

Red Hook Central School District Expanded Reopening Plan – March 2021

Introduction

The Red Hook School District Reopening Plan published in August 2020 articulated our commitment to a plan that serves the students and the families in our district. The top priorities and considerations were the health and safety of students and staff and continuity of program. Moving forward our goal is to provide a plan that is least disruptive for the rest of the school year while we continue to adhere to safety protocols.

The purpose of this addendum is to outline our plans for an Expanded Reopening which will begin at the start of the fourth quarter on **April 19, 2021**. The reopening plan represents a PreK to 12 education program that is developmentally appropriate for each building's population and provides academic programming to meet their educational needs.

Please refer to our original Reopening Plan document (available on our website) for additional guidance and protocols in place since September that remain in effect for the school year ending June 30, 2021.

Enhanced Reopening Plan

Mill Road Elementary students (Grades PreK to 5)

The current elementary schedule with AM and PM cohort groups will remain in place. Students attend classes Monday through Friday in their designated cohort group. Remote-only instruction for those families who have requested it will continue. The Enhanced Reopening Plan for PreK – 5 students is to increase the attendance of students who receive additional academic and related support services from approximately eight percent to twenty-five percent of building enrollment numbers. These students will attend full-day instruction. Additional outdoor learning experiences will also be added to the existing elementary schedule.

Ms. Hayes and Mr. Boyd will follow up with more information after Spring Break. Their contact information is ehayes@rhcsd.org and bboyd@rhcsd.org.

Linden Avenue Middle School students (grades 6 to 8)

The current middle school hybrid schedule will shift from two days of in-person instruction to four days per week with all hybrid students in attendance at the same time in grade level cohorts. Monday will remain an all-remote learning day for all middle school students. Remote-only instruction will remain the same for those families who have requested it. The Enhanced Reopening Plan school day for grade 6 – 8 students will begin at 9:30 am with dismissal at 2:16 pm. Students who ride the bus to/from school will be transported with Red Hook High School students. This schedule supports an increase in instruction to 140 minutes per week. An increase in outdoor learning experiences will be added to the existing middle school schedule. Additional mitigation strategy of barriers will be used in classroom spaces and cafeteria, as needed.

Dr. Zahedi and Ms. Smith will follow up with more information after Spring Break. Their contact information is kzahedi@rhcsd.org and ssmith@rhcsd.org.

Red Hook High School students (grades 9 – 12)

The current high school schedule of hybrid cohorts will remain in place. Remote-only instruction for those families who have requested it will continue. The Enhanced Reopening Plan school day for grade 9 - 12 students will begin at 9:30 am with dismissal at 2:21 pm. Students who ride the bus to/from school will be transported with Linden Avenue Middle School students. This schedule supports an increase in instruction to 125 minutes per week. Daily in-person learning for at-risk students will be increased. There will be academic supports available to students in Night School programming, and additional after-school activities focused on academics and social-emotional well-being will be provided.

Mr. McKiernan and Ms. O'Brien will follow up after Spring Break with more information. Their contact information is rmckiernan@rhcsd.org and mobrien@rhcsd.org.

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