



Greene CSD Reopening Plan

Dear Greene Families and Students,

July 31, 2020

First, we want to thank our Greene Community for all the support, encouragement, and feedback you have provided the district throughout the Covid-19 crisis. With that said, the district has been hard at work creating reopening plans to bring students back to our buildings to start the 2020-2021 school year. This is an extremely complex task, and it is crucial that we all understand that the plan must be flexible to meet the ever changing dynamics of the Coronavirus and the government/medical responses related to this public health crisis. All schools will be given additional opening instructions from Governor Cuomo's Office by August 7th. Due to this, the GCS plan will continue to be fluid as we work on details moving towards the first day of school, and will remain fluid through the entire 2020-2021 school year, and possibly beyond.

The Greene Central School reopening plan was developed with four main pillars in mind:























1. To provide a safe environment for students and staff to return, that takes into consideration all health and wellness factors.
2. Prioritizing the youngest students and student's w/disabilities that need the most support due to the developmental importance that in-person instruction can provide.
3. Creating a plan that worked for the families of the Greene community using their feedback and taking their needs into consideration.
4. Providing a continuity of instruction for all students that will keep the high standards that Greene CSD has established for educational excellence in place (regardless of educational setting).

We have worked extremely hard to build a comprehensive plan for our students and staff. This plan is based on the guidance set forth from the New York State Education Department, the New York State Department of Health, the Governor's Office, and guidance from the CDC. It is imperative that health and safety, emotional well-being, and instruction are all considered in our plans. Ultimately, we would like to have all students having in-person instruction. However, that is not possible based on current guidelines due to the social distancing requirements. We do not have enough physical space, or staff to divide every grade level in the district up to provide in person instruction.

Health & Safety Expectations

- Students and Staff will be required to wear facial coverings at all times when moving throughout the building or social distancing is not possible.
- Students will operate in cohorts as much as possible.
- Students will stay in classrooms as much as possible at both Elementary and Secondary Levels, while secondary students may see more movement during the school day.
- Students/Parents and Staff will be asked to complete a wellness check each day before entering school property.
- More details on the district's Health & Safety Guidelines can be found on the [Reopening GCS](#) page of our website and in our full reopening plan.

Academic Schedules to Reopen Schools

Greene CSD Reopening Plans		Attends School 		Remote Learning 	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
UPK-6 Students					
7-12 Students Gold-Cohort					
7-12 Students Green - Cohort					
7-12 Students Green/Gold Cohort					
<p>Cohort creations will consider multiple factors, such as family considerations, class offerings, and individual student needs. Students will be notified of their respective cohort.</p> <p>The 7-12 Green/Gold explained: Students with special considerations and targeted academic supports attend school four days a week.</p>					

Internet/Device Status

You will be asked to complete information for your child(ren) on the internet status in your home as well as personal devices. It is imperative that the district has this information to complete its planning to meet the needs of our students. If at any time your status changes you will need to contact your child's main office immediately.

Transportation Expectations

If your child(ren) will be attending school in-person this coming school year, you will need to make a decision on their transportation needs. Additionally, in order to help alleviate capacity concerns for social distancing, the district is asking and encouraging anyone who is able, to transport your children to and from school. This will greatly help the district serve all students safely and efficiently.

A few items to note regarding transportation for the upcoming school year:

- Students must ride the same bus to and from school, every day of the week.
- Bus passes will not be permitted. If your child cannot ride home on their registered bus, they will need to be picked up at school.
- Students must wear a mask on the bus unless they are medically excused.

- Social distancing guidelines will be strictly adhered to while on buses with all students maintaining 6 feet of separation unless they are wearing a mask or immediate family. Training will be provided with periodic reminders.
- You will be asked to complete a survey with transportation information. This survey will need to be completed for every student to allow the district to have all the needed information to complete bus routes and student bus assignments
- More details on the district's Transportation Guidelines can be found on the [Reopening GCS](#) page of our website and in our full reopening plan.

Food Services

GCS is making plans for food services. We highly encourage all families to complete the free & reduced meal application that will be mailed home with our summer newsletter, and will be available on the district's website.

When your child(ren) will be learning virtually this school year, we will need to know if they need school meals (breakfast and lunch) at your home. There will be a question on the survey that will need to be completed for each student. It is imperative that the district has this information to complete its food services planning to meet the needs of our students.

Required Survey/Feedback

I know that many of you are surveyed out, but we are requiring one more survey to be completed for every student that is enrolled at GCS for this coming school year. This survey will provide us with the necessary data to complete our reopening planning process. Please note you will need to complete an individual survey for each child you have attending Greene CSD. You can access the survey using this link [School Reopening Feedback Survey](#).

In closing, you can read the GCS full reopening plan by clicking on this link [Reopening Plan](#), or you can find the plan and additional resources on the district's [Reopening Greene Central School](#) page. Please continue to visit our District homepage at www.greenecsd.org as we will continue to share any reopening updates as our reopening plan continues to evolve. We will also continue to use social media and our School Messenger system to send phone calls (as needed) to keep you informed. Please do not hesitate to call or email me as well.

For now, very best wishes to you all, and thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to bring our students and staff back to school safely.

Sincerely,



Timothy M. Calice
Superintendent of Schools