



Reopening FP Junior-Senior
High School:
A forum for parents

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Introduction

- Changes
- Mandates and protocols
- “New Normal”
- Goal: To support students learning, while keeping everyone’s safety and well-being in mind.

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In order for our school to reopen, we had to:

- ensure educational equity for all of our students.
- provide daily teacher/student interactions.
- maintain appropriate social distancing.
- establish a process for health checks.
- require face coverings for staff and students when not socially distanced.
- promote correct hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

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Blended Model

- Based on guidance from the NYS Education Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NYS Department of Health, and the Montgomery County Public Health Department.
- Provides a mix of both in-person and virtual learning.
- Reduces the number of students in classrooms, on buses, and in hallways at one time by 50%.
- Two groups: Grades 7-8-9 and Grades 10-11-12.
- Rotate on a four day schedule.

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Grades 7-8-9

Day 1 – In-person instruction (A Day Classes)

Day 2 – At home virtual instruction (A Day Classes)

Day 3 – In-person instruction (B Day Classes)

Day 4 – At home virtual instruction (B Day Classes)

Day 5 – Repeat Cycle

Grades 10-11-12

Day 1 – At home virtual instruction (A Day Classes)

Day 2 – In-person instruction (A Day Classes)

Day 3 – At home virtual instruction (B Day Classes)

Day 4 – In-person instruction (B Day Classes)

Day 5 – Repeat Cycle

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Instruction

- Same class schedule whether instruction in person or remote.
- Students provided with a Chromebook and school email.
- For consistency, all teachers use Google Classroom.
- During remote instruction days your child's teacher will be available during that period to assist students.
- On remote days students have mandatory live check-ins.
- Grading practices follow a standards-based framework providing direct feedback regarding students' mastery of course content.

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Online Learning Expectations

- Treat each day like a school day.
- When at home create a space dedicated for learning.
- Log on to Google Meet before the start of class.
- Interact appropriately, just like when they are in school.
- Seek help when needed (teachers, counselors, administrators)
- Follow the Code of Conduct (including academic integrity)
- Charge Chromebook each night.

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Students with Disabilities

- Students with disabilities in grades 7-12 will be receiving their special education to best meet student needs.
As per IEP students will receive related services including Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy).

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Attendance

- Students expected to attend school daily, whether in-person or remote.
- Our attendance policy will be in effect.
- Teachers will take attendance daily.
- Calls will be made when a student is absent from class.
- Letters and follow-up by teachers, counselors will occur (3, 5, 7 or 10 days from half-year courses and 5, 10, 15, 20 from full-year courses).
- Absenteeism will affect learning and eventual grading outcome.

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Food Service

- Free breakfast and lunch available to all students.
- All students eat in the cafeteria.
- Three lunch periods with 67 students eating at one time.
- Tables and chairs set up with appropriate social distancing.
- Students will wear facemasks to and from the food areas, but not when seated
- Floor signage will ensure appropriate distance while waiting in line.
- “Grab and Go” bagged meals available before exiting the building.

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Health and Safety -- Social Distancing & Face Covering

- Masks will be required when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Proper face covering must be worn in all areas including hallways and school buses.
- Face coverings will be provided to students, if needed.
- In classrooms, desks are arranged to comply with social distancing guidelines, so students can remove face coverings.
- Transition between classes staggered to limit congestion.
- Signage posted guiding the flow of traffic in hallways and on stairs.

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Health & Safety -- Health Checks

- Screening conducted each morning before entering school.
- Bus aides screen students before getting on the bus.
- Non-bus students (entering through a separate entrance) will have temperatures taken daily by school personnel.
- Faculty and staff will complete screening protocols daily.
- Students who arrive late to school report to the Kiosk.
- Anyone with a temperature of over 100 not be allowed to attend.

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Health and Safety -- Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Frequent cleaning and disinfection of the building with deep cleaning at day's end.
- Rooms disinfected between each class.
- Bathrooms cleaned hourly.
- Faculty and staff trained on COVID-19 protocols.
- Classrooms equipped with proper supplies.
- Students should clean/sanitize hands frequently.

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Arrival and Exit

- Arrival and departure times staggered
- Doors open at 7:40 for bus students and will use entrance by the gym
- Non-bus students may enter beginning at 7:45 using front doors
- Students report directly to 1st period classes
- Parent drop off/pick-up Main St. entrance (old “front of the building”)
- Bus students dismissed first at 2:38
- No late bus

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School Activities

- Extracurricular activities cancelled for the start of the school year.
- We will explore bringing back activities that can be conducted remotely or in a safe environment.
- Field trips and assemblies cancelled until further notice.
- We will follow state protocols determining athletics; no approval has been given yet for interscholastic athletics.

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Thank you.

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