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2020-21:  
A Blueprint  
for Success

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# VALLEY STREAM THIRTEEN REOPENING 2020-21: A BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS



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Prioritizes Health and Safety

Includes Necessary Instructional Models: In-person, Hybrid, Remote

Is Aligned to District Resources: Physical Resources, Human Resources, Fiscal Resources

### The Reopening Plan

- Fully complies with all aspects of the most current NYS Department of Health (NYS DOH) and New York State Education Department (NYSED) guidance and regulations and provides six foot social distancing
- Will follow the data for opening/closing as per Governor Cuomo
- Will follow New York State and Nassau County DOH protocol when students/employees may have COVID-19 or are determined to have COVID-19



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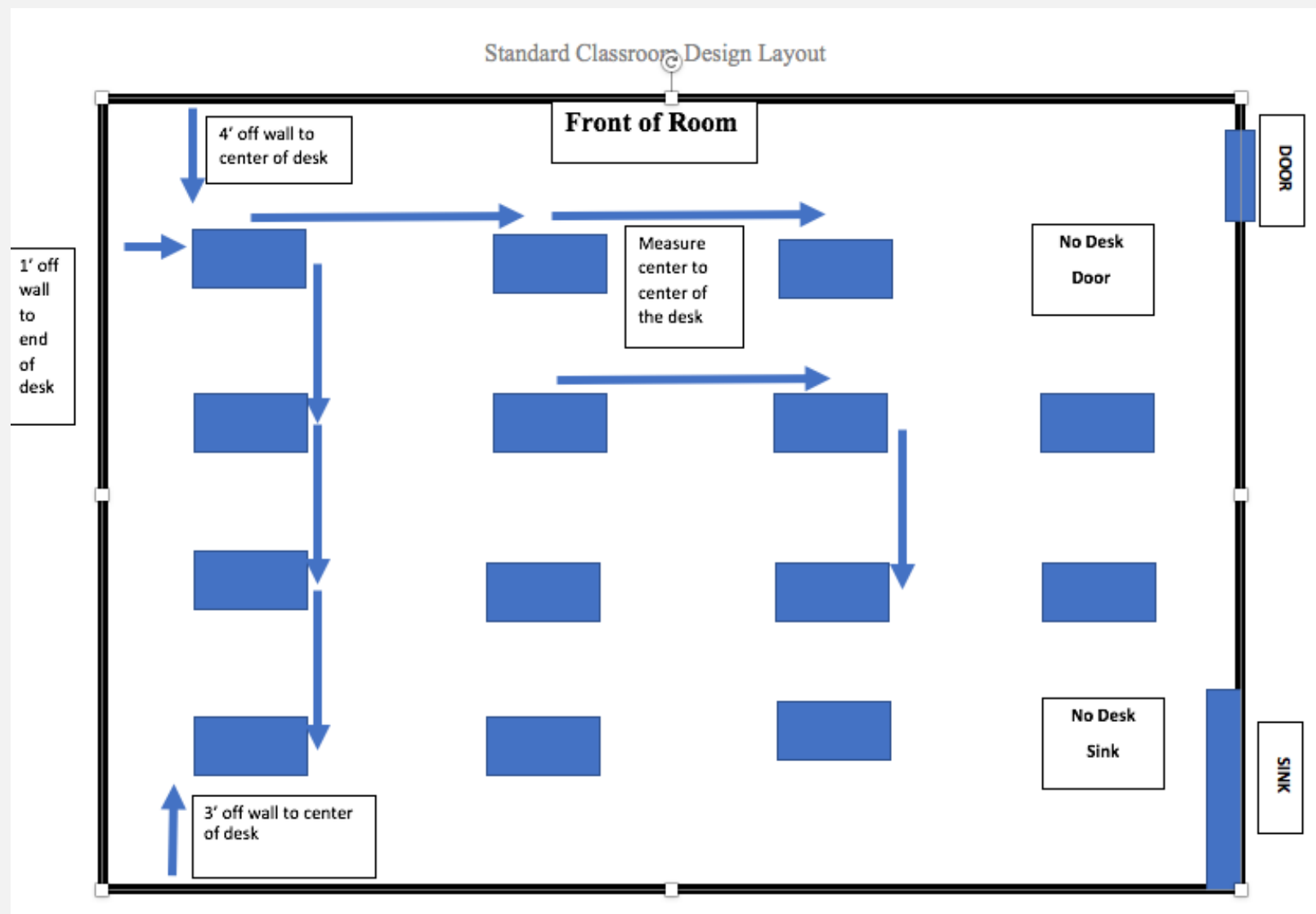
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The maximum capacity in all classrooms at six feet social distancing has been determined using this standard classroom arrangement that will be utilized for all room configurations this year.

