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Reopening Plan

2020-21

Letter from the Superintendent



Dear students and parents/guardians,

This past school year was undoubtedly one of the most challenging and unprecedented in the history of public education. Despite the adverse situation we faced from the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, we were able to succeed because of our stakeholders. Thank you for your partnership, adaptability and support as we navigate this journey together.

As we plan for and transition into the 2020-21 school year, I want to assure you we will continue to follow federal, state and local guidance from Centers for Disease Control, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, the Illinois and DuPage County health departments, the Illinois State Board of Education and the DuPage Regional Office of Education regarding social distancing, health and cleaning protocols. As this situation is fluid, and recommendations and amendments could be made during the school year, we have developed education models and structures to accommodate a variety of scenarios. These plans are ready to be implemented at any time to ensure a flexible environment in which student learning can be maintained virtually or in person.

While there are still questions and uncertainty, one thing is clear – the DuPage High School District 88 Board of Education, administration and staff will remain focused on accomplishing our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement, and we will continue to demonstrate what it means to be District 88 Strong, Blazer Strong and Warrior Strong.

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Areas of focus for 2020-21:

It is our goal for the 2020-21 school year to ensure all of our students develop high-level skills and knowledge that will promote college, career and cultural readiness and prepare them for successful post-secondary experiences. As part of that commitment, we will continue to focus on our Strategic Plan and the Goals Supporting the District 88 Vision, which are:

- 1. Develop plans to improve student performance, close the achievement gap and actively monitor the acquisition of college, career and cultural readiness skills.
- 2. Focus on learning programs aligned to local, state and national standards, incorporating critical thinking, applied learning, interdisciplinary curriculum, authentic career-connected programs and digital learning initiatives.
- 3. Provide time and resources for ongoing professional growth and development programs that focus on learning standards, diverse learners, assessment and data practices, instructional strategies, social-emotional learning and culturally responsive teaching.
- 4. Create inclusive school-community partnerships that develop life skills, foster social-emotional development, promote overall personal well-being and embrace learning and activity before, during and after school hours.

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The schools of DuPage High School District 88 offer our students a meaningful and comprehensive educational program that provides a strong foundation for success beyond high school, and the 2020-21 school year will provide yet another opportunity to expand on our accomplishments. We look forward to maintaining our open, honest and transparent communication with all stakeholders, and we invite you to stay connected with us through the following methods:

- Website: www.dupage88.net (includes a calendar of upcoming events, a link to athletic events and more)
- Electronic newsletter: <u>dupage88.net/newsletter</u>
- Facebook: Addison Trail High School and Willowbrook High School
- Twitter: @AddisonTrailHS and @WillowbrookHS1
- **Phone:** 630-530-3981 (District Office), 630-628-3300 (Addison Trail) and 630-530-3400 (Willowbrook)

Thank you for your support of our programs and staff members and for your partnership in "Building Futures" for the students of DuPage High School District 88.

Respectfully,

Scott J. Helton, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools, DuPage High School District 88

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STAGE 1

STAGE 2

STAGE 3

REMOTE

All instruction and resource support is remote. See the following pages for important details and exceptions.

REMOTE PLUS

A block schedule (80 minutes) is proposed for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and morning instruction would remain remote. Afternoon resource time may be remote or in person depending on student need. See the following pages for important details.

BLENDED REMOTE

Blended instruction would begin bringing groups of students on campus for in-person instruction. See the following pages for important details.



During a Special Board of Education meeting on July 27, the Board approved a resolution authorizing District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton and his designees to open and operate the district's schools and programs for the 2020-21 school year, as outlined in the Return to School Plan. The resolution was approved through Oct. 5, at which time the Board and administration will reevaluate the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Return to School Plan. See details about the Return to School Plan below.

- To view the full District 88 2020-21 Return to School Plan, CLICK HERE.
- STAGE 1 REMOTE (Status to be reviewed at the October 5th BOE meeting) The success of remote instruction will be the most critical component of our instructional planning as all of our instructional stages during this pandemic will contain a robust remote instructional program. During this remote period, all instruction and resource support is remote with the following exception: in-person, intermittent instruction/interventions, as determined necessary by the IEP team, may be held for special student populations (LINK 1, DLP, TRANSITION) that are unable to access remote learning independently. These opportunities may be scheduled in advance in consultation with the department head in the identified programs based on student need and teacher input. Additionally, students needing support accessing remote learning (prioritizing SPED, ELL, and 504) may access learning centers on campus while connecting with his/her remote instruction.

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REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Minutes
7:00 - 7:40	Instructional Period 0	Instructional Period 0	Instructional Period 0	Instructional Period 0	40 Minutes
7:45 - 9:05	Instructional period 1	Instructional period 5	Instructional period 1	Instructional period 5	80 Minutes
9:15 - 10:35	Instructional period 2	Instructional period 6	Instructional period 2	Instructional period 6	80 Minutes
10:45 - 12:05	Instructional period 3	Instructional period 7	Instructional period 3	Instructional period 7	80 Minutes
12:15-1:35	Instructional period 4	Instructional period 8	Instructional period 4	Instructional period 8	80 Minutes
1:40-2:25	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	45 Minutes
2:30-3:00	Resource	Resource	Resource	Resource	30 Minutes

^{* &}lt;u>Please note:</u> The period numbers above have been converted to help make the schedule more convenient and user friendly.



REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE

Wednesdays (35 minutes) - Wednesday instruction will follow a traditional (0-8 period) shortened schedule and will remain remote unless authorized by the administration. This allows for deep cleaning/sanitation of the facilities and for weekly breakfast and lunch distribution for District 88 students and families.

7:00-7:35	Period 0	35 Minutes
7:45-8:20	Period 1	35 Minutes
8:25-9:00	Period 2	35 Minutes
9:05-9:40	Period 3	35 Minutes
9:45-10:20p	Period 4	35 Minutes
10:25-11:00	Period 5	35 Minutes
11:05-11:40	Period 6	35 Minutes
11:45-12:20	Period 7	35 Minutes
12:25-1:00	Period 8	35 Minutes
1:05-3:00	PLC Student lunch distribution	115 Minutes

Amendments to the 2020-21 School Calendar

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During a Special Board of Education meeting on July 27, the Board approved the recommended changes below.

- Add three Remote Learning Planning Days on Aug. 18, 19 and 20 to provide support for staff as they prepare to engage students in robust synchronous learning in a virtual environment.
- Move the first day of school for students to Aug. 24 (instead of Aug. 19).
- Move Open House to Sept. 2 (instead of Sept. 3) to minimize disruption to academic learning. Open House will be virtual this year.
- Move Parent-Teacher Conferences to Oct. 7 (instead of Oct. 8) to minimize disruption to academic learning. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be virtual this year.

^{*} See the amended 2020-21 School Calendar at www.dupage88.net/Calendars.

Registration and residency verification



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Registration for the 2020-21 school year:

• District 88 is excited to provide a full online registration process for its families for the 2020-21 school year. As the district prepares to implement this new service, please see important details at www.dupage88.net/Registration2020-21.

Residency verification for the 2020-21 school year:

• District 88 will continue to implement its residency verification process to ensure the district can maximize its resources for families who reside within District 88 boundaries. Residency verification must be completed for all incoming freshmen, new students and transfer students before registering for the 2020-21 school year. To see the residency verification form in various languages, go to www.dupage88.net/residency.