

2020-21 School Reopening Plans - 853, 4201, and State-Operated Schools

Introduction - Introduction and Background

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In this survey, 853 Schools, 4201 Schools, and State-Operated Schools will provide NYSED with:

A link to the public website where each school Reopening plan has been publicly posted or, for those without a website, an upload of the Reopening plan; and

A set of mandatory assurances completed by the Chief Executive Officer affirming that the school will address, in each Reopening plan, the mandatory elements outlined in NYSED's guidance document that are applicable to an 853 School, 4201 School, State-Operated School, or approved private preschool special class or special class in an integrated setting program.

This approach will allow schools to develop plans in their preferred format, to rapidly address changes that may be needed based on local needs, and to update their plan materials during the school year.

Once schools have completed and submitted their survey within the NYS Business Portal, a confirmation notice indicating that the completed survey has been received by NYSED will be generated and sent to the Chief Executive Officer.

Plans should be implemented with fidelity upon submission and should be considered approved unless the LEA is notified that modifications are necessary to ensure compliance with this guidance.

Users may submit questions via email to OSEReopeningPlan@nysed.gov.

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School Re-Opening Plans - School Re-Opening Plans

School Reopening Plans - Part 1

1. Please indicate the method by which you will be submitting your Reopening Plan(s) to NYSED.

I will provide a link to the public website where each Reopening Plan has been posted.
I will upload the Reopening Plan(s) for my Agency.

1a. Please provide the link below.

1b. Please upload your Plan.

School Re-Opening Plans - Part 2

2. As applicable, please identify any school that is not located at the same physical address of the Agency listed above, and provide either a link to the public website where each school Reopening Plan has been publicly posted, or, for those without a website, an upload of the Reopening Plan.

School Name	Link to School Re-Opening Plan	Site Plan Upload	School/Site Address
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Mandatory Assurances - Communication/Family and Community Engagement

Communication/Family and Community Engagement - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **The school engaged with school stakeholders and community members (e.g., administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents/legal guardians of students, local health departments, local health care providers, and affiliated organizations, such as unions, alumni, and/or community-based groups) when developing reopening plans. Plans for reopening should identify the groups of people involved and engaged throughout the planning process.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
2. **The school developed a communications plan for students, parents or legal guardians of students, staff, and visitors that includes applicable instructions, training, signage, and a consistent means to provide individuals with information. Responsible Parties may consider developing webpages, text and email groups, and/or social media groups or posts.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
3. **The school will ensure all students are taught or trained how to follow new COVID-19 protocols safely and correctly, including but not limited to hand hygiene, proper face covering wearing, social distancing, and respiratory hygiene.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
4. **The school will encourage all students, faculty, staff, and visitors through verbal and written communication (e.g., signage) to adhere to CDC and DOH guidance regarding the use of PPE, specifically acceptable face coverings.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
5. **The school will provide communications in the language(s) spoken at home among families and throughout the school community. Written plans must be accessible to those with visual and/or hearing impairments.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Health and Safety

Health and Safety - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan must review and consider the number of students and staff allowed to return in person. These factors should be considered when determining resumption of in person instruction: (1) Ability to maintain appropriate social distancing; (2) PPE and face covering availability; (3) Availability of safe transportation; and (4) Local hospital capacity – consult your local department of health.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
2. **Each school reopening plan must engage with school stakeholders and community members (e.g., administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents/legal guardians of students, local health departments, local health care providers, and affiliated organizations, such as unions, alumni, and/or community-based groups) in developing their reopening plan and identify those that participated in the reopening plans.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
3. **Each school reopening plan must include a communications plan for students, parents/guardians, staff, and visitors that includes applicable instructions, training, signage, and a consistent means to provide individuals with information.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
4. **Each school reopening plan has a written protocol developed in collaboration with the school's health professionals or relevant staff to instruct staff to observe for signs of illness in students and staff and requires symptomatic persons to be sent to the school nurse or other designated personnel.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
5. **Each school reopening plan has a written protocol for daily temperature screenings of all students and staff, along with a daily screening questionnaire for faculty and staff and periodic use of the questionnaire for students.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
6. **Each school reopening plan requires that ill students and staff be assessed by the school nurse (registered professional nurse, RN) or medical director and that if a school nurse or medical director is not available, ill students and staff will be sent home for follow up with a healthcare provider.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
7. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol requiring students or staff with a temperature, signs of illness, and/or a positive response to the questionnaire to be sent directly to a dedicated isolation area where students are supervised, prior to being picked up or otherwise sent home.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
8. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol to address visitors, guests, contractors, and vendors to the school which includes health screening.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
9. **Each school reopening plan has a written protocol to instruct parents/guardians to observe for signs of illness in their child that require staying home from school.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
10. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol and appropriate signage to instruct staff and students in correct hand and respiratory hygiene.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
11. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol to ensure all persons in school buildings keep social distance of at least 6 feet whenever possible.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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12. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol detailing how the school will provide accommodations to all students and staff who are at high risk or live with a person at high risk.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
13. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol requiring all employees, adult visitors, and students to wear a face covering/mask.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
14. **Each school reopening plan has a plan for obtaining and maintaining adequate supplies of face coverings/masks for school staff, students who forget their masks, and PPE for use by school health professionals.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
15. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol for actions to be taken if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
16. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol that complies with DOH and CDC guidance for the return to school of students and staff following a positive screen for COVID-19 symptoms, illness or diagnosis of confirmed case of COVID-19 or following quarantine due to contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. Return to school will be coordinated with the local health department.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
17. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol to clean and disinfect schools following CDC guidance.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
18. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol to conduct required school safety drills with modifications ensuring social distancing between persons.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
19. **Each school reopening plan designates a COVID-19 safety coordinator (administrator) whose responsibilities include continuous compliance with all aspects of the school's reopening plan, as well as any phased-in reopening activities necessary to allow for operational issues to be resolved before activities return to normal or "new normal" levels.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Facilities

