

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT 72



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As the 2019-2020 school year came to an unexpected end, the Administrative Team had already begun planning for returning to school in the Fall. This planning included attending webinars, collaborating with other school districts, reading current literature related to the opening of school amidst a global pandemic, meeting with teachers and staff and reviewing the parent/student feedback provided through numerous surveys conducted from mid-March through the end of June.

Additionally, the District formed a Task Force with 60 parents, staff, Board Members and Administrators. The Task Force was convened both in person and remotely on July 8. We were very pleased to be able to have all interested parties participate in the meeting to hear a variety of ideas and opinions. The mission of the Task Force was to brainstorm and provide various perspectives to the District on four specific areas related to returning to school; 1) E-Learning, 2) In-Person Instruction, 3) Social Emotional Wellness, and 4) Facility Infrastructure and District Operations. This feedback was then combined with information gathered from other sources to develop this plan.

At this time it is recommended that the District's 2020-2021 calendar be amended. It is recommended that the Fairview teachers and staff be provided staff development on August 24, 25 and 26, so that they are well prepared to welcome 1st through 8th grade students on Thursday, August 27. At that time, an opportunity for students and staff to have closure from the 2019-2020 school year would be planned. Friday, August 28 would be a regular full day of school for all first through eighth grade students. Kindergarten students will begin on August 31.

All students that return to school will attend regular school days with the usual start and end times and will have a typical school day schedule that includes all academic areas, specials classes and lunch. Modifications to the day will be made to comply with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Skokie Health Department (SHD) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) mandates and guidelines.

How does the year begin and continue?

Begin Year With:

- In person instruction with IDPH Guidelines
- Planned calendar start dates and end times
- Planned school schedule with all subjects and modified specials
- Illinois is in Phase 4 or 5

Possibilities During the Year:

- Transitioning to full time Remote Learning, if necessary
- Short term (2-5 days) Remote Learning for cleaning, if necessary
- Use of 5 Remote Planning Days
- Illinois is in Phase 1-4

Primary (K-4) - Classroom & Hallway Plan

- Classroom seating will be spread out. Individual student desks will be utilized, when available, and faced in the same direction.
- Most classrooms will not have 6-feet between students. Some classrooms will have table seating if desks are not available. In those classrooms, plexiglass dividers may be provided for each student.
- At a minimum, students will wash hands at the beginning of the day, before lunch, after lunch, and when returning from specials or support services.
- Staff and students will wear face coverings inside the school and will wear them outside unless they are 6 feet apart.
- Hallways will be marked to show 6-foot distancing.
- Lockers will not be utilized by students. All belongings will be kept inside the classroom.
- Water fountains will be turned off and children will bring personal water bottles.
- Schedule
 - Each day will begin with parents completing a health certification form for their child and teachers will complete a thermal scan of each child prior to being granted access to the building. The District is currently reviewing online options to streamline this process.
 - Students will follow their typical schedule.
 - Activities will be held outdoors and with social distancing, when possible.
 - Lunch may occur in the cafeteria, learning center, or in the classroom. If in the classroom, desks will be cleaned prior to and after eating.
 - Recess will be held outdoors, when possible, but students must remain within their classroom group.
 - Students will enter and exit the building while maintaining 6-foot distancing from others and all entries will be utilized.

- There will be no field trips nor will the District host any 3rd party programming except the Skokie Park District before and after school care program.

Middle School (5th-8th) - Classroom and Hallway Set-up

- Classroom seating will be spread out. Individual student desks will be utilized, when available, and faced in the same direction.
- Most classrooms will not have 6-feet between students. Some classrooms will have table seating if desks are not available.
- At a minimum, students will wash hands at the beginning of the day, before lunch, after lunch, and when returning from specials or support services.
- Staff and students will wear face coverings inside the school; will wear outside unless they are 6 feet apart.
- Hallways will be marked to show 6-foot distancing.
- Lockers will not be utilized by students. All belongings will be kept inside the classroom.
- Water fountains will be turned off and children will bring personal water bottles.
- Schedule
 - Each day will begin with parents completing a health certification form for their child and teachers will complete a thermal scan of each child prior to being granted access to the building.
 - Students will follow their typical schedule.
 - Activities will be held outdoors and with social distancing, when possible.
 - Lunch may occur in the cafeteria or in the classroom. If in the classroom, desks will be cleaned prior to eating.
 - Recess will be held outdoors, when possible, but students must remain within their classroom group.
 - Students will enter and exit the building while maintaining 6-foot distancing from others and all entries will be utilized.
 - Students will participate in PE without changing into their uniforms.
 - Hallway travel must be on the right side of the hallways, and hallways will be marked to show 6-foot distancing.
 - Restrooms will be closed during passing periods.
 - Permission must be obtained from the teacher to utilize the restrooms, go to the nurse, etc.
 - There will be no field trips, nor will the District host any 3rd party programming except the Skokie Park District before and after school care program.

Bus Transportation - K-8

- Buses will run regular routes.
- Children from the same household will be seated together.
- Windows of the bus will be open, when weather permits, to keep air flow moving.
- A maximum of 50 people will be maintained on each route.
- Passengers and adults must wear face coverings on the bus.
- There will not be an early morning music run or late bus for after school activities.

Alternative To In-Person Learning - Remote Learning

Students will have an opportunity to participate in a full-time remote learning experience in place of in person learning if:

- Medical documentation is provided demonstrating that it is necessary for the student.
- The student experiences an extended illness during the school year.
- The parents fear having the child return to school due to other circumstances.
- Family agrees to keep the child home through the first grading period and understands that the child will receive grades for the work completed.
- Family guarantees Internet access, or secures access through the District for the student's use.
- Family understands that most students will require adult support and direction at times throughout the remote learning day.

Remote learning will consist of a 5 hour clock day, per ISBE guidelines.

- All instruction will be conducted by District 72 teachers.
- Aligned curriculum and assessments with that of in-person programming.
- Staff assigned to remote learning will conduct their instruction in district and maximize the use of live instruction utilizing available platforms.
- Students may participate in live streaming subject matter and activities with their in-person learning peers via webcams in the classroom.
- English Language Learning and IEP services will be provided.
- Parents or guardians enrolling their children in remote learning are asked to make a commitment (First quarter in grades 5-8 or first trimester in grades K-4) before seeking to return to an in-person school setting.

What if someone at school gets sick?

If there is a possible exposure at school, it is possible that a classroom, grade level or the school may close for a period of time. During this time, remote learning would be activated for students.

Next Steps

After the approval of this plan by the Board of Education, the team will begin to operationalize every aspect of the plan. This will include a final survey of parents to have them make a final decision about whether or not their child will attend school in person or participate in the remote learning option. Once this information is obtained, the District can begin to make teaching assignments and class placements.