



HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
and Continuity of Service

Presentation & Overview

June 8, 2021

OVERVIEW

March 2021 - President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act: Section 2001(i) requires the school district to

- Develop a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services (Maintaining Health & Safety, Ensuring Continuity of Service)
- Seek public comment for revisions if necessary
- Make publicly available on the district website
- Submit to the NJDOE for approval by June 24, 2021

The district will comply with the recommendations from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) for all sections of the plan. The current plan is based on the guidance as of June 2021.

Please note: The district will continue to monitor the guidance and make necessary adjustments to these practices. All aspects of this current plan are subject to change.

Maintaining Health & Safety

A Universal & Correct Wearing of Masks

B Physical distancing

- Based on COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix (Green & Yellow will be 3 feet)

C Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

- Continue to teach and reinforce these practices with all students. Keep signage in common areas.

D Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities

- Continue to utilize sprayers, EPA approved disinfectants for daily cleanings, Maintain air purifiers in classrooms and offices. Window repair project.

E Contact Tracing (if necessary)

- Continue to be handled by our nurses and administrative team following the guidance at that time.

Maintaining Health & Safety

F. Diagnostic and screening testing

- Parents will be responsible for screening their children for COVID-19 symptoms on a daily basis using the district screening protocol

G. Efforts to provide vaccinations

- Staff and senior students have been given priority through Atlantic Health System. Coordinating opportunities for 12-16 yr. old students with local pharmacies.

H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities

- Staff will continue to wear gloves and face coverings for toilet training
- During crisis intervention, staff will continue to use blocking procedures and verbal de-escalation techniques
- 18 - 21 transition program staff and students will continue to practice safe hygiene while preparing meals and while out in the community for CBI and SLE

Ensuring Continuity of Services

Academic needs continue to be analyzed and drafted which include

- Increased staff
- Curriculum revisions and pacing guides
- Before and after school programs
- Summer school

Student and staff social, emotional, and mental health initiatives

- Preschool - grade 5 staff: ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experience)
- Grades 6-12 staff: Universal Mental Health Screener
- Addition of two full-time crisis counselors through West Bergen Mental Health for LMS and HHS

Ensuring Continuity of Services

Food services for full academic day

- **Elementary (JES, RES, WES)**
 - Three lunch periods (2 grade levels per period)
 - One grade will eat / Other grade recess then switch
 - JES and RES students will eat supervised in classrooms
 - WES will continue to eat at lunch tables in gymnasium under current guidelines - decreasing the number of students at a table.
- **Lincoln Middle School**
 - Three lunch periods (one per grade)
 - Half the grade will eat / Other half grade recess then switch
 - Able to decrease students seated at lunch tables by 50%
- **Hawthorne High School**
 - Single unit lunch period allows for students to be housed at various locations (main cafeteria, room 123, gymnasium, and media center). There will be satellites food stations to streamline distribution
 - Courtyard and Bleachers will be encouraged on nice weather days
 - Seniors have off campus privileges

At all locations lunches will continued to be preordered and in a more grab and go style as we begin the year with lunches.

Public Comment

Please email any questions or inquiries to HawthorneBOE@hawthorne.k12.nj.us by June 15, 2021 at 3 p.m.