

Manteno CUSD No. 5
2020-2021 Reopening Plan



Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Families,

Last year Illinois Public Schools were mandated to move to remote instruction per the Governor of Illinois and the Illinois State Board of Education. Our entire district family found a way... despite every obstacle... to maintain connections and go above and beyond for our students. We are so proud of the togetherness our community showed as we were all navigating uncharted waters.

This summer, our administrators spent countless hours working through a reopening plan that was adjusted several times due to restrictions and guidance from organizations. These documents often came through when plans had already been established and significantly changed things that were out of our control. We continue to work with a moving target, but our staff members have been amazing at understanding what we are working with and moving forward in the best interest of our students.

There have been several committees formed this summer to explore curriculum and instruction, plan for a blended model of instruction, and create expectations for a return to remote instruction if the state or region returns to Phase 3. The rich conversations that occurred in these meetings will allow us to remain ready for whatever modifications we must make in our plans.

We are committed to providing our students with high quality educational experiences regardless of the platform of instruction we must use. The guidelines continue to be more restrictive, but we will do our best to do everything we can to maintain our blended plan until the guidelines force us to move to a remote learning only option.

We will be working directly with the Kankakee County Health Department on any COVID-19 cases in the district. They will be responsible for contact tracing and communicating with families on isolation and quarantine measures.

We appreciate your patience and trust in us. Your support has been instrumental in assisting us to move forward.

We are stronger together!

Lisa M. Harrod

Superintendent

Operations and Facility Management

Return to In-Person Instruction: Steps to Enhance Safety, Sanitation, and Remote Access

Manteno School District will follow the protocols and guidelines provided to us by the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health. These guidelines can be found on our District Website.

To meet these guidelines, the following supplemental steps have been taken to proactively address the guidelines. All of the cleaning products are on the EPA list of approved and environmentally sound products. Each school has created internal procedures for handwashing, schedules, safe use of face coverings, and additional sanitation.

- Manteno School District hired an additional full-time nurse so each school would have a building nurse during the emergency orders in the State of Illinois.
- Face masks will be worn by all students and staff members per the Illinois mandates.
- KN95 Masks have been ordered for nurses and custodial staff.
- The district ordered over 2,000 supplemental masks to be used by staff and students.
- Over 50 face shields have been ordered for staff working in specialty area to increase effective communication.
- We have ordered 250-quart size spray bottles of hand sanitizer.
- 300-quart size spray bottles for surface sanitation have been ordered.
- 200-plexiglass dividers were ordered for areas where 6 feet of social distancing cannot be achieved.
- Additional PPE items were ordered for staff in specialty classrooms.
- Custodial schedules have been adjusted to allow for additional sanitizing throughout the day.
- Over 350 new Chromebooks were purchased for students and staff to ensure all certified staff, as well as, students in Grades 1st-12th are 1:1.
- Additional Wireless Access Points were ordered and installed in buildings.

Return to Instruction
Curriculum Committee Highlights and Plan

The Manteno School District has established a Curriculum Committee for the purpose of planning for the various scenarios for the return to school for the 2020-2021 school year.

Parents have the option to determine if their child will return to in-person instruction or will attend via a remote learning option for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Once an option has been chosen, the student is bound by that decision for the entire semester.

The daily schedule for all students (in-person and remote) will be as follows:

Elementary School : 7:55 am - 1:50 pm
Middle School : 8:05 am - 2:00 pm
High School : 8:15 am - 2:10 pm

Students will attend Monday through Friday.

Remote Learning

- Remote Learners will attend live instruction via Google Meet following a daily schedule provided by the district.
- Remote learners will have daily attendance taken and will have the same grading practices as in-person students.
- Parents will be asked to agree to a Remote Learning Contract to accept the expectations for the remote learning option.

In-Person Instruction

- Parents must self-certify that their child is free of a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher and currently known symptoms of COVID-19 each day
- Face coverings must be worn at all times in school buildings

If the District is required to move all students to Remote Learning due to a mandated closure, the following schedule will be utilized. This schedule meets the state requirements:

Time	K - 5*	6-12
8:00 am - 10:30 am	Instruction/ Live Interaction	Student Independent Work/ Teacher Office Hours
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Break/ Lunch	Break/ Lunch
11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Student Independent Work/ Teacher Office Hours	Instruction/ Live Interaction

*Due to different guidelines for Pre-K, the building level team will create an appropriate schedule

Transportation Procedures

The transportation department will follow all procedures and guidelines from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

- All individuals must wear a face covering on the bus.
- No more than 50 students will be on a bus at one time.
- Physical distancing will occur to the best extent possible.
- Drivers and Assistants will wear face coverings at all times.
- Sanitization will occur daily between use on all vehicles.

Special Education Department

The Special Education Department is committed to providing each student a Free Appropriate Public Education to the greatest extent possible in line with all of the guidelines and restrictions from ISBE and IDPH. Students will receive services aligned to their IEP or 504 plan.

In an effort to provide a continuity of services, service providers will work directly with staff to review plans and the parent choice of remote or in-person instruction.

District Nursing Staff
Information

On our district website, you will find several documents of importance as we start this school year. These documents will assist parents/guardians in making informed decisions regarding the symptoms of COVID-19, as well as the exclusion guidance from the IL Dept of Public Health. Please review these documents and if you have further questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse. If anything should change, we will communicate changes as soon as possible.

Also, of great importance is to Self-Certify your children prior to having them enter the building. Please visit Skyward each morning and complete the form. If your child's form has not been submitted, the parent will be contacted for completion.

Thank you for assisting us in keeping our students safe and healthy!

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