

East Rochester Union Free School District Reopening Plan Overview

Virtual Town Hall
Thursday, August 13 - 12 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Friday, August 14 - 9 a.m.



Parent/Community Town Hall



- Over 100 questions were submitted
- Themes that emerged include
 - a. What will remote learning look like?
 - b. What type of masks and when will they be required?
 - c. What does health screening look like?
- The meeting is being recorded and will be posted on our website
- We have reviewed questions and will answer as many as we can, with time for some live questions.
- We will use the question and answer feature.
- Please stay on mute; background noise will make the meeting difficult for others to hear.

Introduction/Overview

- Governor Cuomo announced schools throughout the state can reopen in September.
- The first day of school for East Rochester students will be Thursday, September 10.
- The health and safety of our students and staff is always our top priority.
- The East Rochester Union Free School District will continually work to meet the needs of our students and staff members while complying with NYSED and DOH guidelines.
- More information regarding the ERUFSD Reopening Plan can be found on the district website, http://erschools.org/reopening_plan_2020.

Health and Safety: Screening



- Any student or staff member with a fever of **100°F** or greater and/or symptoms of possible COVID-19 virus infection **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED** to come to school.
- **Families will be expected to complete daily screenings in the morning prior to the days in which their children are attending school.**
(Three options to complete daily online screenings are being considered at this time)
- Any students that have not been screened will be sent directly to the COVID 19 Health Office **HS Foyer Room 515** for screening.
- If an individual has a temperature of 100°F or greater or a positive screening question, that individual will be isolated from others, parents will be contacted, and the student will be sent home.



Health and Safety: Testing

- Students or staff with a temperature, signs of illness, and/or a positive response to the questionnaire will be sent directly to a separate isolation where students are supervised, prior to being picked up or otherwise sent home.
- Students or staff will be referred to a healthcare provider and provided resources on COVID-19 testing.
- **If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school, the district will follow the direction of the Monroe County Department of Health for further guidance. The Student/Staff member must follow guidance from Monroe County health department as well.**



Health and Safety: Masks

All students in Pre-K through 12th grade shall be required to wear a mask or face covering:

- **while traveling in hallways**
- **while waiting outside school**
- **when riding District-provided transportation**

All employees/visitors shall be required to wear a mask or face covering:

- **while working or attending a school function in any school building, facility or other area of a school campus**

Health and Safety: Masks

All masks / face coverings must cover the nose and mouth of the student. Students may remove masks and face coverings:

- **when eating or drinking during assigned breakfast/ lunch/snack periods**
- **during instruction or other times when appropriate social distancing measures are in place as determined by a teacher or school administrator**
- **during “mask breaks” as directed**

Students who refuse, or repeatedly fail, to wear a face covering shall be subject to disciplinary consequences under the District’s Code of Conduct.



Health and Safety: Contact Tracing

The district will notify the state and local health department immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 diagnostic test result.

Districts may assist with contact tracing by:

- 1. Keeping accurate attendance records**
- 2. Ensuring student schedules are up to date**
- 3. Keeping a daily log of all visitors**
- 4. Assisting the local health departments in tracing all contacts of the individual in accordance with the proper protocols**

If/when COVID-19 cases are discovered in the school, the district will consult immediately with the Monroe County Health Department for next steps.

Health and Safety: Return to School

Protocols and procedures for determining when individuals who screened positive for COVID-19 symptoms can return to in-person learning:

1. If they have been diagnosed with another condition/not diagnosed with COVID-19: and the Healthcare provider has written a note stating they are clear to return to school.

2. **If student/staff have symptoms consistent with, are diagnosed with, or test positive for COVID-19:**
 - a. **It has been at least ten days since the individual first had symptoms.**
 - b. It has been at least three days since the individual's symptoms improved.
 - c. It has been at least three days since the individual has had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine).
 - d. **Must have a written note clearing a person to return to school.**



Technology and Connectivity



- East Rochester Union Free School District will provide a Chromebook for every student in grades 1-12.
- Students will be able to access the internet through the guest wifi network while on campus.
- Families who do not have accessibility to the internet for remote learning will reach out to their building principals and will be addressed on a case by case basis.
- Devices will be used to access Google Teams, where assignments will be administered and monitored by teachers.
- Accommodations will be made for students with special needs. Supportive resources will be made available, to the best of the district's ability, whether the student is learning in-person or remotely.

Classroom/building modifications

- Desks inside classrooms have been **socially distanced by six feet.**
- Floor stickers provide visual cues for social distancing in hallways, cafeteria, etc.
- Lockers will not be used
- There will be a maximum of 12-13 students per room.

