

SEWANHAKA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fall 2020 Reopening Plan Overview

In accordance with guidance from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and New York State Department of Health (NYDOH), we have developed a plan to reopen our schools in September. NYSED requires us to prepare for three models of instruction this fall: full-time in-person, full-time remote, and a hybrid remote/in-person model. It is our goal to return to full-time, in-person instruction as soon as possible. At this time, based on all relevant guidance and regulations, we will begin the school year using the following hybrid model as we cannot physically house all students with the required six feet of social distancing in our classrooms. All health and safety protocols prescribed by the NYDOH and CDC will be followed. The complete Sewanhaka Central High School District Reopening Plan can be found [here](#).



Instruction

- Schools will operate on an A/B cycle, where students will attend school in-person every other day during regular hours following a modified bell schedule. Students will be assigned to attend in-person on either day A or day B alphabetically by last name. Students in the same household will all attend on the same day. On the day when students are not assigned to attend in-person, remote learning will be required.
- During remote learning, teachers will provide 'live' instruction via Google Meet, recorded lessons, and/or project-based activities that are all directly related to daily instruction. All teachers, counselors, and clinicians will be available to meet with students via Google Meet daily.
- Students unable to attend school for reasons related to Covid-19 will fully participate in a daily, live remote learning program provided by district teachers.
- If the spread of Covid-19 should force the complete closure of schools, 'live' instruction via Google Meet will be provided daily by all teachers. When social distancing requirements are relaxed, we will welcome all students back to school each day.



Health and Safety



- The bell schedule will be modified so that students will be dismissed from in-person classes on a staggered schedule to reduce hallway congestion. Additionally, hallways will be designated one-way, and staircases up/down wherever possible.
- Surfaces and bathrooms will be sanitized frequently throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided inside each classroom.
- Hallway and gym lockers will not be available. All materials (including iPads and books) must be brought home each afternoon.

Daily Health Screenings

- Using an online tool, staff and students (via district iPad) will be required to confirm completion of a health screening (including temperature check) each morning before coming to school. Nobody will be permitted to enter a school without this confirmation of a health screening.
- The number of available outside entrances to schools will be increased to facilitate social distancing during arrival.
- **ANYONE WHO IS NOT FEELING WELL MUST STAY HOME.**
- Any person who becomes ill during the day will be isolated in a designated area and sent home.



Students With Disabilities

- All students enrolled in a district Life Skills program (PALS, ADL, CDP, DLC) and the PACE program will have the opportunity to attend school in-person every day.
- Special education services will be provided to all students as per IEP and 504 accommodation plans.

English Language Learners

- All students will be provided with their mandatory support, which may include daily in-person instruction as per regulation.

Social & Emotional Well-Being

- The social and emotional well-being of our students and staff is a primary focus of our plan. As such, we will be creating advisory groups to enable staff and students the opportunity to discuss and address both challenging and sensitive adolescent issues. Staff will have access to mindfulness practices and receive strategies to address their emotional health.
- Staff will receive professional development in order to best identify students in need and refer appropriately. Counselors and clinicians will be prepared to provide a safe space for students to receive emotional support and enable them to learn and practice mindfulness, conflict resolution, relaxation and self regulation techniques, while also building resiliency, compassion, and perseverance.



Face Coverings

- Staff and students must wear face coverings in hallways, in classrooms, on buses, and in scenarios where six feet social distancing cannot be maintained. Mask breaks will be provided for students in classrooms.



School Lunch



- Students will have lunch every day in a socially distanced environment.
- School cold lunch will be available daily to all students.

Transportation

- Bus transportation will be available, and buses will provide for required social distancing.
- Students must wear face coverings on buses.
- Buses will be provided for students attending CTE programs at Sewanhaka High School.