Tables and other furniture will be removed and stored.





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Takes place when we are allowed to reopen as per Governors orders.

# IN-PERSON/HYBRID MODEL

Grade	Daily Schedule						
K, 1 Special Class	Daily in-person						
2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Monday – Group A and B - remote learning at home <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Group A</th> <th>Group B</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tuesday and Thursday In-person</td> <td>Tuesday and Thursday At home independent/small group remote</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday and Friday At home independent/small group remote</td> <td>Wednesday and Friday In-person</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Group A	Group B	Tuesday and Thursday In-person	Tuesday and Thursday At home independent/small group remote	Wednesday and Friday At home independent/small group remote	Wednesday and Friday In-person
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Tuesday and Thursday In-person	Tuesday and Thursday At home independent/small group remote						
Wednesday and Friday At home independent/small group remote	Wednesday and Friday In-person						

- **Special education students assigned to Integrated Co-Teach in grades 2 through 6** will attend school in-person on Monday in addition to their Group designation, attending school **in-person three days per week**.
- **ELL students in grades 2 through 6** will follow their class schedule, and participate in both Group A and Group B, attending school **in-person four days a week**.
- Students who have special needs or who are medically fragile may request an accommodation through the 504 process by contacting the Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Lisa Sells-Asch ([lsells@valleystream13.com](mailto:lsells@valleystream13.com)).



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# REMOTE INSTRUCTION

- Takes place in three possible scenarios:
  - An individual classroom has to quarantine due to student or teacher COVID case
  - A building has case spread that requires closure as per the Nassau County DOH
  - The district closes due to regional spread of COVID – as per Governor Cuomo and NYS DOH

Remote  
instruction also  
occurs as part  
of the HYBRID  
model in  
Grades 2 - 6



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We will follow a cohort model as recommended by the NYS DOH and NYSED. Students will stay in their classroom for instruction, specials, and lunch. Movement within the building will be minimized.

There will be flexibility while maintaining the social distancing guidelines.

Possible examples include :

- One day per week lunch in cafeteria (subject to space restrictions)
- Mask breaks
- Taking students outside to a designated area for instruction
- Using 'to go' lunches and combining eating and recess outdoors
- Having PE outside as much as possible



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**SAMPLE**

**GRADES 2-6**

TIME	MONDAY
9:00-9:15	CHECK-IN/HOMEROOM-- ATTENDANCE
9:15-9:45	WHOLE CLASS INSTRUCTION
9:50-10:15	SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION GROUP 1
10:15-10:40	SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION GROUP 2
10:40-11:05	SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION GROUP 3
11:05-11:30	SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION GROUP 4
11:30-12:30	LUNCH
12:30-1:20	SUPPORT SERVICES
1:20-2:10	SUPPORT SERVICES
2:10-3:00	SUPPORT SERVICES

## REMOTE MODEL SCHEDULE

Schedule for Virtual Day – Monday’s  
AND

Schedule in the event of a classroom, school, or district closure. (Please note: The order of the ‘blocks’ on this schedule may change depending on the grade level when a class, school, or the district is on a fully remote schedule. Your child’s teacher will have the actual schedule available, this is a sample schedule.)