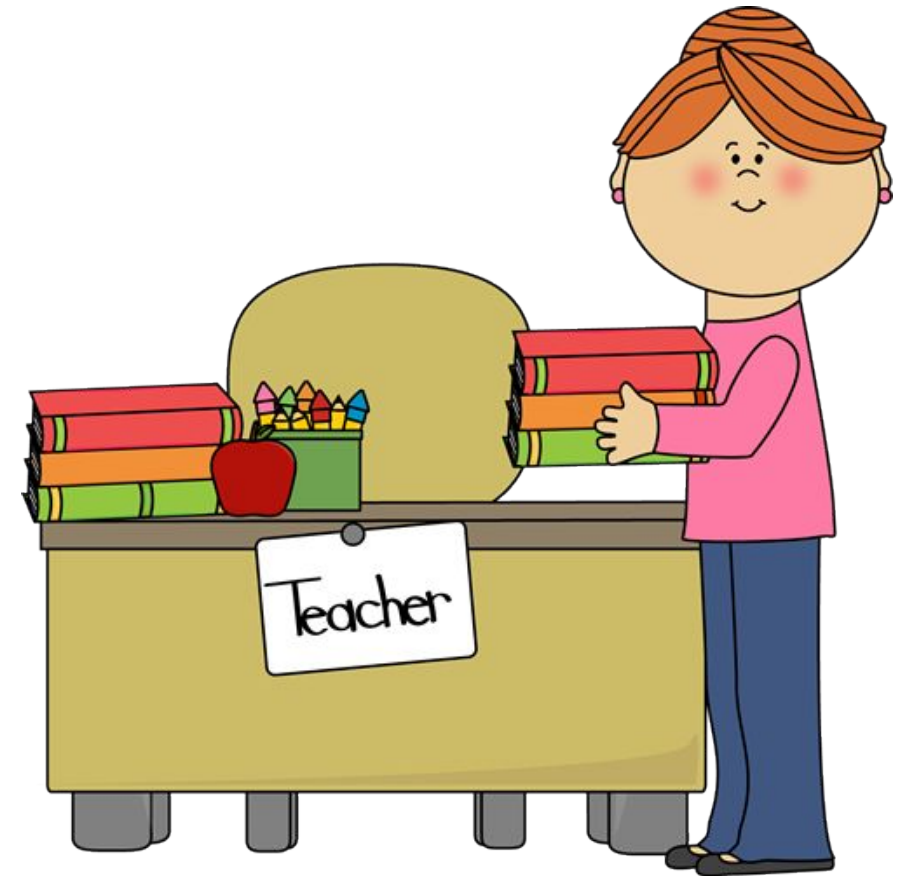


District Philosophy of Instruction

PreK-12 Alignment to the Standards
High Quality Tier 1 Instruction

Blended Learning

- The educational model that combines online educational materials and opportunities for interaction online with traditional place-based classroom methods
 - Synchronous learning - Teacher-student interaction
 - Asynchronous learning - Student has control over time, place, path, or pace



Elementary: Moving around building/room

- Teachers will greet students outside their assigned entry doors. Doors will be color coded to help families and children navigate. Families will be informed prior to school what door their children will enter/exit from.
- Students will have regular movement and recess breaks.
- Cohorts of students will be kept apart to prevent any chance of cross contamination.
- Dismissal will begin at 2:10, due to the additional time needed to exit the building with social distancing. Students will exit the building through the same door they entered.
- Pre-K & Kindergarten will still require an approved pick-up person at the door.



Elementary: In-person learning

- We will be moving to a 6-day cycle for specials due to our increase in the number of sections at each grade.
- Specials with asterisks will take place in their cohort classrooms.

6-day Specials Cycle

| Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 |
|-------|--------|-------|----------|--------|-------|
| PE | *Music | PE | *Library | *Tech. | *Art |

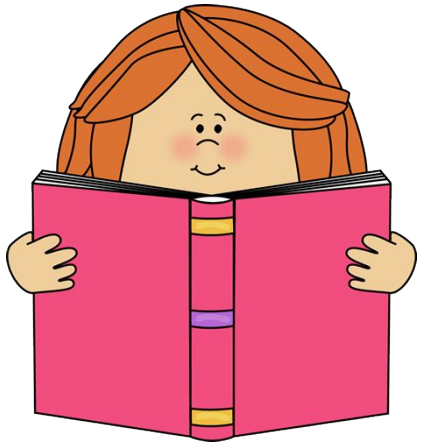
Elementary: Remote learning

- Students will be provided with both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities.
- Reading instruction will be scheduled via Zoom or Google Meet each week.
- Every child will receive their assignments via a district virtual classroom platform.
- Instruction for every subject (except reading) will be in the form of videotaped mini-lessons accompanied by learning application assignments.



