

Killingly Public Schools

Hybrid Opening- Fall 2020



As we plan for reopening, Killingly Public Schools has been committed to ensuring the safety of all students, and partnering with our parents and our community to get through this extraordinarily difficult time. As a learning community, we believe that the education of our youth is not only our mission, but our moral imperative.

As a district, we have worked hard to ensure that our reopening will be both safe for our students, and will allow schools to remain open for as long as physically possible by following the CDC guidelines for social distancing.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) continues to recommend students return to school. The most recent guidance from both the CSDE and the DPH points toward a hybrid reopening plan. Under this plan, roughly half of our students will attend in-person while the remainder access remote (online) learning. As outlined in our [Return 2020 plan](#), students will alternate between in-school and remote learning in A/B cohorts which are defined alphabetically. The district will coordinate with families in order to ensure siblings attend during the same days regardless of last name. For the first eight weeks of the 2020 School year, Killingly Public Schools will be opening in a Hybrid Model for grades 2-12. Specifics on our plan are outlined below.

We recognize that individual family circumstances will prevent some of our students from accessing in-person school. If your child will access their education through our Distance Learning Plan, our schools will be reaching out with further guidance.

Dates: August 31st to October 16th.

Programs: Good Year Early Childhood Center, Killingly Central School

Grades: PreK-1

Model: Full On Campus Learning

Traditional Schedule with Health & Safety Expectations – All students attend every day.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Students and teachers attend every day with all State guidelines and expectations in place. Classroom learning and instructional activities are adjusted to provide the safest environment. | | | | |

Programs: Killingly Memorial School, Killingly Intermediate School, Killingly High School

Grades: 2-12

Model: Hybrid Model

A-B Days (Students go to school on designated A or B cohort days)

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Student Group A 50% of Students in school | Student Group A 50% of Students in school | A & B Groups Distance Learning with Teachers | Student Group B 50% of Students in school | Student Group B 50% of Students in school |

Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. As a parent I selected “remote learning” in the survey, but I would like to change my selection now that the district is in the hybrid model. How can I make this change?**

We recognize that parents may change their mind now that we are opening in a hybrid model. On Friday August 7th, schools are sending home fall registration packets which will ask families to make a commitment to in-person or distance learning for the fall. Please fill out your final decision as you return your registration information.
- 2. How will the A/B cohorts be split?**

Our Cohorts are split alphabetically A-K and L-Z. This allows families to travel to school on the same day, and provides an allowance for older siblings to remain home with younger siblings. The district will coordinate with families in order to ensure siblings attend during the same weeks regardless of last name.
- 3. The plan is listed as an “eight-week plan” from August 31 to October 16th, what happens after October 16th?**

Our School District will be constantly monitoring local health information as we progress with the safest plans possible. Our goal is to have all students eventually return to school every day. It is difficult to know where transmission rates will be in October, but we will continue to operate in eight week sessions and will be announcing our plans for the second eight-week session during the first week of October.
- 4. How does the Hybrid plan impact sports?**

As I have noted previously, the future of sports remains unclear. At this time all Middle School Sports and extracurriculars are on hold. High School practices are scheduled to begin mid-August, however there is still a possibility the High School fall sports season may be delayed, or postponed. We will keep families informed as the situation progresses.
- 5. Will attendance be taken on the days my child is not required to come to school?**

Yes, as part of the hybrid model, schools will be taking attendance and collecting work from students who are learning remotely due to the hybrid model, or accessing distance learning.
- 6. How can I find more specific information on my school’s program?**

We recognize that families have questions on specific information at each school. Each of our schools has set up a date for a parent Q and A session in the month of August. These session times will be communicated soon.