In the Remote Learning Model there is an expectation for live instruction during the whole class instruction (green) portion of the day. Students will engage with their teacher for the morning check-in, whole group session, and at least one small group session. After lunch there will be opportunities for additional small group sessions with a certified teacher, teaching assistant, or aide, who will support the classroom teacher and students on a regular basis. Students will attend a combination of sessions on this schedule and will also have independent work as assigned by the teacher.



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# HYBRID REMOTE SCHEDULE

Group A – Tuesday/Thursday  
Group B – Wednesday/Friday

Classroom teachers will meet with the full class everyday during the check-in time for attendance/morning meeting. Students at home will have independent work and will participate in at least\* one live session with a support teacher such as AIS, Gifted, and/or Special Education. Teachers will have the flexibility to include students at home in instruction that is taking place at school using technology tools. We will support teachers in this model.

SAMPLE

**GRADES 4-6**

TIME	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:50-9:20	CHECK-IN/HOMEROOM--ATTENDANCE			
9:20-10:10	INDEPENDENT ELA			
10:10-11:00	INDEPENDENT MATH			
11:00-11:30	INDEPENDENT SS/SCIENCE			
11:30-12:30	LUNCH			
12:30-1:00	G/T--AIS--SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES			
1:00-1:30	G/T--AIS--SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES			
1:30-2:00	G/T--AIS--SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES			
2:00-2:30	G/T--AIS--SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES			
2:30-3:00	G/T--AIS--SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES			

\*We will be allocating staff to provide as many opportunities for live instruction as possible with current levels of human resource.





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# OTHER AREAS OF INSTRUCTION

Our goal is to include as much of our typical program as possible while complying with health and safety guidelines.

- We will be adding live interaction with certificated staff for **all** students during remote instruction by leveraging additional instructional staff such as academic intervention services, enrichment, and teaching assistants. We will also use our classroom aides to support students remotely.
- Our intent is to continue to offer instrumental music to our students with modifications and to comply with required 12 foot social distancing
- Gifted and Talented will be suspended for the year as it does not follow a cohort model; we will add remote STEM sessions for all students at specific grade levels.
- After-school clubs will be reconsidered to determine if they can be done remotely and/or new clubs that can be remote may be added



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# TECHNOLOGY

- The district's goal is to provide all children with a device for use in remote learning.
- The district will be providing teachers with professional development so they are all **Remote Learning Ready**.
- District social workers will assist families with internet related needs.
- Parents have access to technology resources on our district website and we will be adding a Nassau BOCES ParentEDU service for September.
- Parent technical support will be available through the technology office.





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# TRANSPORTATION ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL AFTERSCHOOL CARE FOOD SERVICE

- Transportation will continue to be provided to all eligible students in accordance with district policy. The district walk-back pass program will be suspended for the year to accommodate social distancing measures.
- Parents will be informed of changes to arrival and dismissal through their building principal. We thank you in advance for cooperating with any new procedures to ensure that students arrive safely to the buildings.
- Afterschool care with Right at School will continue to be available.
- 'Grab and Go' breakfast and lunch will allow children to have lunch in their classroom or in the cafeteria on a rotating basis where social distancing protocols can be adhered to. Food allergies will be cared for in both the classroom or cafeteria.



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# HEALTH PROTOCOLS

- Procedures for screening your child at home will be communicated by your building principal before school starts.
- Parents must not send a sick child to school, this may trigger a quarantine of the child's class that will impact families and potentially trigger a transition to remote learning.
- Safe rooms at school will be used to ensure students are held separately while being assessed for illness.
- Cleaning and disinfecting of our schools will be conducted on a regular schedule and use procedures and products recommended by the EPA, DOH, and CDC. Hand sanitizer dispensers are distributed throughout our buildings and in all classrooms without sinks. Handwashing will be scheduled throughout the day at periodic intervals.



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