

PCS Re-Opening Plan 2020

What are the Phases and how are they determined?

The CSDE provided guidance to districts that will be utilized to guide and assist in determining which phase our schools will operate under: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Press-Room/Press-Releases/2020/Adapt-Advance-Achieve>

Phase 1: Minimal COVID transmission (Full In-Person Learning)

- Students will be in classroom cohorts
- Larger spaces will be utilized to increase social distancing
- Core Curriculum will be followed
- Staggered and limited movement times for students
- Specials will occur in classrooms with the exception of PE
- Lunch will occur in classrooms

Phase 2: Moderate COVID transmission (Hybrid Model Learning)

- Students will be divided into alternating day schedules (A-cohort and B-cohort) with two in-person days and three distance learning days (A-A/off day for cleaning/B-B)
- Live in-person instruction will be provided to students in the classroom with certified teachers twice per week
- Remote learning will be model lessons posted to Google Classroom with daily assignments for three days per week

Phase 3: High COVID transmission (Distance Learning)

- School facilities are completely closed, and all staff and students are distance learning
- Model lessons will be posted to Google Classroom with daily assignments
- Students will have small live group sessions with classroom teachers - frequency based on needs

Safety Protocols

Face Coverings

- Per the Department of Public Health (DPH) and Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), all staff and students will be expected to wear a face covering while on the bus or in school, with the exception of designated mask breaks and when eating.
- Parents are expected to provide their child with at least one mask daily.

- The school will have extra face coverings on site for students and staff should one become needed during the day (their mask breaks, becomes soiled, etc.)
- The school will provide mask breaks throughout the day adhering to social distancing guidelines as determined by the Department of Public Health (DPH).




Social Distancing

- Staff and students will maintain an appropriate distance throughout the day as much as possible while wearing masks.
- During mask breaks and when students have taken masks off to eat/drink, staff and students will maintain social distancing guidelines as determined by the Department of Public Health (DPH).
- Mask breaks will occur outdoors when feasible and in other appropriate areas of the school.

Cleaning

- The school will sustain a thorough nightly cleaning, including a disinfectant spray treatment nightly. In addition, bathrooms and high touch areas will be cleaned two times a day.

Student Expectations

	<p>Stay home if feeling ill. Students must stay home if they are feeling sick, have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or have been exposed with a person symptomatic or diagnosed with COVID-19.</p>
	<p>Masks and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required. All individuals will be required to wear a mask throughout the school day. Masks may only be removed during designated activities such as mask breaks and lunch and only when students remain socially distanced. Parents are responsible for providing student with face coverings or masks. School will have backup disposable masks available if necessary.</p> <p>Masks must be appropriate. Distracting messages or images will not be allowed.</p>
	<p>Social distancing required. Students must maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Markings will be on the floors to assist with illustrating recommended distances. Sharing of school supplies and materials will not be allowed.</p>

**Frequent hand washing or sanitizing is expected.**

Students will engage in frequent hand washing or sanitizing throughout the day. Students will be prompted to do so upon arrival, before and after snack/lunch, after bathroom use, when leaving or entering a classroom space, and after coughing or sneezing.

Visitors, Parent Meetings, Conferences, PPTs, 504 Meetings

- For the safety of staff and students, visitors will not be permitted to enter the main school building. All visitors must check-in with the main office in the front foyer and if entry is necessary, will be permitted as the school principal deems appropriate.
- Parent meetings, conferences, PPTs, and 504 meetings will be available via Google Meets or telephone.

Arrival

Buses

- One bus will be dismissed at a time. All students will be led into the main building in a single line utilizing the main door and/or side doors and maintaining a safe distance.
- Students utilizing specialized bussing will be escorted into the building through the main entrance by appropriate staff.

Drop Off

- Plans for student drop off will be detailed and communicated to parents before the start of school. We may need to utilize the front circle AFTER buses unload for student drop offs.

Dismissal

Buses

- Grade levels will be dismissed one at a time, beginning with 5th grade. Students will be escorted to their buses maintaining a safe distance.
- Students utilizing specialized busing will be escorted to their bus utilizing the main entrance by appropriate staff.

Pick-Up

- Plans for student pick up will be detailed and communicated to parents before the start of school. We may need to utilize the front circle AFTER buses load and depart for student pick up.

Materials

- Students will have individual learning materials that will not be shared with other students, including:
 - Pencil case
 - Pencils
 - Markers
 - Crayons
 - Scissors
 - Post-it notes
 - Lanyard to attach mask to during mask breaks and when eating
- Students are encouraged to bring their own labeled:
 - Mask (plus one or two extra in case they need it during the day)
 - Backpack
 - Lunchbox
 - Water bottle
 - Healthy snack
 - Headphones or earbuds

Please bring to school (ONLY) the necessary items requested. Any items that are sent to school that are not needed or not included on the supply list will be sent home.

Isolation Room

If the school nurse determines a child has symptoms that are consistent with those of COVID-19, the child will be placed in a private area to rest in an isolation room within the nurse's office while the family is contacted and they are awaiting pick-up.

Classroom Set Up

- All classrooms and workspaces have been socially distanced as feasible.

- Students are all facing forward, and classrooms are provided with hand sanitizer as well as opportunities for handwashing.
- Individual materials will be kept in their own desk space. Students will keep their lunch and backpacks in their assigned lockers.

Movement Throughout the Building

- Scheduled transitions for activities such as mask breaks and recess will be staggered to avoid large groups of students in the halls at one time.
- Signage and floor markers will be in place throughout the building to help students maintain social distancing.
- When feasible, only one student per class will be permitted to leave the room to use the bathroom, fill their water bottle, etc.

Lunch/Snack

- Lunch and snack will be held in classrooms with personal dividers in place and students adhering to social distancing.
- Students are permitted to remove masks while eating.
- Students will be provided with dividers to place on their desks to eat behind while their masks are off.

Recess

- Recess will take place in a variety of locations such as the back field as appropriate for each grade level to provide social distancing and cohort management. Playground access will be limited due to cleaning needs between cohort use.

Specials/Enrichment

- Specials will occur on a 4 week rotation such that a class will have 4 weeks of art, then 4 weeks of PE, then 4 weeks of music per trimester. This minimizes exposure for staff and students to multiple cohorts of students.
- Music and art will occur in students' classrooms with the exception of PE. PE will be outdoors as much as possible, otherwise, PE will be in the gym.
- Students will not have access to the library space but will have access to library books.
- Enrichment opportunities such as band and chorus as well as after school clubs such as Art Club, Sports Club, and Student Council will not occur at the start of the school year.

Field Trips/Assemblies

Throughout the duration of the pandemic, off-site field trips and school-wide assemblies will not occur.