



Reopen Plan Frequently Asked Questions

7/31/2020

Please review the 2020-2021 Reopening Plan Summary First. FAQ are divided into the same four categories as the plan:

- Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation (Operations/Logistics)
- Instruction and Programming
- Support & Special Services
- Childcare

Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation (Operations/Logistics)

Q. Has the district's plan been vetted by medical professionals?

A. Yes, the school district physician, St. Clare's Health System's Infectious Disease Department, District Head Nurse and the Local and County Departments Of Health.

Q. Will my child be required to wear a face covering? If so what type of face coverings are allowed?

A. Yes, students and staff will be required to wear face coverings. Cloth or surgical masks are required. See Denville Reopen plan for pictures. The district also purchased sneeze guards (see plan for picture) for each student which can be used while at desks for short breaks from wearing masks. These breaks will be behind a sneeze guard and kept to approximately five minute intervals as recommended by the Department of Health.

Q. Will the schools maintain six feet of social distancing during the day?

A. We will do our best to keep everyone separated as much as possible. We will use all indoor large spaces and outdoors (tents will be purchased for each school) for classrooms to spread students out as much as possible. We will minimize the number of students on buses as well as in hallways and classrooms.

Q. Will there be screening of the students & staff for symptoms to identify a sick child or staff member before entry?

A. Students and staff will be screened daily via visual checks at entrances and an online form to be completed prior to arrival at school.

Q. Will there be signage to keep social distance and directional flow in the halls, classes and buses as well as reminders about face coverings?

A. Yes, we will have signage and tape to help with distancing of students and staff as well as to remind people to wear face coverings.



- Q. Will windows and doors be open to provide fresh air? Are the filters in the buildings changed on a regular basis?
- A. Yes, the windows and doors will be open as much as possible without sacrificing security and yes the filters are changed regularly. Tents have been purchased for each school to allow for outdoor classes and activities (weather permitting).
- Q. Will arrival and dismissal times be staggered to allow for reduction of people in the halls at one time?
- A. Yes, and we will eliminate the use of large areas for students to wait prior to the school day starting by having students report directly to their classrooms.
- Q. Will Valleyview students use gym and hall lockers?
- A. No, students will report directly to classrooms and will not use hall lockers. Students will not change for physical education.
- Q. Will the buildings and buses be sanitized thoroughly? Will this occur during the school day as well as after?
- A. Yes, we have purchased equipment and supplies to keep buildings and buses sanitized. Highly touched surfaces will be sanitized during the day as well as after school.
- Q. Will hand sanitizer be available for students and staff?
- A. Yes, the district has purchased and installed hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the schools.
- Q. Will water fountains be open for use?
- A. The bottle fillers will be open for use, the fountain part will not be available. Parents are encouraged to send students to school with a reusable water bottle.
- Q. What is the plan if a student or staff member gets sick or tests positive for COVID.
- A. The district will work with the local Health Department, School Physician and will consult district policy as well as guidance from the CDC and State Department of Health. [See this site for more details.](#)
- Q. What if I don't have a device to access the internet? What if I don't have access to the internet (wifi)?
- A. The district will provide your children with a device and internet access. Please contact parentportal@denville.org for information.
- Q. When is the parent survey due?
- A. August 9, 2020



Q. Does the district have one website with all information regarding the reopening of schools?

A. Yes, [click here for the site.](#)

Instruction and Programming

Q. Can I opt for my child to have a fully virtual educational program? What will the virtual option look like?

A. Yes, it will be a combination of live-streaming and distance learning using other virtual means. Please see the district reopening plan for more details.

Q. If I choose a virtual program for my child, can I switch to in-person?

A. Yes, but there will be a delay period (approximately 10 school days) for district planning purposes.

Q. During live-streaming, will students be able to ask questions and interact with the class live?

A. The teachers may be able to respond to questions typed in the chat feature on a case by case basis. All students will have the opportunity to meet virtually with their teachers in the afternoon.

Q. Can we switch to virtual learning at any time?

A. Yes, but there will be a delay of approximately 10 school days.

Q. What is the difference between homeschooling and virtual schooling?

A. Homeschooled children are not students of the district, they are either withdrawn or never enrolled in the district. Virtually schooled children are part of the district but are learning at home through virtual means. [Click here for information on homeschooling.](#)

Q. Will extracurricular activities like after school clubs, band, athletics, etc. take place in 2020-21?

A. At this point we will not be providing extracurricular activities, this will be revisited once the school year is underway.

Support & Special Services

Q. Will special education classes be held in the same manner as the regular classes, following the same schedule?

A. Yes, to begin the school year, special education classes will follow the same schedule. This will be revisited once the school year is underway.



Q. How will Child Study Team and other parent meetings be held?

A. All parent meetings will be held virtually.

Q. Will Child Study Team Testing be held in person?

A. Yes

Q. Will guidance and counseling services be provided?

A. Yes, please contact your child's principal for more information.

Q. How will English as a Second Language classes be held?

A. ESL classes will be held virtually and in person.

Q. Will reading intervention and basic skills classes take place?

A. Yes, all programs will take place either in-person, virtually or using a hybrid approach.

Childcare

Q. Is there a plan for childcare at Riverview School and Lakeview School?

A. Yes, [click here for information](#).

Q: What is the cost for my child to stay at school until the end of the regular school day?

A. The Lakeland Hills YMCA program cost will be approximately \$175 for members and \$200 for non-members per month.

Q: Will my child be transported home at the end of the regular school day?

A. Transportation will be provided after the four-hour school session. Transportation will not be provided home from the after school program but will be provided to off site after care programs after the four-hour school session.

Q: Will YMCA staff wear masks?

A. Yes, the YMCA must follow the Department of Health guidelines

Q: Will students be required to wear masks?

A. Yes but there will be time for mask breaks.

Q: Will there be help with virtual learning?

A. Yes

Q. Will students be provided with a means to participate in virtual learning while they are in the building?

A. Yes