

ATTACHMENT XI-C

ATTACHMENT XI-C: Return to School Update

Recommended Action: Informational

Since November 16th our positivity rate has steadily declined in our county from 31% to 13%. As a result, we will be asking all of our staff to return to work at our buildings beginning Jan. 4th, 2021. The district will continue to monitor our metrics and if the trend continues to move downward we will begin phasing our students back to school. The administrative teams have continued to modify plans for both in-person and remote learning. The plans revolve around maximizing direct instruction and also equity for each platform of learning. An update on the formats for our different grade levels will be shared along with discussion around scenarios to begin bringing students back to school and the timelines. The district will continue to follow the guidelines from ISBE and IDPH to minimize the risk for all staff and students.

Overview of In-Person and Remote

Poplar Grove / Capron / Manchester: PreK - 4th Grade

In-Person:

- PreK students will be on an alternating schedule each week.
- K-4 students will attend mornings on Tuesday - Friday.
 - In-Person instruction will include reading, writing, and math with their current homeroom teacher.
 - In the afternoon, students will engage remotely in music, art, and PE.

Remote:

- Students will participate in all classes through Google Meet.
 - In the morning, students will engage in music, art, and PE.
 - In the afternoon, students will engage in reading, writing, and math with their current homeroom teacher.

All students will be remote on Monday. Teachers will provide asynchronous activities and small group instruction for students; teachers will have remote planning time in the afternoon.

Upper Elementary / Middle School: 5th - 8th Grade

In-Person:

- Students will follow an A/B Cohort schedule.
- Students will attend class in person two days each week. Students will attend class remotely for two days a week.

Remote:

- Core classes:
 - Students will be scheduled into a remote learning class period.
 - Teachers will teach this class period through Google Meet.

Exploratory classes / Special Education classes:

- Due to scheduling constraints, remote only sections may not be possible for all Special Education classes.
- Exploratory classes will all have to be taught simultaneously to both Remote and In-Person students.
- These teachers may have to teach remote students and in-person students simultaneously.

All students will be remote on Wednesday (C Day). Teachers will provide virtual interventions and supports in the morning; teachers will have remote planning time in the afternoon.

High School: 9th - 12th Grade

In-Person:

- Students will be split into two cohorts and attend a block schedule. Each cohort will attend in-person twice a week until 12:48.

Remote:

- Remote students and the at-home cohort will attend classes remotely in the afternoon.
- Only remote students will attend on Wednesdays for half the day, and teachers will use the afternoon for remote planning.
- NBHS teachers will teach these classes through Google Meet.