

Reopening Framework 6-8

August 17 & 18, 2020
6:00 pm



Middle School

1. Presentation
2. Q&A

At the conclusion of the presentation, any parent wishing to ask a question is welcome to do so by placing their name in the chat box. Mr. Todd Gonyeau, Interim K-8 Assistant Principal, will facilitate this process and call on each parent in the order received.

Any questions regarding the individual needs of your child should be directed directly to me via email or phone at a later time.



COVID-19

- Mitigation vs. Elimination
- New experience for all school stakeholders
- Support and guidance from School Doctor, Dr. Robert Nielson and Saratoga County DOH
- Evolving Plan: Flexibility
- September 8-9: Teacher professional development
- First day of classes for students: Thursday, September 10, 2020
- Our communication plan and any potential change in our model of instruction will be provided to us by the DOH, Governor's Office, and NYS Education Department.
- Our goal is to keep the community informed while protecting the privacy of our students and families.

Executive Orders/State Guidelines

Schools Open:

Daily infection rate of 5% or less over 14 days

Schools Close:

Regional infection rate greater than 9% based on 7-day average after August 1 ○

Final Decision:

Made during week of August 1-7

Health and Safety

If a parent or child in the home must quarantine, please notify the district's COVID-19 Coordinator Gregg Barthelmas, Superintendent Dr. Ryan Sherman and the school nurse.

When a student has a COVID-19 symptom they are to contact the pediatrician and get tested. If the symptom is a pre-existing condition, a doctor's note needs to be on file in our health office. A doctor's note will need to be submitted prior to a child's return to school.



Health and Safety

Masks-Masks-Masks

Nurses Offices (MS Station)

Daily Temperature Checks

Faculty and Staff Questionnaire

Classrooms

Teachers will use PPE Shields and Masks

Face Masks

As the district continues to prepare for the reopening of schools this fall, further clarification has been provided by the school's physician, Dr. Robert Nielson, regarding acceptable face masks.

As a baseline, face masks/coverings are required to be worn at all times. Face masks/coverings can be removed for meals; additional mask breaks will be scheduled for students when social distancing measures are in place.

All face coverings (whether disposable or reusable) must:

- Be made with at least two layers of breathable material

Fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin

Fit snugly, but comfortably against the side of the face

- Be secured with ties or ear loops and allow the person to remain hands-free

At this time, based on guidance from health authorities, neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas and face coverings containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind are **not** acceptable face coverings.

In the event a child forgets a mask, we will provide them with one.

Should a child have a medical reason, supported by a physician, for not wearing a mask, a doctor's note must be obtained by our school nurse. The district will follow CDC and DOH guidelines regarding communication and the health and safety of that student and other students that may be in contact with that student.

Health and Safety

- Hand dryers replaced with automatic dispensers
- No large group ensembles with the exception of HS Jazz Band
- Clubs will be evaluated monthly
- Before and after school program
- No community use of indoor facilities
- School Resource Officer



Visitors

- Parents/guardians, visitors, and outside groups will not be permitted into the building (beyond the vestibule).
- Field trips will not take place.
- Parents dropping off and picking up their child(ren), are to remain in their vehicle and adhere to traffic patterns. Patience with this process is **critical** for safety.



Facilities

- Disinfecting products utilized
 - EPA approved
- Cleaning and disinfecting protocol
 - During the school day and evenings
- Ventilation protocols and considerations
 - Outside air dampers
 - UV lighting
 - Filtration

Safety Drills and Procedures

- Fire drills and Lockdown drills will continue to take place per the NYS Education Department requirements
- All faculty, staff, and students will be expected to adhere to the guidelines related to social distancing while practicing these important safety drills.

Transportation

- **School Bus-Disinfecting, and Ventilation**
 - Disinfecting schedule/fogger/fresh air
- **School Bus Mechanics**
 - Disinfecting plan
- **Students at Bus Stops and on the Bus**
 - Mask requirements, assigned seats, no bus changes, students per bus
- **School Bus Drivers**
 - Masks, temperature checks
- **Opting out of Transportation**
 - Opting out, carpooling, change of transportation needs

Food Service

- Breakfast/lunch available daily for in-person learning
- Grab & go grades 6-12 at dismissal
 - Breakfast & lunch for next 1-2 days of remote learning
 - No signup required
- Students electing for 100% remote learning may pick meals from school. Contact Sarah Keen at keens@schuylerville.org to sign up
- All meals will be free/reduced/full price based on student's eligibility
- Free/reduced paperwork will be mailed home in mid-August as usual

What are my options as a parent/guardian of a 6-8 student?

