



Alexandria Central School

Home of the Purple Ghosts



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As many know, districts nationwide have been working diligently to submit reopening plans for approval. With the support and guidance from Public Health and the New York State Education Department, Alexandria continues to work hard to ensure our students' and staff's safety and well-being. Last week, the district published a two-page outline of our reopening plan. The outline was one of many documents that we will continue to provide in the weeks to come. During these difficult times, it is important for us to be transparent. As things change daily, we will do our best to provide as much information to you as possible.

In the outline shared last week, all PK through 6th grade students can attend daily, in-person instruction. To accomplish this and maintain the safety and well-being of our students, please note the following:

- Class sizes will be significantly reduced.
- Teacher assignments that were sent home on the June report card have changed. To have smaller classes, students will have teachers of both grade levels.
- The district has had to move to two bus runs to maintain social distancing and sanitation on buses. This has shifted schedules and times for all students. For the 2020 - 2021 school year, all elementary students will start school at 7:30 am and be dismissed at 2:15 pm.
- Parents must take their child's(ren's) temperature each morning and complete a weekly screening form sent to each family by the district.
- Before getting on the bus, all students will be pre-screened by having their temperature taken. This will happen again upon entering the building for students not pre-screened by riding district transportation. If any student's temperature exceeds 100 degrees, the student will be denied entry on the bus and into the school building. Phone calls will be made to each family when this happens.
- There will be one student per seat on the bus unless the students are related and living in the same household.
- All buses will be cleaned and sanitized according to the regulations.
- Buses will be staggered at arrival and dismissal so students are not in the hallways simultaneously. The hallways will look much different to accommodate social distancing. Students will follow specific directions and lines placed every six feet to maintain social distancing when traveling between classes.
- Movement through the building will be limited, therefore;
 - Breakfast and lunch will be in the classrooms.
 - Specials will be provided in the classroom unless otherwise specified
 - and the special classes can be socially distanced.
 - Students will remain in their classroom, and teachers will move from class to class.
 - Playground time will be strictly scheduled.
 - New outside instructional spaces are being created for use during the warmer months.
- Students must wear face masks; the district will provide two per student.
- PK - 6th grade students will receive their normal curriculum, including, but not limited to, ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science, Physical Education, Art, Music, Library, and Makerspace. Other electives may include computer, STEM, and health.
- All students will receive social-emotional learning.

- All classrooms will be encouraged to keep their windows open as much as possible, weather permitting.
- All students will be given individual supplies; no supplies will be shared.
- Students will not be using lockers or cubbies. The district will provide a space and container for every child to place their belongings.
- The district will be limiting the number of visitors to the building. All visitors will follow the same protocol and safety measures.

The district is continuing to work on plans to ensure the safety of our students, families, and community. With the support and flexibility of our faculty and staff, we have developed an in-person instructional model, a plan other districts are struggling to accomplish. We understand this plan comes with reservations and hurdles, but we feel the benefits of in-person instruction are tremendous. We have sent out our plan with the scheduled time for your child; if you need specific accommodation, please contact me at kmorgia@acsghosts.org or by phone at (315) 482-9971. These accommodations could include but are not limited to, transportation, early drop-off, late pick-up, supplies, curriculum needs, and/or virtual learning.

As the Governor continues to provide more guidance on reopening schools, we will give more information. If you have any questions about your child's safety returning to school this year, please contact me. I would happily meet with you in person or discuss your concerns over the phone. I appreciate your support and flexibility as we continue to create a safe learning environment for our school community.

Best regards,

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