



On Monday, August 10, 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Department of Health released guidelines for school districts to follow when determining if they should be held in person, virtual or a hybrid model based on the risk of COVID-19 transmission in their communities.

According to the Department of Health, Schuylkill County is in the moderate tier of community transmission, which means North Schuylkill will need to adjust our reopening plan to a Hybrid Model for families who selected in-person learning.

We are excited about reopening our schools on Thursday, August 27th. Although the opening will be unfamiliar and come with anxiety, we want to assure parents that the District plans will be as flexible as possible. You can be reassured that our number one priority is student and staff safety. Below you will find a day to day schedule for a Hybrid start.

Hybrid: Students who opted for in-person learning will now follow a Hybrid Schedule. Students participate in learning at school only on certain days. Any day they do not come to school, they participate in learning virtually**.

Monday and Tuesday of each week, students with last names starting with the letters A to K will be attending in person. These students will be expected to attend virtual classes on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Thursday and Friday of each week, students with last names starting with the letters L to Z will be attending in person. These students will be expected to attend online classes on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

*Children that are part of the same household with different last names will be grouped together on same days. They will follow the schedule of the last name of the oldest child in the house.

* For Special Education questions, please contact the Special Education Office at (570) 874-0495, extension 1141.

*Below you will find a slightly altered schedule for the first eleven days of school. This is because of starting school on a Thursday and the Labor Day Holiday. The Week of August 31st would reflect a normal hybrid week.

*All protocols of the Health and Safety Plan would still be implemented

*We will be re-evaluating after the first two weeks (September 11). We acknowledge that anything short of a full return of all of our students creates hardships for our students, families and community. Virtual learning limits our ability to provide the education North Schuylkill students deserve.

100% Virtual Learning: Still an option if you want your child to attend school online. Students will view their classroom teacher presenting the lesson to the class, either live or recorded.

If you filled out the survey and would like to change your selection, you can do so until August 17, 2020, (10 days before school) by contacting the main office of your child's building.

North Schuylkill Elementary (570) 874-3661 or North Schuylkill Jr/Sr High School (570) 874-0495

We want every student to return to a full face-to-face model of learning as soon as we can. Our reopening plan is designed to allow us to continually assess our delivery model, respond to changing conditions within the community while also applying evolving knowledge regarding COVID-19. Implementation of this plan will take trust, communication, flexibility and all of us working together. Parents and families are being asked to balance a multitude of issues, and we are looking for ways to work together to assist families as best we can. Thank you for supporting the development of the District building reopening. Ultimately, we will win this battle and be a better learning community as a result.

****Using live (synchronous) and offline (asynchronous) instruction, each student will work with the support of their North Schuylkill teachers to be successful. Students will engage DAILY in high levels of rigor and relevance through a collaborative and personalized learning experience. Individual Education Program (IEPs), Gifted Education Plans (GIEPs), and/or 504 Plans are developed and implemented across all settings. Special Education programming and related services will continue to be provided. All lessons will be recorded and available to students who cannot participate live. Students will have 24 hours to complete assignments. Students attend live, real time lessons with their NS teachers. Students will receive an NS issued Chromebook and we will assist with Internet, if needed. Attendance taken daily for all students. All students will be assessed and graded in the same way for in person and virtual. All students (except kindergarten) will be given a percentage grade (example: 93% = A). Content and assignments will be the same for all students. Elementary teachers will provide virtual students with a schedule of login times for each subject area, including the co-curricular times, in order to join live. High school students will be able to follow their normal schedule virtually. Breakfast and lunch will be available daily for virtual students for pick-up at designated locations. Students will be able to speak virtually to teachers during live lessons. Teachers will be available through email, office phone and virtual meetings.**

HYBRID SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			August 27	August 27
			BLUE GROUP (A - K) In Person RED GROUP (L - Z) Virtual	RED GROUP (L - Z) In Person BLUE GROUP (A - K) Virtual
August 31	September 1	September 2	September 3	September 4
BLUE GROUP (A - K) In Person RED GROUP (L - Z) Virtual	BLUE GROUP (A - K) In Person RED GROUP (L - Z) Virtual	ALL STUDENTS VIRTUAL	RED GROUP (L - Z) In Person BLUE GROUP (A - K) Virtual	RED GROUP (L - Z) In Person BLUE GROUP (A - K) Virtual
September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10	September 11
No School Labor Day	BLUE GROUP (A - K) In Person RED GROUP (L - Z) Virtual	BLUE GROUP (A - K) In Person RED GROUP (L - Z) Virtual	RED GROUP (L - Z) In Person BLUE GROUP (A - K) Virtual	RED GROUP (L - Z) In Person BLUE GROUP (A - K) Virtual
Will re-evaluate Hybrid Model after September 11, 2020				
September 14	September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18
BLUE GROUP (A - K) In Person RED GROUP (L - Z) Virtual	BLUE GROUP (A - K) In Person RED GROUP (L - Z) Virtual	ALL STUDENTS VIRTUAL	RED GROUP (L - Z) In Person BLUE GROUP (A - K) Virtual	RED GROUP (L - Z) In Person BLUE GROUP (A - K) Virtual
September 21	September 22	September 23	September 24	September 25
BLUE GROUP (A - K) In Person RED GROUP (L - Z) Virtual	BLUE GROUP (A - K) In Person RED GROUP (L - Z) Virtual	ALL STUDENTS VIRTUAL	RED GROUP (L - Z) In Person BLUE GROUP (A - K) Virtual	RED GROUP (L - Z) In Person BLUE GROUP (A - K) Virtual