1. Home schooling- withdrawal and fully teach your child using approved curriculum.
2. Hybrid (alpha split-in person) Model
 - a. 50% reduction of students
 - b. Alpha split A-K attend Mon/Thurs.
 - c. Alpha split L-Z attend Tues/Fri. Alternate Wednesdays.
 - d. Attendance will be taken and grading practices will be in place.
3. Remote (at home) Model
 - a. Instruction will take place outside of the classroom at home remotely.
 - b. Students will be expected to join via Google Meet following the regular school bell schedule.
 - c. Attendance will be taken and grading practices will be in place.
 - d. Students do not need to login for Study Hall, PE and Lunch.



What if I choose a model and wish to change?

Regardless of the reason, if a family feels that the model they have chosen is not working, these are the options:

- Students who are learning in the hybrid (alpha split-in person) model, may opt for the remote (at home) model at any point by contacting the main office and completing the necessary online form.
- Students who are learning in the remote (at home) model, are to remain in that model for a minimum of five weeks before transitioning back to the hybrid (in person) model.
- As soon as a student opts back into academics, they need to opt back into transportation by contacting Wendy Sullivan in the Transportation Dept.



Special Education Services

- All self-contained Life Skills classes will be in-person.
- Students will receive all services, related services, accommodations, and modifications via in-person learning (K-5), remote learning (within reason and practicality), or hybrid learning (6-12).
- Due to the individualized needs of our CSE students, please feel free to contact Gregg Barthelmas in the event that you have any specific questions directly related to your child (bartgreg@schuylerville.org)

MS Arrival to School

Parents should take temperatures at home and keep students home who have any symptoms.

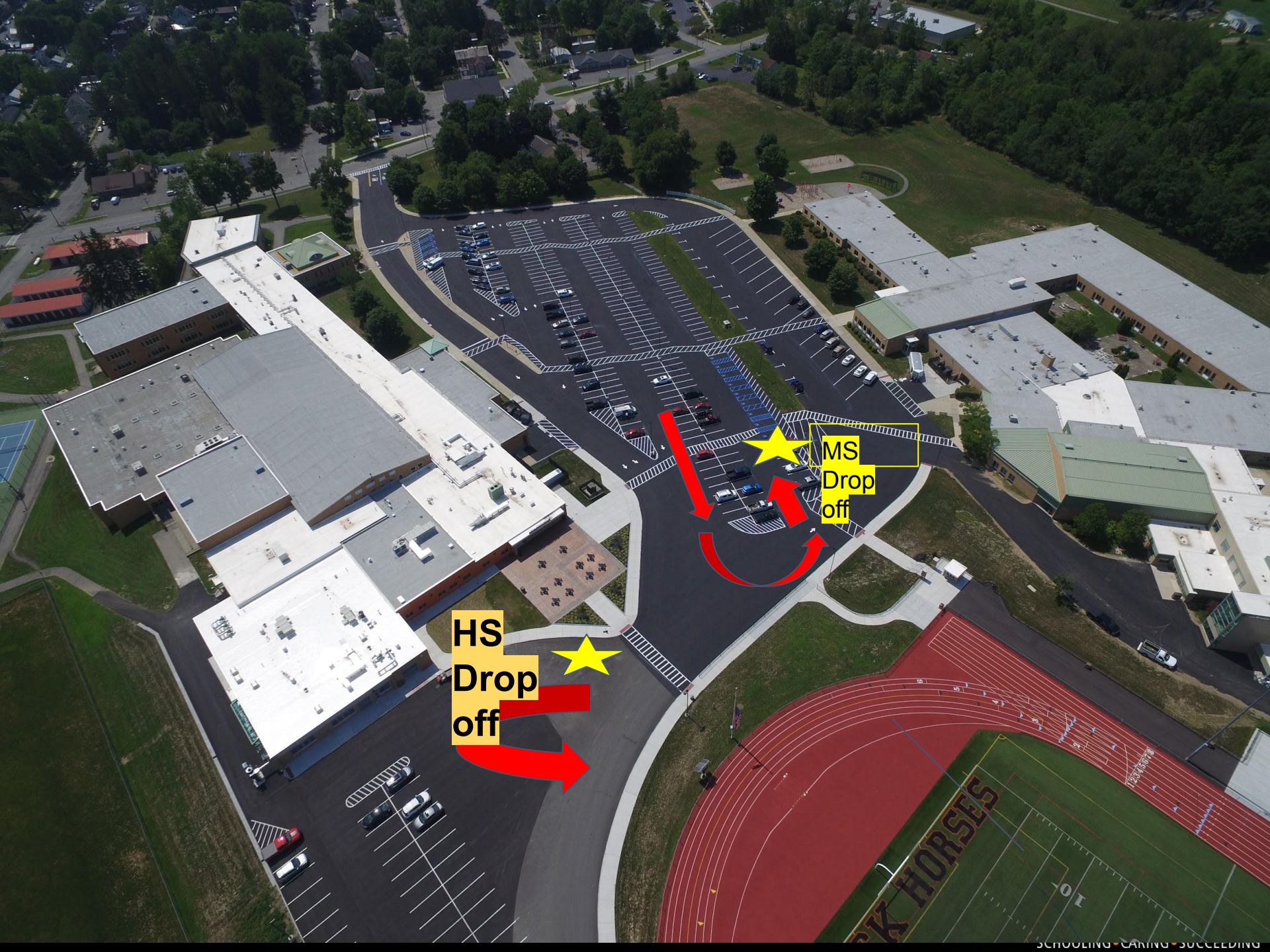
Drivers will take the temperature of students on the bus and they will enter through the ES Student Services Entrance

