

Fowler Public Schools Back to School Plan 2020-21

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Our Fowler Public Schools Board of Education and staff are committed to providing a high quality education and well rounded school experience to each of our students for the 2020-21 school year, even as we work within the parameters of the State of Michigan's "Back to School Road Map" and "Michigan Safe Start Plan". We are committed to providing a productive and safe school experience that meets the priorities of each of our school families, respecting the role of parents as the critical decision makers regarding the education of their children. We look forward to partnering with parents as we work together to meet not only their priorities, but those of their friends and neighbors as well.

Parents have the choice of either in-person or remote participation in our educational offerings for their student. In-person enrollment includes in-person participation in FPS classes; CTE classes through CCRESA, ERESA, and IISD; Band, Athletics, Clubs and all school sponsored extracurricular activities. Remote enrollment consists of remote instruction in coursework only. CTE courses, Band, Athletics, Clubs and extracurricular activities cannot be provided in the remote format and will not be available for those selecting the remote option. The specific model for in-person delivery will continue to be determined in consultation with the Mid-Michigan District Health Department and adaptable to the in-person enrollment percentage by school as follows:

Fully Virtual: In-person enrollment less than 60% or in Phase 1, 2, & 3 - Model using the Google Classroom online learning platform as the primary mode of instruction delivery with all students learning remotely. The district will deliver instruction similar to last spring, however, with more stringent expectations for direct instruction and engagement with students. Teachers will plan and deliver daily instruction and to make at least weekly contact with students through two-way interactive communication. The instructional process will include evaluation, grading and reporting consistent with current district practices.


2-1-2 Hybrid: In-person enrollment between 60% & 89%: Instruction provided in-person 4 days per week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Instruction to all students is through remote learning on Wednesdays. Daily remote instruction is an option for parents as well. In-person instruction will follow established educational practices, and daily remote instruction will be provided consistent with the fully virtual plan. The Wednesday all student virtual day will provide for extended teacher contact time with the continuously remote students, assure all students build the capacity to work virtually should a school closure be ordered, and allow for additional staff professional development to support effective instruction in both in-person and remote formats.

Supported 5 Day: In person enrollment between 90% & 95% - Instruction provided in-person 5 days per week for parents selecting that option. The mornings of days originally scheduled as in-person half days will become remote, so students will not attend school in person at all on those days. Daily remote instruction remains an option for parents as well. In-person instruction will follow established educational practices, and daily remote instruction will be provided consistent with the fully virtual plan. Daily coverage for teachers will be provided through the use of substitutes to provide contact time with the continuously remote students and assist with tracking their progress to ensure their success.

Regular 5 Day: In person enrollment between 96% & 100% - Instruction provided in-person 5 days per week for parents so choosing. Daily remote instruction continues to be an option for parents. In person instruction will follow established educational practices, and daily virtual instruction will be provided consistent with the fully virtual plan.

This continuum structure provides the flexibility to move from one model to another based on changes in enrollment patterns or state level decisions. Parents will be provided at least 2 days notice of any transition to another format. We will monitor enrollment patterns and inform parents of any changes as the month progresses. Parents will be able to switch their enrollment option during the year by providing two school days notice to the office.

F.P.S. Return to School Quick Reference Guide

Phase 4 & 5	Elementary	Middle School	High School
Busing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students & adults required to wear mask before boarding the bus • Hand sanitizer provided & required to use when boarding • Spacing in seats as feasible • Buses sanitized between runs 		
Before School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will report to or be escorted from bus to outside doors • Maintain spacing as marked on sidewalk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request no drop off prior to 7:50 a.m. • Will report directly to first hour classes • Follow in class procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival before 7:50 a.m. by appointment only • Quick stop at locker then report to first hour classroom • Follow classroom procedures
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled hand washing • Seating configured with maximum feasible space between students • Forward facing if not 6' between students • Masks must be worn at all times by students and staff • Each student provided individual materials kit • Specials taught in classroom and/or as a class cohort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizer use required upon entry • Seating configured with maximum feasible space between students • Forward facing if not 6' between students • Masks must be worn at all times by students and staff • Each student provided individual materials kit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizer use required upon entry • Seating configured with maximum feasible space between students • Forward facing if not 6' between students • Masks must be worn at all times by students and staff • Each student provided individual materials kit
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten in cafe' properly spaced & forward facing • Grades 1-4 hot lunch students in cafe' with social distancing & forward facing • Individual & packaged servings • Grades 1-4 cold lunch in classroom • Playground cohorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 5/6 eat first, 7/8 eat second • Proper spacing & forward facing • Individual & packaged servings • Opposite recess in cohorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot lunch in the cafeteria w spacing • Individual & packaged servings • Cold lunch in the gym • Outdoor option • Grade level cohorts for rest of break with spacing
Cleaning Routines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer labs and devices sanitized between each use • Common classroom surfaces sanitized at least every 4 hours • Thorough cleaning & sanitizing procedure each evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer labs and devices sanitized between each use • Desks sanitized during each class change • Common surfaces sanitized at least every 4 hours • Thorough cleaning & sanitizing procedure each evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer labs and devices sanitized between each use • Desks sanitized during each class change • Common surfaces sanitized at least every 4 hours • Thorough cleaning & sanitizing procedure each evening
Common Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks required for students in all grades & adults in hallways, restrooms, library, specials rooms, office, & when in all other common areas • Masks are not typically required out doors for recess or gym class, though spacing will be encouraged • Common surfaces sanitized at least every 4 hours 		
Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students escorted from outside doors to bus or parent pick up • Parents must wait on the front walk to greet students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students exit via assigned doors • Parents must wait on the front walk to greet students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students immediately after stopping at locker • Students remain after 2:50 by appointment only

* This is not an all inclusive list of procedures, but is intended to provide an accurate summary of key precautions.