

2021-2022 School Opening Plan



We believe in-person instruction is vital for students' academic success and emotional well-being. Using MANDATED guidance released by the New York State Department of Health and working closely with the Genesee County Department of Health, all students will safely return to classrooms five days a week with some additional safeguards in place.

The following outlines our plans to keep students safe, academically engaged, and emotionally supported:

Instruction	Masking	Physical Distancing
<p><i>Students will receive in-person instruction five days per week.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will follow a consistent schedule within the normal school hours for both Elementary and Jr/Sr High School. • Special Education programs and services will be delivered in-person in accordance with each student's IEP as recommended by the Committee on Special Education. 	<p><i>Per NYS Department of Health mandate, universal masking indoors and on school buses, regardless of vaccination status, is required.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask Breaks will be incorporated into school schedules. • Students who cannot medically tolerate a mask should complete this exemption form. • We will continue to consult with the Genesee County Department of Health on a weekly basis to evaluate masking requirements. • When outdoors, masks are recommended but not required. 	<p><i>We will maintain at least 3 feet of physical distancing indoors whenever possible.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no capacity limits on buses or indoor gatherings - everyone must wear a mask. • When it is not possible to maintain at least 3 feet, schools will layer multiple prevention strategies including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Frequent hand washing/sanitizing ○ Increasing ventilation ○ CDC recommended cleaning and disinfecting.
Health Screening and Vaccination		Athletics & Extracurricular Clubs
<p><i>The district will not mandate COVID-19 vaccines for students, staff, faculty, and administration.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees, families, and visitors should screen for signs of illness before coming to school or work each day. • Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and contact his/her health care provider, regardless of vaccination status. Individuals who develop COVID-19 symptoms at school or work may be sent home. • The Genesee County Department of Health has provided protocols for addressing COVID-19 instances in the school community, including close contacts, symptomatic individuals and quarantine. The district will continue to partner with the county on these decisions. • Families will have the option to have their child take a COVID test at school if symptoms are present. If applicable, school officials will work with families to ensure consent for testing. 		<p><i>Sports and extracurricular activities at grade levels will resume this fall.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In alignments with NYSPHSAA, athletics will continue with layered preventions strategies including masking indoors. Masking outdoors is not required. • There is no limit on the number of spectators permitted, but all are encouraged to sit with the party they arrived with. • Extracurricular activities and clubs will follow same protocols as used during the school day.
Social Emotional Well-being	Instructional Technology	Meals
<p><i>We will consistently monitor the well-being and needs of our students, staff, and families.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have extra support to respond to student needs and support teachers/staff including a new Social Worker and SEL District Coordinator. 	<p><i>Every student will be issued a district Chromebook.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Classrooms will be available for all classes. • Tech support will be available through our Tech Help Line (extension 2066) 	<p><i>Meals are free throughout the 2021-22 school year for all students, regardless of household income.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will physically distance students as best as possible in lunch room spaces.

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If you have any questions, please contact building administrators or superintendent.