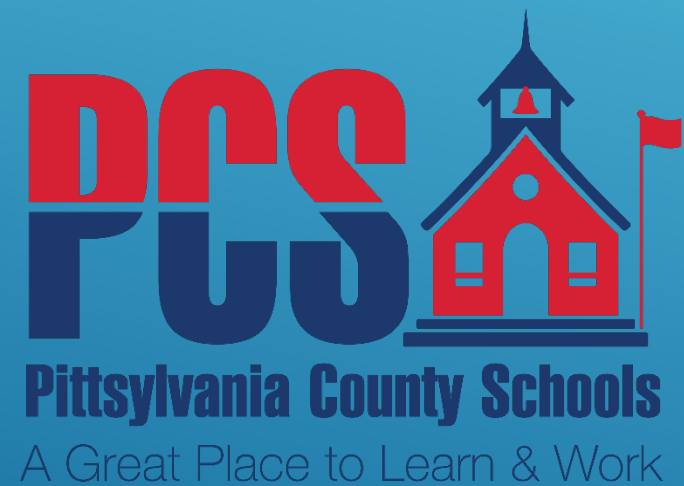


RETURNING TO SCHOOL 2020-2021

**Pittsylvania County Schools
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REOPENING SCHOOLS PLAN



- ▶ First day of school for students – August 20, 2020
- ▶ Teachers/ten-month staff return to work on August 4, 2020

REOPENING SCHOOLS PLAN



Because of restricted bus capacities resulting from the strict social distancing requirements, at this time the school division can provide bus transportation to and from students' home addresses only. Presently, the Division cannot honor requests to have students picked up or dropped off at other locations.

Parents who did not respond to the survey that was sent out in late June or who have not spoken with the appropriate schools regarding their children's ridership status for the upcoming school year must notify schools by Monday, July 27, if bus transportation to and from their home addresses is needed. Because schools' instructional schedules depend upon the availability of accurate transportation information, it is important that parents meet this deadline.

Following the first full week of the 2020-2021 school year, schools will reevaluate the availability of space on each route so that they may consider special transportation requests on a case-by-case basis.

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PROPOSAL C

Under SCHEDULE PROPOSAL C, all students in grades PK-3, SPED, ELLs will attend school in person Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and virtually on Wednesday each week. General education students in grades 4-12 will attend school in person two days per week in cohorts (M/TH or T/F) and virtually for three days. The instructional day will be altered to accommodate transportation for bus and car riders as needed.

Group I

A- All day/Four day instruction

- PK-3 (General, SPED, ELLs) all students attend and housed at the base school. (app. **2700** students)
- Self-Contained Programs (CC/STAR/RFS) will be housed at the base school (app. **180** students)

Group II

B-Blended Face to face instruction and Remote learning with modules

- M/TH- Grades 4-12 (1/2 Gen. Ed and all SPED & ELL) will attend base school (app **2500+** students)
- T/F- Grades 4-12 (1/2 Gen. Ed. and all SPED & ELL) will attend base school (app. **2500+** students)
- Virtual- Three days for gen. ed students and one day for SPED/ELLs/PK-3

Group III

C-Clean

- No school for face to face instruction
- Virtual- Check-in for students who are learning remotely.
- All students PK-12 will participate in virtual learning opportunities using the PCS modules or packets

Group IV

D-Distance Learning Only

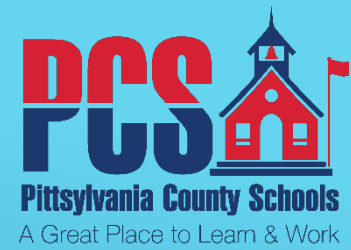
- PK-12 (app. 1800 students)
- Parent choice utilizing
 - PCS Modules PK-12
 - Virtual Va.
 - Home School
 - Med. HB

REOPENING SCHOOLS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All students PK-3, SPED and English Language Learners attend	All students PK-3, SPED and English Language Learners attend	Cleaning Day All Students Home With Virtual Learning Staff Professional Development	All students PK-3, SPED and English Language Learners attend	All students PK-3, SPED and English Language Learners attend
Cohort A Grades 4-12 In School	Cohort B Grades 4-12 In School	Cleaning Day All Students Home With Virtual Learning Staff Professional Development	Cohort A Grades 4-12 In School	Cohort B Grades 4-12 In School