Facilities - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan which include changes or additions to facilities must comply with the requirements of the 2020 New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (BC) and the State Energy Conservation Code. Such activities may require building permits and review by local municipalities and/or code enforcement officials.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
2. **New construction, renovations, alterations or major repairs in excess of \$100,000 of the total cost must be submitted to CapitalProjects@nysed.gov for program and fiscal review and written approval.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
3. **Each school reopening plan which include new facilities must receive prior approval from NYSED via an application to modify an existing program.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

Child Nutrition - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **If the school is a School Food Authority (SFA), the school reopening plan must provide all students enrolled in the SFA with access to school meals each school day. This must include students in attendance at school and students learning remotely. The reopening plan for SFAs must also include protocols that describe communication with families through multiple means in the languages spoken by families.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
 The school is not a SFA.
2. **If the school is a School Food Authority (SFA), each school reopening plan must ensure compliance with Child Nutrition Program requirements. School Food Authorities are responsible for the food service operations and corresponding reopening plans at all buildings (recipients) that operate under them and for which they receive Child Nutrition funding. Recipients must work with their School Food Authority to ensure that reopening mandatory requirements are met.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
 The school is not a SFA.
3. **Each school reopening plan must address all applicable Food Service health and safety guidelines outlined in the DOH guidance.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
4. **Each school reopening plan includes measures to protect students with food allergies if providing meals in spaces outside the cafeteria.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
5. **Each school reopening plan must include protocols and procedures for how students will perform hand hygiene before and after eating, how appropriate hand hygiene will be promoted, and how sharing of food and beverages will be discouraged.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
6. **Each school reopening plan must include protocols and procedures that require cleaning and disinfection prior to the next group of students arriving for meals, if served in the same common area.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
7. **Each school reopening plan must require that students must social distance (6 feet separation) while consuming meals in school unless a physical barrier is provided.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Transportation

Transportation - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Does the school use its own transportation (e.g. if the school or affiliated residential agency is providing transportation from the residential facility to the approved school)?**
 - Yes
 - No
- 1a. **Each school reopening plan must ensure all buses (conforming and non-conforming to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Standards, as well as type A, C or D) which are used every day will be cleaned/disinfected once a day.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1b. **Each school reopening plan ensures high contact spots must be wiped down after each am and pm run depending upon the disinfection/cleaning schedule.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1c. **Each school reopening plan must ensure school buses shall not be equipped with hand sanitizer due to its combustible composition and potential liability to the carrier or school.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1d. **Each school reopening plan must ensure that school bus drivers, monitors and attendants must not carry personal bottles of hand sanitizer with them on school buses.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1e. **Each school reopening plan will require that school bus drivers, monitors, attendants and mechanics must wear a face covering along with optional face shield.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1f. **Each school reopening plan requires that transportation staff (drivers, monitors, attendants, mechanics and cleaners) will be trained and provided periodic refreshers on the proper use of personal protective equipment and the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1g. **Each school reopening plan requires that transportation staff (drivers, monitors, attendants, mechanics and cleaners) will be trained and provided periodic refreshers on the proper use of social distancing.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1h. **Each school reopening plan requires that transportation departments/carriers will need to provide Personal Protective Equipment such as masks and gloves for drivers, monitors and attendants in buses.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1i. **Each school reopening plan ensures hand sanitizer will be provided for all staff in their transportation locations such as dispatch offices, employee lunch/break rooms and/or bus garages.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1j. **Each school reopening plan requires that drivers, monitors and attendants who must have direct physical contact with a child must wear gloves.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1k. **Each school reopening plan requires that school bus drivers, monitors, attendants and mechanics shall perform a self-health assessment for symptoms of COVID-19 before arriving to work.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1l. **Each school reopening plan requires that students must wear a mask on a school bus if they are physically and mentally able.**
 - Yes, the school provides the above assurance.