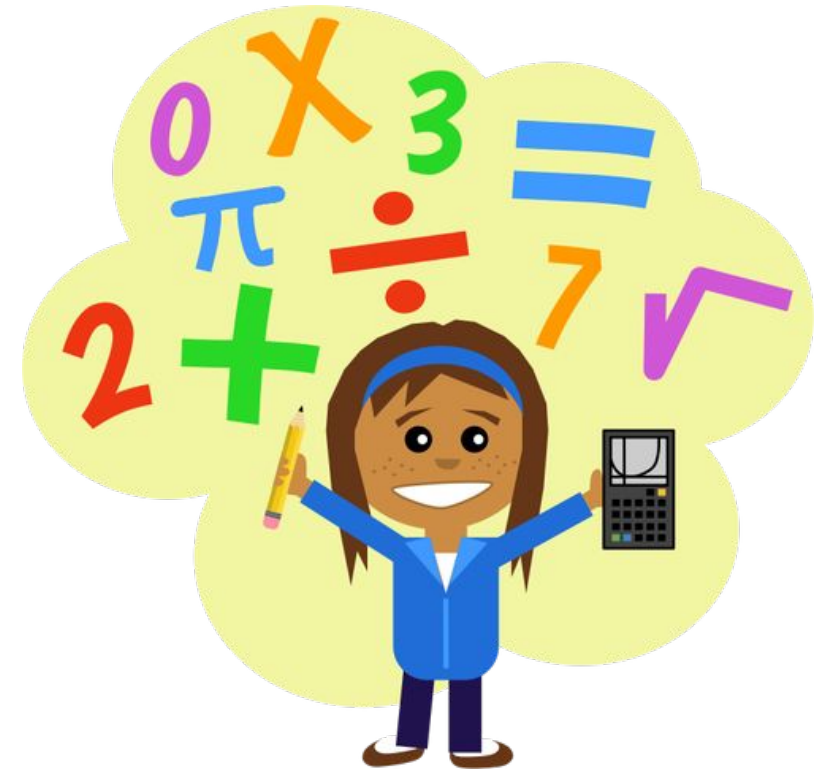
Elementary: ELA

- Every child will continue to receive:
 - Guided Reading Instruction
 - Foundations Phonics (k-3)
 - Heggerty Phonemic Awareness (PK-1)
 - Lucy Calkins Writing Instruction



Elementary: Math

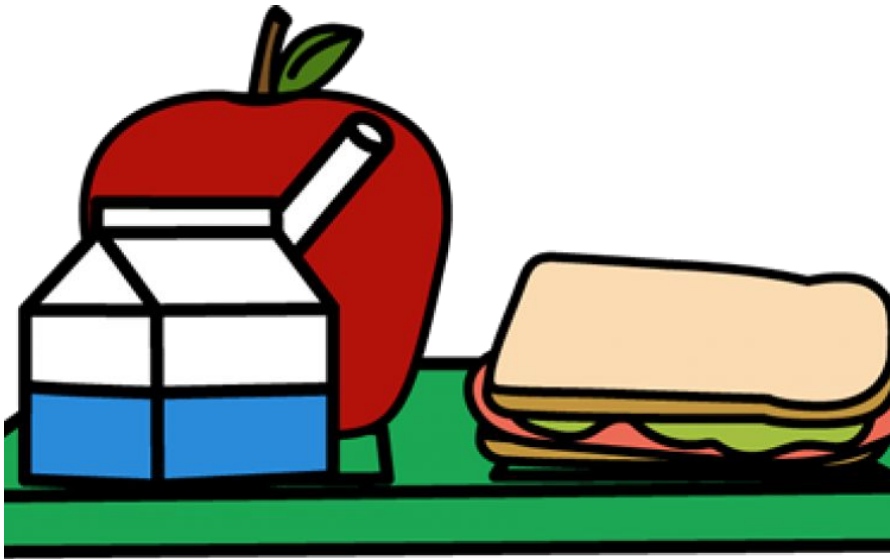
- Every child, in both the 100% virtual and in-person hybrid model, will receive Math Expressions instruction daily.



Elementary: Special Education

- Students with disabilities will receive their special education services and related services through in-person or remote learning
- Out-of-district partners

Elementary: Meals



- All students will now enter at 8:10 a.m.
- Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classrooms.

