

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## RPS 205 2020-2021 REOPENING PLAN

FOR FULL DETAILS CHECK OUT THE **FAMILY HANDBOOK**  
**[RPS205.COM/BACKTOSCHOOL](https://rps205.com/backtoschool)**

We expect our plans will change before the start of school. We're frequently receiving new information and developing districtwide protocols and expectations for our students and staff.

As always, the safety of our students and staff is our No. 1 priority, and we'll share more specific details and guidelines as they're finalized. Please check the website above for updates each week.

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**REMOTE VS. IN-PERSON:** Families must choose in-person instruction OR full-time remote instruction by **Monday, Aug. 3**. Check [rps205.com/backtoschool](https://rps205.com/backtoschool) for a survey link.

**A/B DAYS:** Middle and high school students who choose in-person instruction will be assigned to either A days (Mondays/Thursdays) or B days (Tuesdays/Fridays). Students with different last names who live in the same household can attend in-person instruction on the same days.

**CLASS SIZE:** We expect class sizes will be smaller because some families will choose full-time remote instruction. We won't know what those numbers look like until early August, after families choose between full-time remote vs. in-person instruction.

**FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS:** All staff and students are required to wear a face covering or mask while inside the school building. Wearing a face mask is most important when students and staff cannot maintain 6 feet of distance between each other.

**HANDWASHING:** Students and staff will be encouraged to use soap and water for handwashing. To supplement hand washing, hand sanitizer stations will be stationed throughout each building. Refillable hand sanitizer bottles will be available in every classroom.

**CLEANING:** Schools will be deep cleaned and disinfected every night. Updated cleaning protocol focus on disinfecting high-touch in the morning and again in the afternoon specifically for the purpose of preventing spread of disease.

**HEALTH SCREENINGS:** School staff will perform random screenings and temperature checks with no-touch thermometers on students and staff each day as they enter the building. We're working through districtwide protocols and will share an update soon. We're asking parents/guardians to confirm each day that their student is free of any COVID-19 symptoms and has not been in contact with someone with COVID-19.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We are prioritizing district-provided transportation for families who have no other option to get to school. If you are able, please find alternative transportation for your student(s.) Our driver pool is limited, and we've also limited the number of students on each bus to 48. Passengers will be required to wear masks.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and lunch will be available for ALL students, regardless of which learning plan they choose.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Every student (PreK through high school) will be assigned a digital device for the 2020-21 school year. Devices will be issued by the students' assigned school or special program site at the start of the school year.

**ATHLETICS:** We'll follow guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois High School Association and Illinois Elementary School Association for our return-to-play guidelines to keep players and coaches safe. Students who choose remote learning can still participate in athletics.

**FINE ARTS:** We have specific plans for each arts-focused class – above and beyond general classroom guidelines – to ensure our students and staff remain safe. We'll share details next week.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** Students enrolled in special programs will maintain their program seat if they choose full-time remote or in-person instruction. The level of remote instruction that's available for each special program will depend on the number of students who choose remote learning.

