



## Reopening 2020-21: A Blueprint for Success

### Parent Guide to Instructional Options 2020-2021

# PARENT GUIDE TO INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS

## Introduction to Available Instructional Models

### Option 1:

#### **In-person (K,1)/Hybrid (2-6)**

**Full In-Person Instruction** for students in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, and small special education classes: Students will attend school in-person each day that school is in session.

**Hybrid Instruction** for students in Grades 2 through 6: Students' classes will be separated into two groups – Group A and Group B. Siblings, regardless of grade, will be placed in the same letter group. The whole class will participate in remote instruction every Monday. Group A will attend school in-person on Tuesday and Thursday. Group B will attend school in-person on Wednesday and Friday. English Language Learner (ELL) students will participate in Group A and Group B and attend in-person Tuesday - Friday. Special education students designated for Integrated Co-Teaching will be assigned to Group A or B and also attend school in-person on Mondays.

### Option 2:

**Remote Instruction**—Students will not attend school in-person, they will follow a daily remote learning schedule that will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction through SeeSaw (K,1,2) or Google Classroom (3-6)

TO REQUEST OPTION 2, COMPLETE THE SURVEY AT:

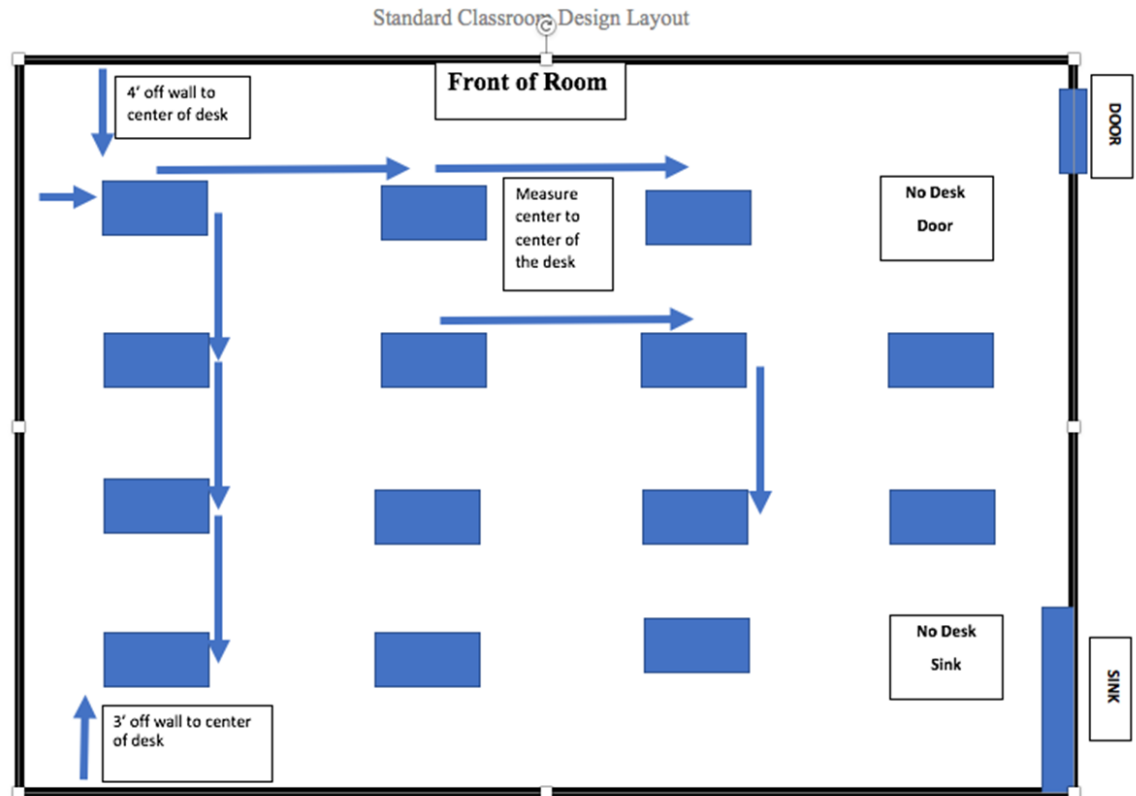
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## What does the classroom setup look like for **IN-PERSON** instruction?



Desks are spaced six feet apart from the center of the desk to the next desk.

Students all face forward.

## What do desk barriers look like?

### NOTE:

- Desk barriers are not required and are **IN ADDITION** to the 6 ft. social distancing and masks.
- Barriers will be attached to all desks.
- Barriers comply with all safety regulations and have been approved by NYS.
- Chairs, Desks, and Desk Barriers will be disinfected nightly.
- Barriers are on order and expected to be delivered by September 5th.



