



DERUYTER

CENTRAL SCHOOL

The New York State Education Department has required school districts to create a plan for the reopening of schools. We created a task force including stakeholders representing staff, community, and students to look at our options.

After much collaboration and review of the mandates and recommendations of the State Education Department, the New York State Department of Health, and the Madison County Health Department, **the plan* that we submitted to State Ed for approval for fall reopening is as follows:**

- **Pre-K through 8th grade: In-person instruction every day.**
- **Grades 9-12: Hybrid Schedule (A Day/B Day schedule).** Students in grades 9-12 will be in-person one day and remote instruction on the opposite day. More details will be coming later in the summer detailing the specific days and groupings for students in the high school.
- **BOCES - Special Education, CTE** Alternative HS, and 7 Valley's HS programs will run every day** **CTE students will be transported regardless of the DCS A/B day schedule.
- **Remote Learning by Parent Choice** (*Commitment through the end of the first semester (2/1) at which time you will be able to make a change*).

**This plan is based on current available data. Regional infection rates, shifts in attendance, State guidance and executive orders from the Governor could force us to adapt our plan throughout the year. The full plan can be accessed on our website.*

To aid in district planning, ALL families will need to complete the [Instructional/Transportation Choice form](#) (link here or on our website at www.deruytercentral.org) or on the included form **no later than 8/7**.

In order to better acclimate to the new processes, school will dismiss the first week (September 8th- September 11th) at 1:00 pm for all students. Regular school hours will begin Monday, September 14th.

Further details are on the back of this page. A fluid Q/A document will be on our website by 8/7. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the administrative team.

In Order to Reopen ALL NYS Schools MUST:



Ensure educational equality



Provide daily teacher/student interactions



Maintain appropriate social distancing



Establish a process for health checks



Require face coverings for staff and students



Regularly clean and disinfect schools and busses



Promote correct hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette

9-12 Hybrid Details:

- Students will attend school on A Day ***OR*** B Day. On the days students are not attending in person they will be assigned work to be done remotely. Teachers will have scheduled times for students to receive support virtually on these days.
- Wednesday will be a rotating day where one week students assigned to A days will attend and the following Wednesday students assigned to B days attend. A complete schedule of the rotation for the first semester will be shared before the beginning of school.
- Students with disabilities and ELL students will receive virtual services on the days they are not scheduled to attend in person.
- Family members will attend on the same day.
- Students that attend all day BOCES programs (Special Education, Alternative HS, 7 Valley's) will attend every day.
- Students that attend CTE programs will be transported to those programs every day. On the days that they do not have in person learning at DCS, they will be transported from home.
- Breakfast and lunch will be made available for students to take home on days they are in the building for the days they are on remote learning.

Social Distancing and Wearing Masks

- Students and staff **MUST** wear masks when they are not socially distanced.
 - Any time they are not consistently 6 feet apart.
- **If they are six feet apart in the classroom, a student CAN take off their mask during instruction.**

Transportation

- Students **MUST** have a mask on when they enter the bus, travel on the bus, and exit the bus.
- All students will be in assigned seats on the bus. Students from the same household will be sitting together.
- Parents are encouraged to drive their own children to school if possible to reduce capacity on our buses, **BUT** transportation is available to every eligible student.
- **Please fill out the included transportation request form and return by August 7th.**

Mandatory Health Screening

- Parents are required to take their child's temperature each morning and fill out an affirmation that their child does not have a temperature of 100 degrees or above.
 - We are working on a digital platform and will update families when it is available.
- If a case of COVID-19 does occur in our buildings, processes will be put in place according to the regulations set by the County Health Department and the State Health Department.

Fall Sports:

- The start of fall sports has been delayed until 9/21 across NY. The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) has a task force of their own and is reviewing state and local health guidelines as well as NYSED guidance. We are waiting for further guidance from NYSPHSAA and will update the community as new guidance comes out.