

RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - REOPENING PLAN

GOAL: PreK – 12 students will return to school on September 8, 2021 and follow a normal schedule of full-day instruction, five days a week.

MASKS: All students and staff will wear masks when indoors and while on the bus, unless medically exempted with a doctor's note. Visitors to the district will wear masks. Mask breaks will be provided. This requirement will be continually reviewed by the district reopening committee and modifications MAY be made based on variant, community transmission statistics and recommendations from health officials. Masks will be optional when outside.

QUARANTINING: We continue to follow the CDC guidance on quarantining. In the PreK - 12 indoor classroom settings, students within 3 to 6 feet of an infected person while wearing a mask will no longer need to quarantine. Parents must monitor for symptoms and notify the school if a student is symptomatic. Symptomatic students must quarantine.

POSITIVE CASE NOTIFICATIONS: A dashboard of positive cases in the school will be available at www.redhookcentralschools.org. Positive, reported cases in students and employees will be posted on that dashboard. Parents/guardians of a student exposed to a Covid-positive person will be notified via email. If your child is deemed a close contact, you will be notified by phone. District-wide notifications will not be sent.

PERSONAL HYGIENE: Handwashing and sanitizing protocols established in the 2020-21 school year will continue.

VENTILATION: Maximizing air flow in buildings will continue. Tents will be set up outside each building to accommodate use by faculty and students for instructional purposes and lunch periods.

CLEANING: Cleaning protocols established in the 2020-21 school year will continue.

NUTRITION: ALL students will receive breakfast and lunch FREE OF CHARGE during the 2021-22 school year. Families eligible for the free and reduced lunch program are ENCOURAGED to complete those applications in order to receive other benefits. Additionally, district funding is improved based on these applications. Buildings will add extra lunch periods to reduce capacity in their cafeterias.

TRANSPORTATION: All students and staff must wear masks at bus stops and while on the bus. Social distancing is not guaranteed on our buses. Parents are encouraged to continue dropping off/picking up students if possible.

SCHEDULES: Normal schedules will be in place. We DO NOT have hybrid or remote-only options for the 2021-22 school year.

REMOTE-ONLY FOR MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS: The district is contracting with Dutchess County BOCES to provide fully remote-only instruction for those students who qualify. The application process for the BOCES K-12 Virtual Learning Academy requires a letter from a medical doctor and committee approval. Please contact administrator Dr. Zahedi via email kzahedi@rhcsd.org for more information.

TECHNOLOGY: Teachers in Mill Road will utilize Google Classroom. Teachers in LAMS and RHHS will utilize Microsoft Teams. If needed, devices for use at home to support remote learning will be provided upon request.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING: School-based social workers, psychologists and counselors will be available to support the transition back to school. Opportunities will be provided to new students and/or students on fully remote instruction last year who need support re-entering school in September. For further information, please contact your student's building principal.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The district continues to monitor guidance from the New York State Education Department, the state and county health departments, and the Governor's office. We will revise/update our plan accordingly and notify parents of those updates.

Any questions on protocols, please contact Bruce Martin, Assistant Superintendent & Covid Coordinator at bmartin@rhcsd.org.

Any questions on schedules, please contact your school administrator.