



**CUMBERLAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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2020 – 2021

Return to School Plan

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~SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE~

Dear Parents/Families,

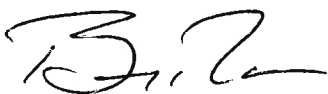
At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Cumberland School Board of Education approved the following reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. As we look to return this fall, we continue to be faced with a significant challenge, COVID-19. Although this challenge can seem overwhelming at times, I have tremendous confidence in our staff who have been working endlessly in the Cumberland School District to ensure we are doing everything we can to practically and to reasonably mitigate risks for our students, staff, and community. We certainly do not want to give any false promises or misleading guarantees of a COVID-19 free environment or a risk-free environment in our schools as we cannot stop the spread of COVID-19. However, I feel strongly that the Cumberland School District has established a reopening plan that can mitigate the risk of exposure in the school setting with the approach and understanding that our students' and staffs' health and safety must be our top priority in reopening our schools.

It is important to note that this is a very fluid situation and this plan cannot possibly address every scenario that COVID-19 may present us with. We will continue to assess real-time issues and information as we move forward in collaboration with state and local health officials in our decision-making process. I understand that this uncertainty has been difficult and I thank you in advance for your continued patience and understanding as we work through COVID-19 with the best interest of getting our students back to school.

In looking forward, it is truly impossible to know or predict what will take place during the 2020-2021 school year. We do know that COVID-19 is not going away and that many of you are concerned about the health, safety, and well-being of our children and family members. However, from an educational perspective, I believe we need to strive in finding balance in this health crisis. We will need to approach this crisis with practicality and common-sense solutions to help avoid a potential education crisis. We will absolutely need your help and cooperation with risk mitigation efforts outside of school to not only get our children back to school but to keep them in school. It is critical that we continue to educate our children and to provide all of the essential services that the Cumberland School District offers and our students so desperately need. I would like to reiterate again that the Cumberland School District has developed a reopening plan that we feel confident in that can help mitigate the risk of exposure in the school setting; ultimately and understandably, the final decision to attend will need to be a parental decision.

I look forward to working together for the well-being of our students, staff, and community. We all miss the students and look forward to seeing students and staff back in our buildings for the 2020-2021 school year.

Respectfully,



Barry Rose, Ed.D.
Superintendent

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020 Reopening Plan

Reopening Plan Overview
 ~School will reopen 5 days per week~
 ~Added health and safety precautions will be in place~

The methods of instructional delivery due to COVID-19 will be determined by the threat of the virus either within a classroom, building or the community.

	In-Person/On-Site	Blended Learning	Remote Learning
Option One	<p><i>Teachers and students will follow their typical schedule</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom furniture has been arranged to maximize physical distancing. Learning experiences may be modified or removed if they require close contact for prolonged periods of time Student cohorts have been established to the extent possible. Traditional grading will continue 	<p><i>For a variety of reasons, students may experience learning at home while on-site learning continues for most students. This may be a result of quarantines or other illness</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blended learning provides real-time access to scheduled classroom experiences live streamed or prerecorded lessons and virtual conferencing Intermittent delivery for teachers and students Traditional grading will continue 	<p><i>Remote learning will take place when entire district is closed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students impacted by the closure will become virtual learners and engage in instruction remotely Teachers will record and or live stream their instruction Students must attend class virtually and attendance will be taken Traditional grading will continue

	Island City Virtual Academy
Option Two	<p>Students and families who are not comfortable with in-person, blended, and remote learning have the option to participate in the Island City Virtual Academy. The program is coordinated by Cumberland School District staff but is not taught by Cumberland staff.</p>

~COVID SYMPTOMS~

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported - ranging from no symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Students will be sent home if they are experiencing ANY of the symptoms:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever or chills New or worsening cough Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Body aches Congestion or runny nose | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New loss of taste or smell Fatigue Diarrhea Headache Nausea or vomiting Sore throat |
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Any student or staff with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school and should seek medical attention. Any students or staff members experiencing these symptoms at school should report to their building office immediately. Students or staff experiencing multiple symptoms will be directed to their healthcare provider. Any students or staff with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school.

