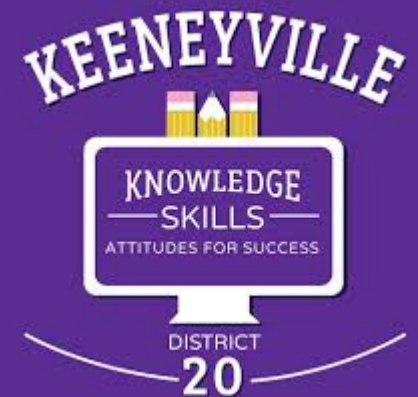


Return to Learn



RETURN TO LEARN PLAN
Return to In-Person Learning for All
Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, March 25, 2021



ESD20 Timeline

2019-2020 School Year

March

Remote Learning Begins



April

Remote Learning Continues



June 23 + 26

Illinois moved to Phase 4
ISBE-IDPH Joint Guidance for
Starting 2020-21 School Year

2020-2021 School Year

August

Enhanced Remote Learning for All



October

Transition to Hybrid Learning
Elementary & Special Education Programs



December

Adaptive Pause – Remote Learning



January

Return to Hybrid Learning



February

Hybrid Learning
Begins for Middle School



March 9

IDPH-ISBE Joint Revised Guidance for
Schools to Return to In-Person Learning



April 5

Return to In-Person Learning for All

Return to Learn Plan 2020-2021 School Year

The District's consistent goal this year has been for all students to return to in-person learning in a way that meets current state and local guidelines and maintains a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

Guiding Foundational Beliefs

- ***Health and safety of school community***
- Academic rigor and social emotional support
- Relationship-building
- Following state and local guidelines

PHASE 1: Enhanced Remote Learning for All

August 25 to October/November

- **Fall 2020 Return to Learn:** Enhanced remote instruction for all students for the full school day, 5 days a week, through the first trimester (11/6/2020)
- **District's Goal:** To develop a “Phase 2” Return to Learn Plan that would allow students to transition to in-person learning by the end of the first trimester, if we could do so safely and within state and local guidelines.

PHASE 2: Hybrid Learning Plan

October to March

- **Hybrid Learning Plan** allowed for Family Learning Choice and accommodated all students who opted for in-person learning by using an AM/PM Schedule to reduce the number of students in the classroom at the same time in order to meet state and local guidelines.
 - **Critical Challenges:** physical distancing requirements (6 feet + 2 feet body movement), classroom size, capacity limitations, and increased staffing demands. Elementary buildings could only accommodate 10-14 students per classroom, depending on the size of the room. Middle School classroom capacity max was 12 students per room.
- Consistently followed state and local frequently changing guidelines, including Health and Safety Protocols such as self certification cards, face masks, physical distancing, frequent handwashing, enhanced cleaning.
- “Adaptive Pause” was in December due to increasing COVID-19 cases. When the metrics improved, students returned to Hybrid Learning on January 11.

PHASE 3: Return to In-Person Learning for All

April 5 to June 3

- **Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools** released on March 9 by IDPH and ISBE requiring school districts in all communities to implement essential, layered mitigation strategies in order to facilitate the safe return of all students to in-person learning as soon as practicable.
- **Essential Mitigation Strategies**
 1. Require universal and correct use of appropriate PPE including face masks;
 2. Require social distancing be observed, as much as possible;
 3. Require contact tracing in combination of isolation of COVID-19 cases and quarantine of close contacts;
 4. Require increase of schoolwide cleaning and disinfection and maintenance of health environments; and
 5. Require promotion and adherence to handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
- ***72.6% District 20 Staff Fully Vaccinated for COVID-19***
- **Revised Guidelines**
 - New Physical Distancing Definition – 3 feet to 6 feet apart
 - Capacity Limits no longer based on a maximum number or percentage, but on the ability to ensure physical distancing
 - Fully Vaccinated persons without symptoms are not required to quarantine if they are exposed to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case
- ***District 20 is now able to meet our goal and provide in-person learning for all of our students in our buildings, for the full school day, five days a week.***
 - *Over 96% of D20 Students will be In-Person*
 - Remote instruction will be available to students and families who are at an increased risk of severe illness.

IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR ALL

Begins Monday, April 5

Elementary

8:30am – 3:20pm

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

8:30am – 2:30pm

Wednesdays

Middle School

7:45am – 2:35pm

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

7:45am – 1:45pm

Wednesdays

ECC will continue to follow current Hybrid Model

Overview of Elementary School Day

- Daily Student Health Certification Required
- Classrooms
 - Teacher Assignments – all efforts will be made to maintain current teacher assignments
 - Remote Students will zoom into the “live” classrooms
 - Please send 3-5 Clean Masks with your child to school. No new supplies needed. Supplies will not be shared.
- SEL Support
- Interventions – Literacy & Math
- Special Education Services
- Specials
 - Students will remain with “cohorts” (classes)
 - PE and Music will be outdoors, weather permitting
 - Art and Library will travel to classrooms
 - Remote students will have asynchronous specials

Additional Elementary Information

- Band – Percussion only in school, 1:1 Zoom after school hours
- Mask Breaks – outdoors and physically distanced, weather permitting
- Lunch
 - Assigned room with seats 6 feet apart and facing the same direction
 - Hand hygiene before and after eating
 - All students will receive free cold bagged lunch and milk; can bring own cold lunch from home
- Recess
 - Assigned cohorts (classes) and playground “zones” to maintain physical distancing
 - Hand hygiene when return indoors
- Before and After School Care available at both elementary schools through Park District partnerships

Overview of Middle School Day

- Daily Student Health Certification Required
- Schedule & Classrooms
 - Remote students will zoom into the “live” classrooms
 - Bell Schedule and Blue/Gold Schedule (via email and on website)
- Please send 3-5 Clean Masks with your child to school. No new supplies needed. Supplies will not be shared.
- Interventions
- Special Education Services
- Explorers
- Band - Indoors for percussion (outdoors when possible). Will also offer a Band Club after school to practice for any band students
- Lunch – Students will also have Study Hall
- Mask Breaks – Outdoors and physically distanced
- Afterschool Programs – Homework Club, Math Team, Gaming Club and other student opportunities. Afterschool Activity Bus will be provided.

