

Ogdensburg City School District 2020-2021 Reopening Plan Summary



The Ogdensburg City School District's reopening plan takes the health and safety of all students and staff as its prime directive. Guidance from the CDC, the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department form the basis of the Ogdensburg City School District's Reopening Plan. With an emphasis on the wearing of face masks, social distancing, washing of hands, use of hand sanitizer and frequent cleanings, it is the District's intent to minimize the risk of exposure. Please keep in mind, the Reopening Plan will continue to evolve as we continue to learn more about COVID-19 and the official guidance changes.

Below you will find required components of the Ogdensburg City School District's Reopening Plan, including options for families to choose either In-Person or At-Home Learning.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- All employees will be required to complete a daily health screening, including a temperature assessment.
- Families will be responsible for screening their child each day including a temperature assessment. This assessment must be completed before the child boards a school bus. For children not using school transportation, the screening must be completed prior to entering any school building. Families will be given a card to complete each day and submit to the staff when entering the building. (Families in need of a thermometer, may request one from the district by contacting your building principal.)
- All staff, students and visitors will be required to wear face masks in accordance with the New York State Department of Health recommendations. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis based upon documented medical necessity.
- All staff, students and visitors will be expected to maintain social distancing to the extent practicable in accordance with the recommendations of the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department.
- Visitors to the school buildings will be limited to those conducting essential school business.
- Students and staff will be trained on proper hand hygiene practices. This training will continue throughout the school year.
- All school buses and all school buildings will be cleaned and disinfected daily following CDC guidelines.
- When possible, staff will be encouraged to have windows open.
- The Ogdensburg City School District will fully cooperate with St. Lawrence County Public Health in the event a staff member or student is exposed to COVID-19 or tests positive for the virus.

NUTRITION/FOOD SERVICE

- Students attending in-person instruction will be offered breakfast and lunch each day that school is in session. For students engaged in a hybrid learning environment (some days in person, some days remote) or full-time remote learning, meals will be available for pick up at a location to be determined.

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TRANSPORTATION

- Parents/guardians are encouraged to transport their child(ren) to school in order to reduce bus occupancy and allow for greater social distancing.
- Students and staff will be required to wear face coverings on the bus.
- Students will be assigned seats for appropriate social distancing, to the extent possible.
- Members of the same household/family will be required to sit together on the bus.
- Failure of students to follow required safety measures including wearing of masks and sitting in assigned seats may be subject to disciplinary measures including the loss of bus riding privileges.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Students in BOCES special education programs, as well as students in district self-contained special education programs will be onsite five days a week.
- Students receiving special education, related services (e.g. speech, counseling, ENL), will continue to receive these services.

BOCES CTE STUDENTS @ NORTHWEST TECH

- Students enrolled in a BOCES CTE program will attend their program five days a week.

ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- It is anticipated that a decision regarding interscholastic athletics will be made prior to September 21st.
- School sponsored extracurricular activities will be allowed to resume on a case by case basis. These decisions will be based upon the ability of the activity to resume within the established guidelines of health and safety, as well as with direction from the Governor's Office and the NYSED, and/or NYSPHSAA.

INSTRUCTION

The New York State Education Department regulations allow families to choose the option of full-remote learning for the 2020-2021 school year. The district will conduct a survey of parents during the week of August 10th regarding their choice. Please note that a family may choose different options for each child in their home.

Please note that the model of instruction selected is based solely on the decision of the Governor, which is expected to be announced the week of August 3rd.

Option 1: Full In-Class Instruction

A full in-class instruction model would result in all students returning to school on a typical five day per week schedule.

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Option 2: Fully Remote Instruction

A fully remote instruction model would result in all students working remotely from home five days per week.

Communication

Teachers will use one of two learning management systems to communicate with both students and parents.

- **Seesaw** will be the learning management system used by all teachers in UPK – Grade 3.
- **Google Classroom** will be the learning management system used by all teachers in Grades 4 - 12.

Both students and parents will receive training on how to access and utilize the appropriate learning management system based on the age of their child.

Ongoing communication with families will take place through Seesaw, Google Classroom, the Ogdensburg City School District webpage, the Ogdensburg City School District Facebook page, as well as One Call Now.

At-Home Learning Parameters

- A student's daily schedule for at-home learning will mimic that of a typical in-class school day.
 - An elementary student's day will begin at approximately 8:20 a.m. and conclude at 2:50 p.m.
 - A middle or high school student's day will begin at approximately 7:51 a.m. and conclude at 2:50 p.m.
 - The school day will follow the nine period schedule allowing students to be directly instructed by teachers at the time (and period) the student would be with that teacher during in-class instruction. This will prevent conflicts in schedules from occurring.
- Remote instruction will be expected as follows:
 - Elementary students will be expected to participate in approximately one – two hours daily of direct instruction (with the teacher) with additional independent practice time required.
 - Middle and high school students will be expected to participate in approximately two – three hours daily of direct instruction (with the teacher) with additional independent practice time required.
- Agendas for each class will be shared by teachers with students on a daily basis.
- Daily attendance will be taken for all students as required by the NYSED.
- Daily contact will be made with all students as required by the NYSED.
- All students in need will be provided a Chromebook to be utilized at home during remote instruction.
- Personal hotspots have been purchased and will be provided for families in need.
- If fully remote learning is enacted after a period of in-class instruction, every effort will be made to send necessary resources and materials home with students at that time.

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- Subsequent mailings and pick-ups/drop-offs of resources and materials will be scheduled periodically.
- The district's grading policy will be followed; however, flexibility will be stressed.

Option 3: Hybrid Delivery Model of Instruction

A hybrid delivery model of instruction would result in students working some days remotely from home and some days in-person at school.

In order to follow health and safety measures, as well as capacity constraints, we are planning for a cohort-based approach whereby students rotate between in-person and remote learning.

All cohorts will stay in the same room, as much as possible throughout the day, and teachers will travel.

All students in self-contained Special Education classrooms and CTE programs will attend school full-time, 5 days per week.

Families and Students: Families will be able to opt out of in-person instruction and choose remote learning fulltime, in which case the student will be assigned to a cohort and work with that cohort each day, from home.

Space: With social distancing, median range of 10-12 students per classroom. There are plans to repurpose space within schools and re-allocate space if needed to meet baseline.

Model 1: Two consecutive days rotational

Two In-Person Cohorts

Summary:

Two in-person cohorts

Groups A and B will rotate attendance

- Cohort A attends every Monday and Tuesday in person
- Cohort B attends every Thursday and Friday in person

Rotating Wednesdays

- Cohort A and Cohort B rotate on Wednesdays

On any day a cohort is not learning in-person, students will be expected to work remotely.

Week/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week #1	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B
Week #2	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B	Cohort B

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Model 2: Two consecutive days rotational with one fully remote day per week
Two In-Person Cohorts

Summary:

Two in-person cohorts

Groups A and B will attend two consecutive days with one fully remote day per week

- Cohort A attends every Monday and Tuesday in person.
- Cohort B attends every Wednesday and Thursday in person.

On any day a cohort is not learning in-person, students will be expected to work remotely.

<u>Week/Day</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Weekly	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B	Fully Remote

At any time, the Ogdensburg City School District may be closed due to COVID-19. This decision will be made in conjunction with the St. Lawrence County Department of Health, the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Education Department and Governor Cuomo. Should a full closure occur, the district will engage in fully remote instruction as outlined in this document.

More information regarding specific building expectations and schedules will be forthcoming.