~FACE COVERINGS~

It is highly recommended that students and staff wear face coverings while at school. Students and staff will be expected to wear face coverings in common areas where physical distancing is not possible.

~TRANSPORTATION~

Student Transportation Expectations:

- Students, drivers, and bus aides are expected to wear face coverings while on the bus.
- Students will have assigned seats when possible.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will take place following each route.
- Busses will run at 50% capacity with one student per seat, families will sit together.

~FOOD SERVICE~

Adjustments have been made to add additional lunch tracks, extend lunch periods, and physical distancing measures are in place. Cafeterias will be at reduced capacity and food will be served by food service staff. Staff will be required to wear face coverings when serving food.

~STUDENT SUPPLIES~

There will be limited use of community bins of markers, pencils or other school supplies within the classrooms. Students will be expected to have individual supplies.

Family Responsibilities

Parents/families must not send children to school if they have a fever or are displaying any of the related COVID-19 symptoms. Families should make plans for daily morning monitoring. Any students with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school.

- When in doubt, keep your child home and consult with your family physician.
- Backpacks and school supplies should be cleaned frequently.
- We ask that you review our reopening plan with your child so they understand the importance of our new procedures.
- Please thoroughly read any and all updates that may come to you in a timely manner.

Cleaning Procedures

Maintenance/custodial departments have developed a plan for increased cleaning and sanitation. Maintenance staff will clean thoroughly daily and nightly.

This plan takes the following into considerations:

- Guidance from state and local officials
- A focus on high touch areas
- A balance between what can be done with custodial staff vs. non-custodial staff
- Use of proper cleaning supplies for respective areas
- Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase the circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.

~DISTRICT COMMUNICATION~

Parents/families will be notified if their student has symptoms and needs to be picked up. Parent/families will also be notified if their child was exposed to a student or staff member that tested positive. The BrightArrow notification system will be used to communicate to parents/families as appropriate and necessary.

~WATER FOUNTAINS~

Drinking fountains have been disabled. Water filling stations are readily available throughout all buildings and students and staff will be encouraged to use water bottles at all levels.

~RECESS PROCEDURES~

Students will wash and/or sanitize their hands before and after recess. Modifications have been made to schedules and logistics allowing reduced numbers of students on the playground at one time.

~PHYSICAL DISTANCING~

All classrooms and common spaces have been measured to follow physical distancing guidelines. Classroom desks have been spaced out in accordance with health guidelines to the extent possible.

~FACILITY USE~

The public may request permission to use our building and grounds according to our predetermined facilities usage procedures. However, at the present time, we are restricting facility usage to school/student groups only.

~REOPENING PLAN~

~ OVERVIEW~

The Cumberland School District will reopen five (5) days per week. School will be in person with health and safety precautions in place to help mitigate the risk of the spread of the virus. As we define reopening plans for the fall, we know that changes may need to occur and adjustments made as new information evolves and becomes available. Our first priority will always be to create procedures that support the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community. Significant modifications are in place to provide more physical distancing to the extent possible.

~STUDENT/FAMILY CARE PACKAGE~

To help encourage the partnership between home and school for the health and safety of students, each student or family will be provided the following:

- Drawstring Bag
- Thermometer
- Face coverings (one mask/one gaiter)
- Water bottle
- Magnet Clip
- Pencil/Pen
- Lanyard

~IMPORTANT DATES~

Teacher in-service:

August 17, 18, 19 & 28, 2020

Orientation (Summer School)

August 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2020

- We highly recommend your child(ren) attends to begin the acclimatization process of the new changes in preparation for September 1.
 - Transportation will be provided to and from school
 - Free breakfast and lunch will be provided
 - Student iPads will be handed out
 - School days will be full days
 - Students will report to their 2020-2021 teacher and academic schedule
 - No new curriculum will be taught during orientation. Students will review content previously taught.

First day of school:

September 1, 2020

~INSTRUCTION AND LEARNING~

You will have two learning options for your child(ren). In option one there are three methods of instructional delivery; in-person/on-site, blended, and remote learning, which will be determined by the threat of the virus in our district and community. Movement between programming will be determined with guidance from state and local officials. Grading for all models will follow our traditional grading policies as closely as possible with students receiving regular feedback from teachers. Teachers will be utilizing Google Classroom for classroom resources and assignments and Remind to communicate with students and families district wide. Students and families who are not comfortable with in-person, blended, and remote learning have the choice in option two to participate in the Island City Virtual Academy.

Option One

In-Person/On-Site Learning

Students and staff will attend in person, five days a week. Teachers will follow a typical schedule with health mitigations in place.

Blended Learning

Blended Learning is a combination of in person and remote learning. For a variety of reasons, students and families may experience learning at home due to intermittent quarantine, while on site learning occurs for most other students. Blended learning provides real-time access to scheduled classroom experiences live streamed or prerecorded lessons and virtual conferencing.

Remote Learning

Remote Learning will take place when the entire district is closed. All students impacted by closure will become virtual learners and engage in instruction remotely led by our teachers using our district curriculum.

Remote learning can occur one of two ways:

- The students and the teachers are engaged online in learning at the same time and the teacher provides learning resources and tasks through video conferencing enabled through Google Meet.
- The teacher provides recorded lessons, learning resources, and tasks where students access learning at a time that works for them and their family.

Option Two

Island City Virtual Academy

The program is coordinated through Cumberland School District staff but is not taught by Cumberland School District staff. If you choose this option, you would be required to stay in the program for the entire semester or school year. Please contact your building principal with any questions regarding the Island City Virtual Academy or to start the enrollment process.

Please understand the Cumberland School District is required to account for the enrollment of every child in our school district.

~SUPPORT SERVICES~

~AFTER SCHOOL CARE~

Kids Club and Boys & Girls Club will be available with physical distancing measures and health and safety precautions in place to help mitigate the risk of the spread of the virus.

~CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES~

We believe athletics and extracurricular activities are extremely important to the well-being of our students.

- Implement guidance from the WIAA, local, and county health officials to safely hold practices, competitions, and events.
- Activities and events may be postponed, rescheduled, or cancelled to meet guidelines and current conditions in schools and community.

~SPECIAL EDUCATION~

Cumberland School District's Special Education Department will continue to provide educational services for students with disabilities by meeting their unique needs, to the greatest extent possible, in alignment with state and local officials and district guidelines. Special education staff will communicate with families and reconvene IEP teams, when necessary, to discuss most appropriate placement and method of providing services. Access to education may need to be reconfigured to meet physical distancing guidelines while meeting individual needs and caseloads may need to be redesigned to provide access to individual learning to meet the IEP.

~STUDENT SUPPLIES~

There will be limited use of community bins of markers, pencils or other school supplies within the classrooms. Students will be expected to have individual school supplies. School supply lists are posted on the Cumberland School District website www.cumberland.k12.wi.us

~TECHNOLOGY~

Each student will be issued an iPad in grades K-12. The district will be moving forward with using Google Classroom as the district's learning management system. Classroom resources and assignments will be posted in Google Classroom. Any virtual meetings that will take place will be using Google Meet.

Tech support will be provided to families and students having issues with district issued devices.

~HEALTH AND SAFETY~

~COVID SYMPTOMS~

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from no symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Students will be sent home if they are experiencing ANY of the symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- New or worsening cough
- Body aches
- Congestion or runny nose
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat

Families/students are expected to perform daily self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms. Parents/families must not send children to school if they have a fever or are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms.

- When in doubt, children should be kept home and a healthcare provider consulted. When your child will be absent from school, please give a list of symptoms to the attendance secretary to help aid in monitoring.
- Promptly and thoroughly read all updates/communication from the school.
- Clean backpacks, lunch boxes, and coats frequently.

The current health room in each school will be a "clean" area for student injuries, non-illness related reasons, medications and treatments. Each office area will also have an isolation/triage room where students with symptoms of illness will be cared for.

Students that become ill during the school day with COVID-19 like symptoms will be masked and isolated in a designated room under staff supervision. Parents will be expected to pick their child up within 30 minutes of being contacted by the school. Please make sure your emergency contact list is updated with people who are available to pick up your child if you are unable to do so. When one sibling/household member becomes ill at school, all children from that household will be sent home and guidance will be given for COVID-19 testing. All students will remain home until testing results are confirmed and/or follow up with a healthcare provider. Parents/families can expect students to be sent home more frequently than in the past. Current Department of Public Health guidelines will be followed for return to school.

~OPERATIONS~

~DISTRICT COMMUNICATION~

Parents/families will be notified if their student has symptoms and needs to be picked up. Parents/families will also be notified if their child was exposed to a student or staff member that tested positive. The BrightArrow notification system will be used to communicate to parents/families when appropriate and necessary. We encourage you to keep your child(s) contact information up to date with the school district to ensure accuracy for school related notifications.

~FACE COVERINGS~

It is highly recommended that students and staff wear face coverings while at school. Students and staff will be expected to wear face coverings in common areas where physical distancing is not possible. The district will provide one cloth mask and one gaiter per student. Families are required to wash coverings depending on the level of use. Families are encouraged to have their child(ren) practice wearing face coverings before school starts.

~FACILITY USE~

The public may request permission to use our building and grounds according to our predetermined facilities usage procedures. However, at the present time, we are restricting facility usage to school/student groups only. We reserve the right to deny any request based on health and/or safety considerations.

~FOOD SERVICE~

Adjustments have been made to add additional lunch tracks, extend lunch periods, and physical distancing measures are in place. Cafeterias will be at reduced capacity and food will be served by food service staff. Staff are required to wear face coverings when serving food. Breakfast in grades K-4 will be served in the cafeteria. Breakfast in grades 5-12 will be Grab & Go. Lunch will be served to grades K-12 in the cafeteria. Self-serve food items like salad bar have been removed. Disinfecting will take place between lunch tracks. Students will wash and/or sanitize their hands before and after lunch.

~MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES~

Maintenance/custodial departments have worked at each building level to develop a plan for increased cleaning and sanitation. Maintenance staff will clean thoroughly daily and nightly.

This plan takes the following into considerations:

- Guidance from state and local departments
- A focus on high touch areas
- A balance between what can be done with custodial staff vs. non-custodial staff
- Use of proper cleaning supplies for respective areas
- Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.

~PARENTS/FAMILIES~

If you are a parent/family, we are requesting that you enter the building only if you have an essential purpose for your child(ren) and your visit has been approved by the building principal. You will not be allowed past the main office at this time. At this time we are requiring parents/families to drop off/pick up students in designated pick up/drop off locations that are building specific.

~PHYSICAL DISTANCING~

All classrooms and common spaces have been measured to follow physical distancing guidelines. Classroom desks have been spaced out in accordance with health guidelines to the extent possible. Any unnecessary classroom furniture has been removed from classrooms to allow for room for additional physical distancing and for sanitation purposes.

~RECESS PROCEDURES~

Students will wash and/or sanitize their hands before and after recess. Modifications have been made to schedules and logistics allowing reduced numbers of students on the playground at one time.

~TRANSPORTATION~

Please review the following transportation plan with your child, so they understand importance of our new procedures.

Student Transportation Expectations:

- Students, drivers, and bus aides are expected to wear face coverings while on the bus.
- Students will have assigned seats when possible.
- Students need to remain in their seats.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will take place following each route.
- Busses will run at 50% capacity with one student per seat, families will sit together.
- Students will be seated back to front when loading the bus. When they exit they will off load front to back to the extent possible.

We have adjusted routes and ridership pick-up and drop-off locations to add increased safety measures for our students.

Field trips have been placed on hold until further notice.

~VOLUNTEER/VISITOR~

No casual visitors will be allowed in buildings. No volunteers are allowed in buildings until further notice.

~WATER FOUNTAINS~

Drinking fountains have been disabled. Water filling stations are readily available throughout all buildings and students and staff will be encouraged to use water bottles at all levels. The district will provide one water bottle per student and families are required to wash the bottles regularly.