## What about masks?

**Valley Stream Thirteen UFSD will follow the NYSED Reopening Guidance, including for face coverings. The following statements will guide our practice:**

- Students will wear masks at all times except while eating.
- Breaks will be given as needed to students.
- Mask breaks will take place in the classroom or outside only.
- Students will stay seated behind the barrier while taking a mask break.

### **NYSED Guidance – FAQ – July 22**

As a baseline, face coverings are required to be worn any time or place that individuals cannot maintain appropriate social distancing. Further, face coverings are “strongly recommended” by the NY DOH at all times, except for meals and instruction with appropriate social distancing. However, schools can require face coverings at all times, even during instruction; and it is strongly recommended in areas with higher rates of COVID-19 community infection.

## What about cleaning?

The District will follow all guidance provided by the CDC, particularly guidance for schools to aid in determining what levels of cleaning or disinfection is necessary under varied circumstances. All cleaning and disinfecting of our schools will be conducted on a regular schedule aligned with a recorded log and comply with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and NYS Department of Health guidelines. All persons responsible for cleaning will have the necessary PPE to protect themselves while carry out the cleaning and disinfecting. Staff will clean and disinfect areas using disinfectants approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 following the product instructions.

Routine cleaning and disinfecting is key to maintaining a safe environment for faculty, students, and staff. All buildings will be cleaned every night, frequently touched surfaces and objects such as: door knobs, light switches, stair rails, lunch room tables, countertops, and water fountains, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets and restrooms will be cleaned at least daily (or more, depending on use patterns).

When a student or staff member develops any symptoms of illness consistent with COVID-19 the areas used by that person will be closed and not used before cleaning and disinfection. To reduce risk of exposure, the custodial staff will wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If it is not possible to wait 24 hours, they will wait as long as possible. Staff will clean and disinfect areas using disinfectants approved for use against COVID-19.

The District has supplied each school with a Clorox 360 System Electrostatic Sprayer. This is a surface treatment system that combines electrostatic technology with a disinfectant product to quickly and easily provide coverage up to 18,000 square feet per hour with one gallon of 15 disinfectant. We have ensured an adequate supply of relative materials to engage in regular use of this level of cleaning in our schools.

## What can I expect under **REMOTE** instruction ?

### Fully Remote Instruction (Parent OPTION 2)

The following components will be scheduled throughout the day:

- 10-20 minute Check-in
- (2) 40-50 minute live/synchronous instruction (Core Subjects)
- (2) 20-30 minute small group live/synchronous instruction (Core Subjects)
- (up to 3x per week) 50 minutes synchronous or asynchronous special instruction (art, music, PE, library)
- Independent/Asynchronous Activities - 60 minutes
  - Computer based activities (IXL, LightSail, etc.)
  - Homework
  - Project-based learning
  - Virtual small group student collaboration projects
- Lunch Break

(Special education and ELL students will have additional periods of instruction as required.)

## What can I expect for **HYBRID** instruction?

### Hybrid Instruction (Parent OPTION 1 for Grades 2 , 3, 4, 5, 6)

#### In-person Days:

(Group A - Tuesday/Thursday, Group B - Wednesday/Friday)

- Follow normal school schedule for each individual building
- Students will have lunch and a special on their in-person days
- Some in-person instruction (core subjects) may be provided by a certified teacher specialist (Reading/Math)

#### Virtual Day—Monday:

The following components will be scheduled throughout the day:

- 10-20 minute Check-in
- (2) 40-50 minute live/synchronous instruction (Core Subjects)
- (2) 20-30 minute small group live/synchronous instruction (Core Subjects)
- Independent/Asynchronous Activities - 60 minutes
  - Computer based activities (IXL, LightSail, etc.)
  - Homework
  - Project-based learning
  - Virtual small group student collaboration projects
- Lunch Break

#### Home/Remote Days:

(Group A - Wednesday/Friday, Group B - Tuesday/Thursday)

The following components will be scheduled throughout the day:

- 10-20 Min Check-in/Attendance (non-instructional)
- 30-50 minute live/synchronous instruction (Core Subjects) -provided by a certified teacher or teaching assistant or the classroom teacher
- (1 to 2) 30 minute small group live/synchronous instructional support (certified teacher, teaching assistant or teacher aide)
- Independent/Asynchronous Activities - 75 minutes - (see above for examples)
- Lunch Break



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[Parent Remote Learning Option Survey](#)