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Stanley G. Falk School

Parent and Student Guidance

FAQ





Will there be an option for my child to do a hybrid program with some days at school and some days at home?

A hybrid model would only be used if the Falk School is required to have less students in the building. This directive would come from the Department of Health. For many districts, the hybrid model is put in place because the classroom spaces can only hold a small number of children while making sure that all social distancing guidelines are followed. The physical spaces in our classrooms all meet the guidelines on square footage per person outlined by the New York State Education Department's Reopening guidance document.



Will there be an option for virtual learning this year?

All students have the option of remaining virtual as we begin the school year. The New York State Education Department strongly recommends that students with disabilities utilize an in-person program, but we understand that some families have medical considerations to take into account.



Is the school year going to consist of both online learning and then coming to school for a few days to get help with the assigned work?

This type of program will only take place if required by the Department of Health. Because we only have 6 students and 2 adults per classrooms, there is no need for the Falk School to use a hybrid model. That being said, there may be circumstances that would require the school to switch to a hybrid or fully remote model of learning.



Will remote learning look like it did in the summer?

The New York State Education Department has enhanced the requirements for digital learning and any student who opts into digital learning will be required to log on to daily live instructional sessions that will mirror the in-person instructional day. Expectations in terms of attendance, grading, and accountability will be the same for remote learning students as those on campus. Active parent involvement will be key to student success in the remote learning option as students will potentially need adult guidance during the remote learning school day. Families who opt to participate in remote learning may change their selected instructional model (in-person or remote) at any point during the 2020-2021 school year by contacting their building principal. The Stanley G. Falk School will work closely with the students' home district to provide educational services to each student.

Students in remote settings will have schedules provided that match the daily minimum instructional minutes across all grade levels. For virtual instruction, students will attend synchronous (live/with teacher) learning opportunities daily while completing asynchronous (independent/without teacher) work daily.

To read our full remote learning plan, [click here](#).

Will masks be required for students?



An appropriate mask will be part of the student dress code. The School will have a variety of masks available for students and staff. Students and staff may also choose to wear a personally owned mask. Masks with profanity, inappropriate language, or offensive images are not permitted. Masks should not be distraction from the learning environment. Students are required to wear a

mask whenever he or she is within six feet of another individual.

As stated by the Department of Health, students who are unable to medically tolerate a face covering, including students where such covering would impair their physical or mental health or where such covering would present a challenge, distraction, or obstruction to education services and instruction will not be subject to the required use of a face covering. In these circumstances, a doctor's note will be required. Students without masks must remain six feet away from others to the extent possible.

Will students be eating breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria or in the classroom?



Students will eat breakfast and lunch in their homerooms/classrooms spaced six feet apart and seated at their desks. Until enhanced safety precautions have been lifted, students will not eat in the cafeteria.

All students will have the option to receive breakfast and lunch each day provided by the school. All school meals will be served individually packaged with disposable wrapping, condiments, and utensils. Students may also bring their own breakfast or lunch if they choose.

The monthly food service menu can be found on our school website: www.falkschool.com.

What will the transportation requirements look like?



Stanley G. Falk School will work collaboratively with the home district to ensure that all buses are following the required cleaning protocols as outlined in our Stanley G. Falk School Reopening Plan and the Department of

Health guidance. The following procedures and protocols will be required by all district transportation:

- Students will be required to wear facial coverings at all times while on the bus, unless wearing a mask will negatively impact the students physical or mental health. In this case, a doctor's note is required.
- All bus drivers and bus attendants will be monitored on a daily basis, including responding to self-monitoring protocol.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis. Drivers will wipe down high touch surfaces between bus runs. In order to reduce the density of students on buses, no more than one student will be assigned to each seat, unless they are from the same household.
- Bus drivers will be required to wear facial coverings at all times. Students and staff should wear face coverings at bus stops and on buses.
- There will be one student per seat, with only members of the same household assigned to sit together.
- Buses will be disinfected after the morning and afternoon bus runs.

What will happen if a student has a temperature or any other symptom of COVID-19?



The required at-home health screening should provide families with this information before the child gets onto the school bus. If the student has a temperature or other symptom while still at home, then he or she should remain home unless this symptom is due to a chronic pre-existing condition that causes that symptom.

If a student is at school and has a temperature or other symptom, the student will be immediately isolated and checked out by the school nurse. If the symptoms do not

resolve within 30 minutes, the student will be sent home and referred to his or her primary care physician.

If a student is sent home, when can he or she return?



It is recommended that the student see a doctor (MD/DO/NP/PA) prior to the return to school.

If seen by a doctor (MD/DO/NP/PA) and given a COVID test:

Positive result:

- A) The student can return to school with a health certificate provided by the MD/DO/NP/PA that indicates there have been 2 negative acute COVID test results, both taken since symptoms first appeared and are at least 24 hours apart, OR
- B) Follow CDC, state, and local public health guidelines for symptom-based return to school

Current guidelines:

- 3 days with no fever AND no medication given
- Respiratory and presenting symptoms have improved, AND
- 10 days passed since symptoms first appeared or since tested

Negative result:

The student can return to school with a health certificate provided by the MD/DO/NP/PA with a HIPAA/FERPA release that the acute illness is unrelated to COVID-19, and affirming that the individual meets symptom-based criteria.

If seen by a doctor (MD/DO/NP/PA) but NOT given a COVID test:

Chronic Diagnosis of non-COVID-19 illness:

The student may return to school with a health certificate and HIPAA/FERPA release from a licensed MD/DO/NP/PA attesting a diagnosis of a chronic health condition unrelated to COVID-19.

Acute Diagnosis of non-COVID-19 illness:

Because of the risk of comorbid illnesses with COVID-19, at this time intercurrent illness without COVID-19 testing is presumed COVID-19 and symptom-based criteria must be used for the return to school.

If NOT seen by a doctor (MD/DO/NP/PA) and did NOT have a COVID test:

The student may return to school when he or she meets the criteria for the symptom-based return to school:

- 1) Fever free for 3 days WITHOUT fever reducing medication
-AND-
- 2) Symptoms have improved
-AND-
- 3) At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared