

2021-22 Back to School Plan

As of August 31,2021

Goal:

For the Glens Falls Common School District to safely remain open and to provide daily, in-person instruction at 100% capacity.

Guidance: Our plan has been developed based on the guidance provided by:

- The Center for Disease Control
- The American Academy of Pediatrics
- The Warren County Department of Health
- Capital Region BOCES Health-Safety-Risk Management
- NYSED
- Glens Falls Common School District's Medical Director

Attendance

- All students are expected to attend in-person every day.

Remote/Virtual Learning:

- Voluntary remote learning will not be an option this year.
- Remote learning will only be offered in the event of a class/grade wide mandatory quarantine
- Individual student quarantines will be provided work via paper and/or Google Classroom
- Teachers may choose to hold virtual meeting(s) with the students to check in.

Student and Staff Screening

- Staff will be required to submit a daily screening questionnaire via Google Docs
- Visitors to our facilities will be required to sign in, complete an attestation and a temperature check prior to entering the building.

Arrival/Dismissal:

- Students eating breakfast will arrive at 8:00 am and line up at the Main Entrance. Only students eating breakfast will be allowed in the building.
- All other students will arrive at 8:15 and line up at their designated doors.
- Students will enter the building at 8:30 when the bell rings
- Dismissal will be at 2:45

Physical Distancing

- As a baseline, Abraham Wing will maintain three feet of physical distance between students where possible.

Masking

- **Indoors:** Masks are required. CDC recommends indoor masking for all individuals age 2 years and older, including students, teachers, staff, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Outdoors:** Masks are not required. CDC recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people.
- **Transportation:** Passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, regardless of vaccination status, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC's Order

Meals:

- Students will maintain 3ft of physical distance where possible
- Students will be split between the cafeteria and classroom
- Masks are not required while eating
- Masks are required when moving (i.e. throwing out trash, etc.)
- Students will be assigned seats in the cafeteria
- Breakfast will be served from 8:00 - 8:20. Students will be split between the cafeteria and Art/Music Room. ONLY students eating breakfast will be allowed in the building.

Band/Chorus:

- General music instruction will be in the Music/Art room and students will wear masks at all times.
- Band lessons will be limited to allow for students to be socially distanced. 6ft
- Band and Chorus rehearsal will be in the gymnasium and students will be distanced 6ft apart. Masks will be worn.

After School Clubs/Extracurricular Activities:

- Scheduled to begin in October. More information to come.

Symptomatic Testing - TBD working with WCDOH to secure machines

- Students or staff members who are symptomatic will be sent to the nurses office for an evaluation.
- Parent or staff must consent to testing

Asymptomatic Testing –

- Unvaccinated Faculty and staff will be screened weekly using Abbott Binax Cards provided by Warren County DOH
- Unvaccinated students, will have access to onsite weekly screening using Abbott Binax Cards provided by Warren County DOH upon parent request.
- Parents requesting to have their child screened must complete consent form.

Quarantines:

- Each case will be investigated by Warren County DOH

Transportation:

- Masks required by all passengers at all time
- Distance to the extent possible
- The district will maintain a seating chart
- Windows/vents open to the greatest extent possible

Daily Cleaning/Disinfecting Procedures and Protocols:

The district will continue regular cleaning and disinfection daily or more frequently, as needed, along with frequent cleaning and disinfection of shared objects and surfaces as well as high transit areas, such as restrooms and common areas.

- Bathrooms: touchless sinks, toilets (flushometers) soap and paper towel dispensers.
- Water fountains - students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottles from home.
- Filtration/Ventilation: ensure maximum outside air is utilized in all HVAC equipment by monitoring the EMS system for outside damper positions when appropriate. MERV 13 filters will be utilized where appropriate.
- Classrooms will be disinfected as necessary
- High volume touch points will be disinfected frequently throughout the day as well as each night
- Primary products used: EPA approved disinfectants, disinfecting mist/fogger, disinfecting sprays & surface wipes
- Use of hand sanitizer and the practice of good hygiene will be taught/encouraged
- All staff will have access to PPE

Abraham Wing COVID-19 Liaisons

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