PHASE III REOPENING SCHEDULE



- **ALL Pre-K – 3, Students With Disabilities & English Learners attend each day (4 days per week, Mon – Tues and Thurs – Fri)**
 - **Teacher contact with virtual students, planning, and deep cleaning on Wednesdays**
- **All Grades 4 -12 will attend two days per week**
 - **Group A: Monday and Thursday, remote learning Tues, Wed, Fri**
 - **Group B: Tuesday and Friday, remote learning Mon, Wed, Thurs**
 - **Teacher contact with virtual students, planning, and deep cleaning on Wednesdays**

PHASE III INSTRUCTION

PRE-K – 3, Students with Disabilities, & EL

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday instruction
- Wednesday remote learning
- Classes arranged to promote physical distancing
- Breakfast – Grab and Go
- Lunch – picked up or brought to classroom

PHASE III INSTRUCTION

GRADES 4 - 5

- One-half of students attend school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday All work at home on Wednesday
- Group A: Monday and Thursday, remote learning Tues., Wed., Fri.
- Group B: Tuesday and Friday, remote learning Mon., Wed., Thurs.
- Teacher planning, remote instruction, and deep cleaning on Wednesdays
- Classes arranged to promote physical distancing
- Breakfast – Grab and Go
- Lunch – picked up or brought to classroom

PHASE III INSTRUCTION

GRADES 6 - 12

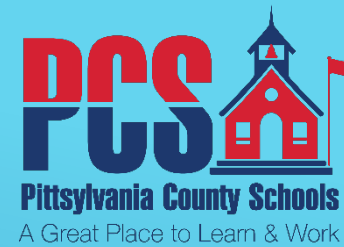
- One-half of students attend school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday All work at home on Wednesday
- Group A: Monday and Thursday, remote learning Tues., Wed., Fri.
- Group B: Tuesday and Friday, remote learning Mon., Wed., Thurs.
- Teacher planning, remote instruction, and deep cleaning on Wednesdays
- Classes arranged to promote physical distancing
- Will need to coordinate dismissal times with elementary schools
- Breakfast – Grab and Go
- Lunch – picked up and eaten in the classroom

PHASE III INSTRUCTION

- **New instruction will be provided and assignments will be graded for all students.**
- **A hybrid model, which includes both face-to-face and remote instruction, will be used to deliver instruction.**
- **Minimal transitions of students throughout the instructional day and coordinated movement throughout the hallways to maintain social distancing will be promoted.**
- **All students, including those with health complications, will have the option to work remotely for 100% of their instruction.**
- **Special education students, English Learners, gifted students will be accommodated appropriately.**
- **Students with disabilities will be served and their IEP's will be fulfilled.**
- **Instructional units aligned with pacing guides are being developed this summer to provide coverage of new content for students.**
- **Students without connectivity will be provided take-home paper packets for their remote learning needs.**
- **Grades 3-12 schedules will be arranged to keep families on the same schedule.**

PHASE III

REMOTE LEARNING



Parents who select the “100% Remote Learning” option will be accessing PCS’ School-Based Remote Learning Modules. These Modules will also be utilized by students on days when they are NOT receiving in-person instruction on their assigned days in the school buildings.

- Modules were developed in collaboration with Instructional Level Directors, General Education Teachers, Special Education Teachers, School Counselors, and other key related services staff.
- Modules align with PCS’ instructional pacing guides and SOL-required content.
- Modules enable students to remain “tied” to their base school and quickly re-assimilate into the school environment once students are able to return full-time.
- Students receiving instruction through Modules will be supported and monitored through of the student’s baseschool.

Parents seeking this option should contact the Principal of their child’s school.