Should a student have a temperature of 100.0 or greater, they will be escorted to the middle school sick nurse office to have their temperature retaken. If it remains high, a parent will be called to get the student.

Walkers & Drop Off = enter through MS Main Entrance

Students will socially distance in the MS Gym until the 1st Bell rings





MS
Drop
off

HS
Drop
off

MS Hybrid Model

- Reduce class size by 50%
- A-K attend on Mon/Thurs
- L-Z attend on Tues/Fri
- Alternate groups on Wednesdays
- Students at home follow the bell schedule and login to Google Meet
- Attendance is taken in school and remote.
- 6th grade students are in cohorts
- New Bell Schedule: 1st period begins at 7:50 a.m. and 9th period ends at 2:26 p.m.
- All remote learning (Google Meet) will begin on Monday, Sept. 14.....



Hybrid Numbers

Breakdown # of Students

A-K Students

181

L-Z Students

169



Hybrid Reopening

Daily Schedule

PERIOD	TIME	LENGTH OF PERIOD	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday
			A DAY	A DAY	A-K or L-Z on Campus Per Rotation		B DAY	B Day
Period 1	7:50-8:42	52	A-K on Campus for 6-12, L-Z Remote. Off-Campus students need to log into all of their classes.	L-Z on Campus for 6-12, A-K Remote. Off-Campus students need to log into all of their classes.	A-K or L-Z on Campus Per Rotation		A-K on Campus for 6-12, L-Z Remote. Off-Campus students need to log into all of their classes.	L-Z on Campus for 6-12, A-K Remote. Off-Campus students need to log into all of their classes.
Period 2	8:45-9:26	41			Week 1	Thurs: A-K B Day		
Period 3	9:29-10:10	41				Fri- L-Z B-Day		
Period 4	10:13-10:52	39			Week 2	L-Z: A Day		
Period 5	10:55-11:34	39			Week 3	A-K: B Day		
Period 6	11:37-12:16	39			Week 4	L-Z: B Day		
Period 7	12:19-12:58	39			Week 5	A-K: A Day		
Period 8	1:01-1:42	41			Week 6	L-Z: A Day		
Period 9	1:45-2:25	40			Week 7	A-K: B Day		
					Week 8	L-Z: B Day		
					Week 9	A-K: A Day		
					Week 10	L-Z: A Day		
					Week 11	A-K: B Day		
					Week 12	L-Z: B Day		

Daily Schedule

September 2020

In-Person Learning Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day	First Day of School In-Person B DAY / A - K	B DAY / L - Z	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	School Pictures	School Pictures				
	A DAY / A - K	A DAY / L - Z	A DAY / L - Z	B DAY / A - K	B DAY / L - Z	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	A DAY / A - K	A DAY / L - Z	B DAY / A - K	B DAY / A - K	B DAY / L - Z	
27	28	29	30			
	A DAY / A - K	A DAY / L - Z	B DAY / L - Z			



Lockers

Students will be assigned individual lockers with as much distance as possible- currently assigning 1- 2 lockers in between students.

Students will be required to use clear bookbags provided by the district and encouraged to limit locker visits. These will be given out the first day they attend.

Students will not be sharing lockers and will not be assigned a PE locker. They will not be changing for PE.



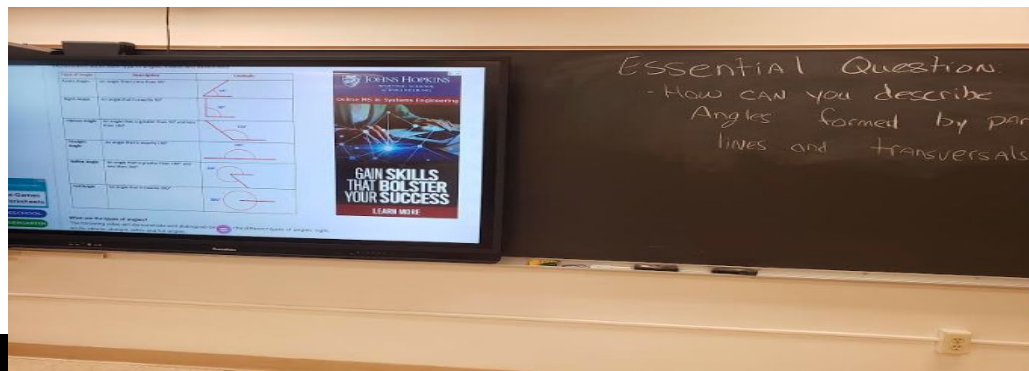
Classrooms

Students will have approximately 14 students per class who will be socially distanced, wear masks and have barriers between desks that are closer than 6 ft apart.

