



Nutley Public Schools

315 Franklin Avenue
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Dear Elementary Families,

I hope this email finds you well. First and foremost, thank you for your understanding and patience during this unprecedented time. We continue to plan for the reopening of in-person learning in our hybrid model. The construction of the elementary cohorts to support the hybrid schedule takes time and careful consideration to address student needs, health and safety protocols, and other specific building related restrictions. You will be receiving specific cohort information as your child's grade-level re-entry date approaches. In the meantime, please find some general information below to help you prepare. [For a full copy of the district's reopening plan, please click here.](#)

- Elementary grade levels who selected the “hybrid” learning model will begin attending in-person instruction in the coming weeks, as per [Dr. Glazer's communication on October 2nd](#).
- Students who are continuing 100% virtual learning and not attending in-person instruction will join their class virtually daily via Google Meet at designated times. In general, the live instruction time for all students will be similar to the current schedule with limited changes.
- All students will continue to attend virtual “specials” like art, music, library media, spanish, and physical education. As in the past, classroom teachers will provide you with a “specials” schedule.
- Please remember to continue to complete the screening form in the parent portal each morning. This should be done for all students every day, even if students are not attending in-person instruction that day.
- Arrival begins at 8:30 am. Students will have their temperatures taken at the door and will then go directly into the building through the designated doors and to their classroom. Social distancing must be observed at all times and masks must be worn. Dismissal is at 12:30pm. Please leave the school grounds promptly at dismissal.
- Students and staff must wear masks at all times when in the building. Developing routines in these areas will benefit all as we return. Here are some videos on [mask wearing](#), [hand washing](#), and [social distancing](#) to help students prepare. Classrooms will be arranged to allow for social distancing and movement within the building will be limited whenever possible. The daily schedule will include an outdoor mask/ movement break for in-person students.

- Students may bring a small snack to eat quickly outside during the outdoor mask/movement break.
- Students may bring a washable backpack (preferably a string-style backpack, if possible) or disposable plastic bag to school on in-person days, as well as a water bottle with their name on it. Your child’s teacher will communicate to students what materials, if any, should be brought to school on in-person instruction days.
- We continue to investigate childcare options. Due to staffing and spacing constraints, the district has requested proposals from outside child care agencies for this service at all elementary schools. The district will communicate when there is a clear path forward with child care.

Please see the schedule below, which provides more information on the Hybrid Schedule. Please note, your child’s teacher will continue to provide a weekly schedule for his/her specific class.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	In-Person Students Arrive	In-Person Students Arrive	All Students 100% Virtual 8:45- Morning Meeting Live Synchronous Instruction asynchronous practice, virtual specials and supplemental programs.	In-Person Students Arrive	In-Person Students Arrive
8:45-9:00	Morning Meeting for all	Morning Meeting for all		Morning Meeting for all	Morning Meeting for all
9:00-12:30	Cohort A- In-Person Instruction (100% Virtual students and Cohort B students join virtually at designed times.)	Cohort A- In-Person Instruction (100% Virtual students and Cohort B students join virtually at designed times.)		Cohort B- In-Person Instruction (100% Virtual students and Cohort A students join virtually at designed times.)	Cohort B- In-Person Instruction (100% Virtual students and Cohort A students join virtually at designed times.)
12:30-3:00	Lunch, some virtual “specials”, related services, asynchronous practice, small group Instruction	Lunch, some virtual “specials”, related services, asynchronous practice, small group Instruction		Lunch, some virtual “specials”, related services, asynchronous practice, small group Instruction	Lunch, some virtual “specials”, related services, asynchronous practice, small group Instruction

Please note that to support elementary teachers in preparing their classrooms, one afternoon of the week prior to your child’s scheduled return there will be no live instruction from the classroom teacher. Teachers will share this day with parents on their weekly schedule. Virtual “specials” and other services will still take place that afternoon.

School principals will be sending an email with more detailed information on building-specific procedures as our hybrid reopening approaches. We look forward to transitioning to the hybrid learning model and continuing to support families during this challenging time.

In Partnership,

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