District will return to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. This document summarizes our full In-Person Learning Plan document, which will be posted on our website when it is finalized. The information in the plan is based upon guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department.



MASKS

- Face masks are required at all times indoors (including buses) except for meals and/or mask breaks.
- Mask breaks are permitted as long as they occur safely.
- The District will have masks available for anyone who needs them.
- Masks are not required during outdoor activities but students should stay in cohorts and be physically distanced.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Students will maintain at least three (3) feet of distance from other students within classrooms.
- Six feet of distance will be maintained for any activities that require increased respiration (singing, wind instruments, Physical Education, etc.)



MEALS & CAFETERIA USE

- Cairo-Durham will continue to provide breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost to families.
- Students will be three (3) feet apart while eating in the cafeteria.
- If needed, meals may be served in other areas or in staggered periods to ensure physical distancing.
- Masks must be worn any time the student is not eating.
- Sharing of food and beverages is prohibited.
- All tables will be cleaned and sanitized between meal periods according to DOH guidelines.
- If in-person instruction is paused and all students are learning remotely, meals will be provided.



ATHLETICS

- Student-athletes may be required to submit to regular surveillance testing to be eligible to participate in extracurricular sports.
- Low/Intermediate-risk sports may be tested once per week. High-risk sports may be tested twice per week.
- If testing occurs, parents/guardians would need to sign a consent form.



TRANSPORTATION

- Parents are expected to monitor their child's health daily before sending them to school to ensure they are not sick.
- All students and staff must wear a mask at all times on any bus.
- Students will have assigned seats on the bus, distanced as much as possible.
- Windows and roof hatches will remain open as long as weather allows.
- Each bus will be cleaned and disinfected daily and high contact areas will be sanitized between each run.



COMMUNICATION

- The District will communicate information to families through the district website and phone calls, emails, and/or texts through the mass notification system.
- Families are urged to ensure the correct contact information is on file with the district. You can confirm or update your contact information by emailing the main office of your child's school.
- You are encouraged to check the district website frequently.



FACILITIES

- At this time, there will be no use of district facilities by community organizations. We will evaluate this monthly in conjunction with the Greene County DOH.



CLEANING & SANITIZING

- All schools and the district office will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized daily. High-touch areas will be sanitized regularly throughout the school day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the schools and the district office.



VENTILATION

- All of our facilities, classrooms and offices have windows for natural ventilation.
- Faculty will open windows whenever weather permits.
- Our HVAC system has filters that are changed according to manufacturer specifications and our health and safety experts.



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

- Our comprehensive developmental school counseling plan is reviewed annually to better meet student needs.
- School psychologists, counselors, social workers and administrators meet regularly to review programs, student needs and services.
- Professional Development will be offered as it becomes available to our staff to enhance our ability to support students during and after COVID-19.



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- We urge parents and guardians to stay home or keep their child(ren) home if they show signs of being sick, and to seek testing when [symptoms are present](#).
- Any student who exhibits symptoms will be required to go home and not return to school in-person for 10 days unless they have a negative COVID-19 test result or a doctor's note with an alternate diagnosis and are symptom free.



COVID-19 TESTING

- Cairo-Durham has the capacity to perform COVID-19 tests under certain circumstances on site at school. Testing will not be administered without parental consent.



CONTACT TRACING

- Cairo-Durham will work closely with the Greene County DOH to conduct contact tracing as needed on a case by case basis.
- A district staff member will call any family or employee who must quarantine.
- DOH staff will contact those who are found to be a direct contact with the infected person and provide quarantine instructions.



TECHNOLOGY

- Students in Grades K-12 will have full access to a Chromebook during the school day. Students in Grades 3-12 will likely take their device between school and home.
- Mobile hotspots are available for students who lack reliable internet access at home.
- We will continue using multiple digital platforms to display students' evidence of learning.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

- In-person and long term remote learning will be delivered regularly to students by NYS certified teachers and will be aligned to NYS learning standards.
- Instruction will be accessible to all students, and the District will provide devices to all students who need one.
- Email and Google Classroom will be the established methods for students and families to communicate with teachers.
- Whenever present in a school building, all persons will follow health and safety guidelines outlined in NYSED guidance and as required by the NYSDOH.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

- In the event that Cairo-Durham is required to pause in-person learning for a classroom, grade level, or building, we will be ready to pivot to remote learning for the impacted students.
- Any decision regarding a closure will be made in conjunction with the Greene County Health Department.

This plan is subject to change and will be updated as we move through the school year and circumstances, metrics and guidance change. Please visit the district website for the most up-to-date information.