Overview of Health & Safety Protocols

- Student Health Certification by parents will be required daily prior to sending student to school
- Required Face Masks
- Physical Distancing (3 to 6 feet)
- Frequent Handwashing
- Visuals and signage regarding masks, physical distancing and hygiene practices
- Staff training on safety, health and hygiene practices
- Separate room for assessment of students with symptoms
- Self-Isolation of COVID-19 Cases and Quarantine of close contacts
- The addition of a second day custodian as a “disinfectant specialist” to clean hot spots throughout the day
- Classroom desks and chairs will be disinfected daily
- Plexiglass Dividers used between individuals where needed
- School buses – required face masks and maximum of 50 students



Daily Health Certification

Parents or guardians must certify daily that each student is healthy to attend school by answering the following questions on the **D20 Student Health Certification Card** and sending the completed form to school with the student:

1. ***Has the student experienced any of the symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 24 hours?***
 - Fever or chills (100.4 or higher)
 - New Cough, congestion or runny nose
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue from unknown cause
 - Muscle or body aches
 - New moderate or severe headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Vomiting, diarrhea or nausea
 - Abdominal pain from unknown cause
2. ***Has the student been in contact with or cared for anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?***
3. ***Has the student tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?***

If answer “**NO**” to all three questions – the student CAN attend school that day.

If answer “**YES**” to any of the questions, including any one of the symptoms – the student CANNOT attend school that day and the parent/guardian must contact the school to report the absence

All staff are also required to self-certify their health daily



Face Coverings

- Students and staff will be required to wear a mask while inside the building as required by IDPH and DCHD, except while eating or drinking
- Use of large tents at each school will allow classes to rotate outside for mask breaks, with 6 feet physical distancing
- ***Families should supply an additional 3-5 masks for each student to bring to school***
- Violation disciplinary policies will be adopted to ensure the safety all students and staff



Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing will be observed, as much as possible (3 feet to 6 feet)
- Staff will limit the number of persons within hallways at any given time
- Additional outside spaces to be utilized to allow students mask breaks while adhering to physical distancing, including tents at each school
- Limited locker usage
- Floor markings to delineate 6-foot distances where students line up and one-way student traffic in some hallways



Enhanced Cleaning & Disinfecting

Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting will follow the procedures and expectations as guided by ISBE, IDPH, and DCHD.

- Hand hygiene practices will be implemented including hand sanitizing available in each classroom and handwashing promoted often throughout the day
- Students use of the restrooms will be closely supervised to adhere to social distancing
- High touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day by an additional custodial “disinfectant specialist”
- Every classroom will have disinfectant spray to apply throughout the day that will reduce pathogens within minutes
- Playground and PE Equipment will be disinfected between uses
- Nightly Deep Cleaning
 - Deep cleaning of every classroom nightly by certified disinfectant specialists using Microfiber program of cleaning rags
 - Electrostatic spraying of classroom to follow deep cleaning
 - Hospital grade EPA-registered disinfectants with faster kill-time and broader pathogen spectrum applications.



Building Safety

- Buildings completed 100% HVAC outdoor air building flush
- Increased outdoor air ventilation rates to maximize dilution of the return air.
- Changed all air filters, clean coils, drains and all air handling units and unit ventilators.
- As much as possible, windows should be open to allow for fresh air in the buildings.



Drinking Water

- Each building has at least one touch-less filtered water bottle filler for students and staff use. These stations will be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.
- All other drinking fountains will be shut down.



Lunch & Food Services

- Students will eat lunch at school during an assigned lunch period. They will be physically distanced (6 feet apart) and will face the same direction while eating. Students will not eat in the classrooms.
- Hand hygiene will be encouraged before and after eating.
- ***A free cold lunch bag will be provided to each student daily.*** Students will select their milk. Students can opt to bring a cold lunch bag from home (no microwave use).
 - Students may also bring own cold lunch from home
- ***A free cold breakfast bag will be provided to each student when dismissed at the end of each day.*** Students can bring this meal home to eat the following day for breakfast.
- Meal Pick-Up at Greenbrook
 - Remote Students can pick-up free meals at Greenbrook School on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:30am.
 - All families can pick-up multi-day meal packs for the weekend on Fridays from 9:00 to 10:30am.



Transportation

- Face masks required by all
- Limit of 50 individuals on each bus
- Sanitation and disinfecting completed in between each route
- Parents are encouraged to transport their students as much as possible



Looking Ahead for Families

- **Before and After School Care** will be offered by Hanover Park and Roselle Park Districts at both Elementary Schools. Contact the Park Districts directly to register your student.
- **Registration for 2021-2022** - information coming soon
- **In-Person Summer School** - registration opens in early May
 - Monday through Thursday 8:30am-12:00pm
 - Focus will be on literacy, math, and SEL
 - Transportation, breakfast and take-home lunch provided

IMPORTANT DATES:

Planning Day – No Classes
Spring Break – No Classes
In-Person Learning for All Begins

Friday, March 26
March 29 to April 2
Monday, April 5

Any Questions?

