





School Reopening Frequently Asked Questions

The following seven questions represent over one third of all questions submitted related to School Reopening. On the following pages, you will find the remaining relevant questions organized by topic.

| | Question | Answer |
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|  <p>Distance Learning</p> | <p>How will distance learning work? What tools will the students use? How will students interact with teachers? Will coursework and attendance be required?</p> | <p>All students will use Google Classroom as their primary platform for viewing class calendars, assignments, and supplemental resources. Portions of class lessons will be streamed live over Google Meet or Zoom and the submission of coursework and attendance will be required.</p> |
| | <p>If I decide to keep my child home at the beginning of the year, can I choose to send them back if the situation improves?</p> | <p>Yes. Parents may opt back into in-person participation at any time by notifying the school and bus company with time to adjust classroom seating and bus stops.</p> |
|  <p>Academics & Athletics</p> | <p>Are we considering opening with a Hybrid model?</p> | <p>The districts will open in a hybrid model from September 8th - October 2nd. If health data support a change to in-person instruction, that will begin on October 5th.</p> |
|  <p>Scheduling</p> | <p>How many mask breaks will they get besides lunch?</p> | <p>Mask breaks will take place at teacher's discretion during the day. Students will not wear masks while eating and during recess. Mask breaks may also occur during outdoor instruction and inside with at least 6' distance between individuals.</p> |
|  <p>Health & Safety</p> | <p>What are accepted conditions for a child to be exempt from wearing a mask at school?</p> | <p>According to CDC guidelines, mask exemptions are appropriate for those when wearing a mask will exacerbate a documented physical or medical condition creating a significant safety concern. Medical documentation for an exemption will be required.</p> |
| | <p>How will contact tracing be performed?</p> | <p>The local Department of Public Health will conduct contact tracing in collaboration with information from the school district and/or medical providers.</p> |
| | <p>What are the triggers that we will use to choose all-in, hybrid, or all-distance?</p> | <p>The CT State Department of Education released metrics that describe the weekly, county-level health data triggers for changes to the instructional model from all in to hybrid to all- Distance Learning. (Addendum #5, posted on ER9 website)</p> |