

SAYVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2021-2022 School Year Opening Plan
March 1, 2022 Update

Mission Statement:

The Sayville School District, together with the entire community, is committed to fostering a safe, healthy, and nurturing learning environment which provides all students with the attributes needed for lifelong learning, career readiness, and responsible citizenship.

Introduction from Superintendent and BOE:

The District's goal for the opening of the 2021-2022 school year had been to get our students back to full-time in-person instruction and to keep our schools open. We are excited to say that we have accomplished this goal and believe that our 2021-2022 plan provided the means to make this goal a reality. These plans are based on Public Health Law, requirements issued by the NYS Department of Health and directives provided by the CDC, NYS Department of Education, and Suffolk County Department of Health Services. These agencies prioritize school efforts to have all children safely return to in-person instruction with layered COVID prevention strategies in place. We are striving to return to normal school activities as much as possible.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Multi-layered approach to protect students, staff, visitors (especially the most vulnerable);
- Rigorous cleaning and disinfecting procedures;
- Ventilation;
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette;
- Physical distancing will be observed to the extent possible to allow for in-person instruction;
- Incorporate CDC, DOH, NYSED requirements;
- Mask wearing is optional for all students, staff and visitors while indoors;
- Individuals should stay home when sick;
- Voluntary diagnostic services will be made available for the convenience of our staff;
- Health screener and temperature checks are no longer necessary.

INSTRUCTION

- Regular instruction will occur five days per week;
- Elementary specials (music, art, library, and physical education) will take place in traditional settings;
- Students will follow regular, pre-pandemic schedules;

- Lockers will be available as they were prior to the pandemic;
- There will be no hybrid or remote options for instruction;
- School functions will resume on campus;
- Visitors will return to the schools. Buildings will be conscious of the need to provide adequate spacing and ventilation. Visitors who are feeling ill or displaying symptoms of illness should not enter school buildings.

CONTACT TRACING–Working with Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS)

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must remain in isolation for 5 days from the date of symptoms onset or test date if asymptomatic. Asymptomatic individuals may return provided they wear a mask from day 6 through day 10;
- The schools will practice cohorting and the use of seating charts to the extent possible
- The District will continue to monitor COVID cases, and report positive cases to the SCDHS and on the District website;
- Parents and staff will be contacted in the event that an individual tests positive for COVID who was in close contact. Parents will be notified by class on the elementary level. Parents of close contacts will be notified by the nurse or administrator on the secondary level. Close contacts who are asymptomatic are not required to quarantine but are encouraged to wear a mask for ten days and get tested;

FOOD SERVICE

- The USDA has once again approved Free Meals for ALL students for the 2021-2022 School Year. This means that all Sayville students may receive one Breakfast and one Lunch at school every day for FREE. *PLEASE NOTE that a' la carte items (i.e. 2nd entrees, snacks, and beverages) are not considered "meals" and do not qualify as free, but are still available for purchase*
- Students will continue to eat in the cafeterias. However, if a resurgence of pandemic infection rates reaches a critical level, according to DOHS/CDC data, and social distancing restrictions change, the District will revisit cafeteria use

TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation will be provided for all eligible students;
- Buses will follow normal routes and stops;
- Masks are now optional as per NYSED and NYSDOH guidelines;
- Bus windows will remain open, when possible, to increase fresh air and improve ventilation;
- Members of the same household may wish to sit together;
- Late buses continue to be available for events, clubs, and activities;
- Buses will be regularly sanitized

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- After-school programs and extra-curricular clubs will be in place in accordance with health-and-safety protocols;
- Our regular athletics schedule will remain in place for the remainder of the school year. COVID-19 Testing of athletes is not required;
- Concerts, plays, and ceremonies will take place as usual;
- Field trips will be planned at the building level.

SUMMARY

- This plan provides full time in-person instruction while maintaining the health and safety of students, staff and visitors.
- Our State and local government officials will closely monitor COVID data and will provide the District with updated guidelines when necessary.