

October 2020 School District of Neillsville Operational Plan

Based on guidance from federal, state, and local health departments, numerous educational agencies, legal counsel, insurance providers, and surveys of family and staff, the School District of Neillsville has developed this reopening plan for October. The Board of Education will be reviewing and revising plans on a monthly basis based on the latest information available. The goals of the district's plan are to keep all students, staff, and community members as safe as possible, and to try to assure that school buildings will never have to be fully closed again. The district's ultimate goal is to get all students back to school full-time once the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic allows.

Transportation Plans

Bus capacity will be one student per seat, however, students from the same household may sit together. There will be assigned seats and loading and unloading protocols. Face coverings will be required for students riding the bus. There will be increased daily and weekly cleaning protocols for all buses. Multiple bus runs may have to be scheduled.

Student Meal Plans

All meals free for any children between the ages of 0-18 until December 31, 2020. The district will deliver enough meals to students not in school from Monday-Friday to cover the week, if requested by families. Meal schedules and eating locations at school will be developed to allow social distancing for students while eating. There will be no open campus for the month of October. November plans will be coming out later in October.

Daily Operation Plans

A daily self-screening symptom checklist has been provided for all families, students, and staff. No one should come to school if the symptoms checklist indicates the student or staff member should remain home. Face coverings are required for all students and staff. Masks and shields will be provided by the district. The district will limit non-essential visitors. Any approved visitors must wear masks. The district will regulate access to the buildings, and directional flow in the buildings.

Physical Spaces Plan

Barriers will be used in public spaces where advisable. There are also separation markings in high-traffic areas. Safety signage for hand hygiene, protective measures and symptoms awareness are displayed throughout the buildings. Bottle filling stations will be available throughout the buildings, but water fountains will not be available. Students should bring their own water bottle.

Healthy Environments Plan

The district has established increased daily and weekly protocols for cleaning and disinfecting. Staff will continue to reinforce all safety protocols. Modified building layouts have been adjusted for safer student traffic patterns. Again, face coverings will be required while indoors.

Points of Contact Regarding Covid-19

Points of contact for any COVID-19 issues involving students are the building principals, and Sam Warden, CNA. Superintendent John Gaier, Board of Education Office, is the point of contact for staff concerns or questions.

Daily Time Schedule for October

Grades 4K – 6: 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12: 8:00 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

Doors to enter school buildings will open for students at 7:40 a.m. each day. Outside doors to enter the vestibules will open at 7:30 a.m. each day.

4K Plan for October

Children will be divided in to two groups (M/W, T/TH). Students will go to school all day, and have Fridays off. The first two weeks of September students will attend on T/TH or W/F.

Grades 5K – 6 Plan for October

All students attend in person four days per week (M-TH). Fridays will be scheduled for remote learning practice, deep cleaning and sanitizing, staff outreach to students and families, professional development, and collaboration.

Grades 7 – 12 Plan for October

Students will attend school in person in one of two groups, Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, with remote learning practice at home the other two days. There will be seven class periods per day. Friday includes remote student advisory and intervention for students in need, staff collaboration and professional development. Lockers will not be used, so students may use backpacks during the day.

Remote Learning Option

Any family that would like to continue to have their child/children learning from home will have that option. The staff will work on a remote learning plan based on the needs of the individual student. Families will have the flexibility to move from remote learning to returning to school at any time.

Parent-Teacher Conferences for October

Parent-teacher conferences will be held remotely. Teachers will schedule a time to talk with parents regarding student progress in October.

Late Start Days

Due to the pandemic, the district will be setting monthly calendars. There are no late start days scheduled for October.

Student Pictures

Student pictures are September 30, 2020 and October 1, 2020. Scheduling information for each grades has been sent to parents.

Picture retakes have been scheduled for October 21-22, 2020.

Remote learners will have their pictures taken on October 22, 2020, from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Extra-Curricular Activities Update

The district has approved a fall sports season. The district will rely on guidance from the WIAA, Clark County Health Department, and Cloverbelt Conference to hold athletic practices and contests as safely as possible. Due to limited available space, only home spectators (4 tickets per player) will be allowed for volleyball contests involving grades 7, 8, and C Team. Four (4) tickets per player for both the home and visiting team will be allowed for home JV and Varsity volleyball contests. Four (4) tickets per player for both the home and visiting players will be allowed for Varsity football contests. Activities and events may be postponed or adjusted based on health guidelines and/or current conditions in school or the community. Masks are required at all athletic events. All varsity events will be live streamed.