Jr./Sr. High School: Logistics

- Students have been assigned into 12-14 person cohort groups.
 - Criteria for cohort formation was **based on academic needs and course requests**
 - **Not all 2020-21 course requests were able to be filled**
- Students will remain in classroom (exception, Science and P.E.) throughout the day.
 - Bathroom breaks, as needed
 - **Students will not be assigned lockers**
 - **Teachers travel between rooms**

Jr./Sr. High School: In-person learning

Middle Level Academy (MLA):

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:00-2:10
- Six 40-minute academic periods
- One 40-minute lunch

High School:

- Monday & Thursday (Group A)
- Tuesday & Friday (Group B)
- Six 55-minute academic periods
- One 30-minute lunch



Jr./Sr. High School: Remote learning



MLA:

- One fully remote course
 - Digital Creators (6th), Business and Technology Skills (7th), Health (8th)

High School:

- At-home days (for Group A, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
- Students will engage in blended learning opportunities
 - Reading articles
 - Watching videos
 - Creating/manipulating artifacts

Fully Remote Students

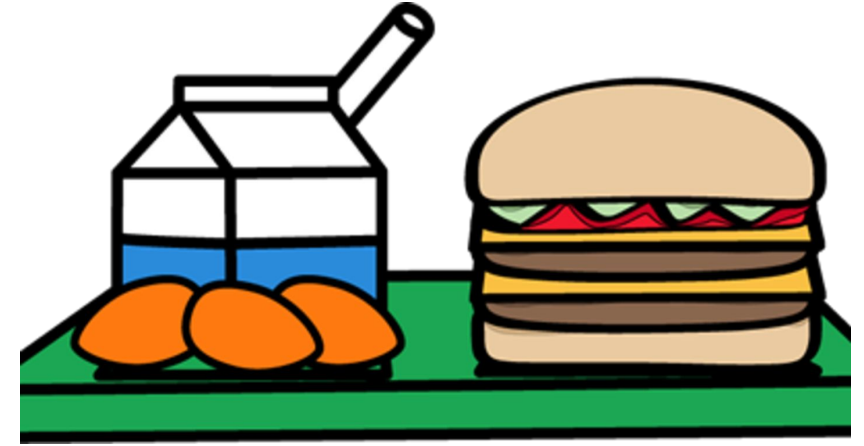
- Students will receive weekly assignments through Google classroom.
- Teachers will be available to students throughout the week through email, phone and/or video calls.

Jr./Sr. High School: Special Education

- Students with disabilities will receive their special education services and related services through in person or remote learning
- Students in special class at the high school level will have the opportunity for 4 days of in-person instruction
- Out-of-district partners



Jr./Sr. High School: Meals



MLA:

- **40-minute lunches by grade level**
- **Both sides of the elementary cafeteria**
- Individual student desks, socially distanced
- Students will use lunch line to purchase pre-packaged lunches

HS:

- **30-minute lunches by grade level**
- **High School cafeteria and auxiliary gym**
- Individual student desks, socially distanced
- Students will use lunch line to purchase pre-packaged lunches

Attendance

It is required that families call in student absences so that the District knows the reason for an absence.

Attendance will be taken for both in-person and remote learners.

- In-Person Attendance: Cohort leaders will take student attendance using Schooltool.
- Remote Learning Attendance: In the event of remote learning, attendance will be taken by either virtual check-ins or by work completion.

Standard attendance protocols will be followed.



Facilities: Cleaning Procedures (General)

- The existing day and night cleaning and disinfection program will be enhanced, as follows:
 - Focus on cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces
 - More frequent cleaning and disinfecting of bathrooms
 - Logs must be maintained that include the room, date, time, products used, and scope of cleaning and disinfection



Facilities: Cleaning Procedures (Day)

Changes to the daily cleaning and disinfection program shall be:

- More frequent bathroom cleaning throughout the day
- More frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces throughout the day
- Cleaning and disinfecting lunch room surfaces between cohorts for grades 6-12
- Assisting and supplying all classrooms with cleaning and disinfecting during the day, and for PK-5, breakfast and lunch periods.

Facilities: Cleaning Procedures (Night)

The night shift is where most cleaning and disinfection occurs to ready the building for the next school day. Changes to the nightly cleaning and disinfection program shall be:

- Emphasis on cleaning and disinfection of all bathrooms
- Emphasis on disinfecting high-touch surfaces such as plumbing fixture handles, window and door handles, crash bars, water fountains, light switches, etc.
- Floors mopped nightly
- Desk, table and counter surfaces disinfected nightly



Facilities: Air filtering



- The District shall maintain adequate, code required ventilation (natural or mechanical) as designed.
- The District shall endeavor to maximize the rate of fresh air ventilation at all times, subject to temperature limitations.
- The District will install a higher efficiency filter in all air handlers and univents, increasing filter quality from a MERV-8 to a MERV-13 rating (MERV = Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value).

Questions?

- If anybody has questions that have been left unanswered, please submit those through the zoom chat feature.
- We will try to address all questions but please know, if we are not able to answer your question, you can always email the district's COVID-19 Coordinator at ercovid19director@erschools.org
- There is also an FAQ section in our reopening plan on our district website