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- 1m. **Each school reopening plan ensures that students who do not have a mask will NOT be denied transportation.**
 Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1n. **Each school reopening plan requires that students who do not have masks must be provided one by the school.**
 Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1o. **Each school reopening plan ensures that students with a disability which would prevent them from wearing a mask will not be forced to do so or denied transportation but must maintain social distancing of 6 feet from other individuals on the bus.**
 Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1p. **Each school reopening plan requires students will be trained and provided periodic reminders on the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment and the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.**
 Yes, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1q. **Each school reopening plan requires that students will be trained and provided periodic reminders on the proper use of social distancing.**
 Yes, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Social Emotional Well-Being

Social Emotional Well-Being - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan addresses how the school will provide resources and referrals to address mental health, behavioral, and emotional support services and programs.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
2. **Each school reopening plan addresses professional development opportunities for faculty and staff on how to talk with and support students during and after the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as provide supports for developing coping and resilience skills for students, faculty, and staff.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - School Schedules

School Schedules - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan describes the school schedule planned for implementation at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year and to the extent practicable any contingent scheduling models it may consider if the situation warrants.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism

Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan must describe a mechanism to collect and report daily teacher student engagement or attendance while in a remote or hybrid schedule.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Technology and Connectivity

Technology and Connectivity - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan must include information on how the school will have knowledge of the level of access to devices and high-speed internet all students and teachers have in their places of residence.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
2. **Each school reopening plan must include information on how the school, to the extent practicable, will address the need to provide devices and internet access to students and teachers who currently do not have sufficient access. Schools must work with placing school districts to accomplish this requirement.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
3. **Each school reopening plan must include information on how the school will provide multiple ways for students to participate in learning and demonstrate mastery of Learning Standards in remote or blended models, especially if all students do not yet have sufficient access to devices and/or high-speed internet.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Teaching and Learning

Teaching and Learning - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan includes a continuity of learning plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Such plan must prepare for in-person, remote, and hybrid models of instruction.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
2. **Each school reopening plan includes an educational program that is aligned to the New York State Learning Standards regardless if instruction is delivered in-person, remotely or in a hybrid model.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
3. **Each school reopening plan provides for a program that includes regular substantive interaction between teachers and students whether delivered in- person, remotely or through a hybrid model of instruction.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
4. **Equity must be at the heart of all school instructional decisions. All instruction should be developed so that whether delivered in-person, remotely, or through a hybrid model due to a local or state school closure, there are clear opportunities for instruction that are accessible to all students. Such opportunities must be aligned with State standards and include routine scheduled times for students to interact and seek feedback and support from their teachers.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
5. **Schools must create a clear communication plan for how students and their families/caregivers can contact the school and teachers with questions about their instruction and/or technology. This information needs to be accessible to all, available in multiple languages based on school need, widely disseminated, and include clear and multiple ways for students and families to contact schools and teachers (e.g., email, online platform, and/or by phone).**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

Special Education - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan, whether services are provided in-person, remote, and/or through a hybrid model, addresses the provision of free appropriate public education (FAPE) consistent with the need to protect the health and safety of students with disabilities and those providing special education and services.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
2. **Each school reopening plan addresses how it will document the programs and services offered and provided to students with disabilities as well as communications with parents.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
3. **Each school reopening plan addresses meaningful parent engagement in the parent's preferred language or mode of communication regarding the provision of services to his/her child to meet the requirements of the IDEA. Schools should collaborate with the placing district to accomplish this requirement.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
4. **Each school reopening plan addresses collaboration between the committees on preschool special education (CPSE) and committees on special education (CSE) and program providers representing the variety of settings where students are served to ensure there is an understanding of the provision of services consistent with the recommendations on individualized education programs (IEPs), plans for monitoring and communicating student progress, and commitment to sharing resources.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
5. **Each school reopening plan must ensure access to the necessary accommodations, modifications, supplementary aids and services, and technology (including assistive technology) to meet the unique disability related needs of students.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Certification, Incidental Teaching, and Substitute Teaching

Certification, Incidental Teaching, and Substitute Teaching - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your school(s), now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

- 1. Each school reopening plan must ensure that all teachers hold valid and appropriate certificates for their teaching assignments except where otherwise allowable under the Commissioner's regulations (e.g., incidental teaching) or Education Law.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.