This will enable them to take masks breaks as directed by the teacher.



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MS Technology Platforms

All students will have a school issued Ipad (7/8) or a Chromebook (6th grade) they can take home.

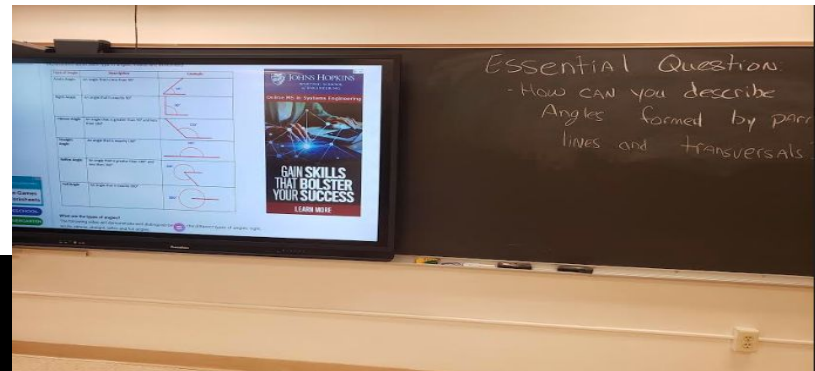
Teachers will use Google Classroom & Google Meet as a platform for student learning while in person and remote.

The MS will continue to provide a weekly agenda plan posted on the website to help parents and students stay organized with activities and assignments.



MS Student Expectations

- Attend school everyday (in person or at home) as per the designated schedule
- Participate through Google Meet according to the Bell Schedule.
- Wear an appropriate face covering at all times, unless directed by a staff member
- Students will respect social distance guidelines



MS Lunch

Lunch will be during 4th period for MS students in the Main Cafeteria, the multipurpose room, and the ES gym.

In the Main Cafeteria we will push two tables together that typically sit 8-12 students and we will have 4 students sitting with sneeze guards



MS Lunch

- Students will be seated and will be called up by table- socially distanced
- Students are encouraged to bring lunch.
- Students will be utilizing a barcode for payment. Students will wear a face mask in line and anytime they get up.
- All students will have the option of a “Grab & Go” breakfast and or lunch for the following day of school when they are remote

MS Lunch

- **ES/MS Cafeteria** 88 students max - 76 floor, 12 stage (8th Grade)
 - Cafeteria Tables (floor) - two students per table with table shields (typically 12 students per table)
 - Individual Student Desks (stage) - one student per desk with a six foot radius, facing the same direction
- **Multipurpose Room** 50 students max (6th Grade)
 - Individual Student Desks - one student per desk with a six foot radius, facing the same direction
- **ES Gymnasium** 112 students max (7th Grade)
 - Individual Student Desks - one student per desk with a six foot radius, facing the same direction
- Students will not be required to wear masks while eating lunch however will need to wear a mask when not sitting at the desk/table.

MS Dismissal

Walkers and parent pickups will be dismissed first through all exits

Bus rider will then be dismissed through all exits to help maintain social distancing.

Students will pick up grab & go breakfast and lunch in the MS gym.

All students will be dismissed and will not stay for 10th period. Academic support will be provided via Google Meet for students at home.



Pick Up



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Schedules/Supplies

Schedules will be mailed out in Mid-August

Students will not be able to share art supplies-a supply list will go out for this.

Students enrolled in Algebra 8 are encouraged to own their own TI-84 calculators as classroom sets will not be shared amongst students

Transition Events

A 6th grade student orientation (drop- off students) will be held on

- Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 5:30 for A-K
- Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:45 pm for L-Z.

A virtual (Google Meet) student orientation for 7th grade will be on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 1:00 p.m.

A virtual (Google Meet) student orientation for 8th grade will be on Friday, Sept. 4 at 1:00 p.m.



Questions

Thank you for attending this evening's 6- 8 parent/guardian forum!

Any items that were not answered can be asked at this point.

Just a reminder that questions related to the individual needs of your child should not be asked in this large group setting. Please contact Katie Elsworth personally to discuss this.

elsworthk@schuylerville.org