PHASE III INSTRUCTION

PCTC

- **Group A: Monday and Thursday attend Pittsylvania Career and Technical Center (PCTC) (may ride PCS transportation), Tues. & Fri. attend PCTC (must provide transportation to and from PCTC)
remote learning Wed.**
- **Group B: Tuesday and Friday attend PCTC (may ride PCS transportation), Mon. & Thurs. attend PCTC (must provide transportation to and from PCTC)
remote learning Wed**
- **Teacher planning, remote instruction, and deep cleaning on Wednesdays**
- **Classes arranged to promote physical distancing**

PHASE III INSTRUCTION

PGSMST



Students attending the Piedmont Governor's School for Mathematics, Science and Technology (PGSMST) will attend school two times per week following an AB schedule.

Students in group A will attend school on Monday and Thursday and work remotely on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Students in group B will attend school on Tuesday and Friday and work remotely on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Parents with questions regarding the PGSMST schedule for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year may contact Mr. Josh Bocock, Director of PGSMST, at (276) 656-0328, jbocock@pgsmst.com or Ms. Elizabeth Craig, Director of Secondary Education, at (434) 432-2761.

PHASE III INSTRUCTION

AET



Students attending the Academy for Engineering and Technology (AET) will attend school two times per week following an AB schedule.

Students in group A will attend school on Monday and Thursday and work remotely on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Students in group B will attend school on Tuesday and Friday and work remotely on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Parents with questions regarding the AET schedule for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year may contact Ms. Deborah Powell, Principal, at (434) 432-8185 or Ms. Elizabeth Craig, Director of Secondary Education, at (434) 432-2761.

PHASE III TRANSPORTATION

- **Students will sit one per seat, except for students living together. Students living together may sit together on one seat.**
- **Students will be required to wear facial coverings while riding the school bus.**
- **Students will be required to remain in seats assigned by school personnel and to maintain social distancing.**
- **Buses will be sanitized after each morning and afternoon route. Buses running mid-day runs will be sanitized between runs.**
- **Any bus that has transported a student testing positive for COVID-19 will be taken off the route and completely and thoroughly cleaned.**
- **Parents, if they are able, are encouraged to transport their children to and from school each day to help reduce the number of student on school buses,**

PHASE III

Hygiene and Health

- A health screening, including a temperature check, for students and staff will be conducted to assess wellness.
- Grab-and-go meals will be provided to students which will permit students to eat in their classrooms, thereby eliminating large gatherings in school cafeterias.
- Seating in school classroom will adhere to strict six-foot social distancing requirements.
- Signage will be posted in the buildings to reinforce social distancing.
- Good hygiene practices will be taught to students and signage will be posted throughout buildings reminding students of the importance of these practices.
- Staff members and students, when age-appropriate, will be expected to wear face coverings in hallways, on school buses, in small-group classroom settings when social distancing cannot be maintained.

PHASE III

Hygiene and Health

- Schools will be properly supplied with personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies/equipment.
- Health clinics and nurse stations in the schools will be supplied with masks for students exhibiting contagious symptoms and separate annex located within the building available to isolate ill students.
- Visitors to schools will be limited to essential instructional support personnel. All visitors will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering the school
- Touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly throughout the school day.
- Buses will be sanitized after each morning and afternoon route. Buses running mid-day runs will be sanitized between runs.

PHASE III TECHNOLOGY

- A limited number of Chromebooks will be available for checkout by students who do not have personal devices in their homes.
- Hotspots will be available in the parking lots of each middle and high school in the School Division.
- Students should follow a normal daily routine when accessing virtual assignments on Google.
- Students should adhere to Pittsylvania County Schools' Acceptable Use Policy when working online.

PHASE III COMMUNICATION



Pittsylvania County Schools will provide communication to staff, students and parents on the status of opening of schools utilizing the following methods:

- **School Messenger announcements will be provided to staff and parents regularly.**
- **Pittsylvania County Schools will provide information through the use of local media outlets such as the Chatham Star Tribune, The Danville Register, the Pittsylvania County Schools Website, WDBJ, WSET, WSLS, WBTM, and WKBY.**
- **Families are asked to share questions, concerns, and feedback through the “contact us” feature on the PCS Website.**

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