

Lin-Wood School General FAQs

(Updated: August 11, 2020)

Will Lin-Wood Public School reopen in the fall?

Yes, Lin-Wood will reopen with increased mitigation strategies to reduce the risk of spreading COVID -19. Some of the strategies include mandatory face coverings, maximizing physical distancing, and cohorting of students (meaning students will stay with the same group for all or most of the day).

What are the School hours? When can Students arrive?

Students can be dropped off or arrive by foot at 7:30 AM. The buses will arrive at 7:35 AM. Homeroom/instruction begins at 7:45 AM. Elementary School dismissal is 2:20 PM. Middle/High School dismissal is 2:30 PM.

Will students and staff be required to wear face coverings?

Yes, all students and staff at Lin-Wood will be required to wear face coverings unless they have a documented medical exemption. Face coverings will be required on the bus, upon entering/exiting the building and throughout the school (including in classrooms). There will be mask breaks during the school day as determined by the individual teachers. (Masks with exhalation valves, buffs, neck gaiters and bandanas will not be considered acceptable face coverings.)

What cleaning precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of students and staff?

Lin-Wood custodial staff will follow an increased cleaning schedule and use an electrostatic sprayer for disinfection.

Will there be more technology?

Yes, Lin-Wood is working to bring the entire school grades K-12 to 1:1 capacity. This means every student will have an assigned Chromebook to assist learning both in-person and remotely, if necessary.

What if we don't want to send our child back to school?

1. Students may choose to do VLACS courses. VLACS can be accessed on the web at <https://vlacs.org/>. Please contact the company for the availability of VLACS courses as soon as possible and contact Shawn Quinn at the High School.
2. Google Classroom is another option which enables flexibility for families. Teachers will be expected to use the Google Classroom suite and enroll all students including those who opt-out but would normally be in class to deliver instruction. Students would be getting feedback from teachers but will not receive individual direct instruction.
3. Plato may be available in some cases to recoup credit. Please contact Shawn Quinn at the High School for information.
4. Parents may choose to homeschool.

Will the school buses run?

Yes, the school buses will transport students. Students' temperatures will be checked prior to entering the bus. Face coverings are required for the duration of the bus ride.

What guidance is the SAU and school following to make decisions?

SAU 68 and Lin-Wood are using continually updated guidance from the NH Department of Education K-12 Back-to-School Guidelines, SAU 68 Reopening Committee, local data, local officials, NH Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control to help build the reopening plan.

Lin-Wood School Community Questions

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Will Students be given the opportunity to go outside while not masked?

Absolutely, Lin-Wood administration is promoting the use of the school grounds as much as possible. It is important to social distance, avoid large groups, and use face coverings. When appropriate face covering may be removed while outside. Recess at the elementary level will be observed and supervised by an adult.

What is the School's intent regarding skiing and band?

The district is continuing to look into co-curricular activities at this time with the goal of maintaining a schedule that reflects the same as before COVID.

The district will follow the NHIAA guidelines for safety regarding athletics.

Band and Chorus teachers are developing a system to allow for students to participate in these electives. Classes may be more about theory.

What is your methodology for determining the effectiveness of the current plan as it is implemented, and will you be incorporating community input in your evaluation?

The plan is fluid and is guided by recommendations from the NH Department of Education K-12 Back-to-School Guidelines, SAU 68 Reopening Committee, local data, local officials, NH Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control.

If one sibling has a fever, do all other siblings stay home?

Please refer to P. 31 of the district's Reopening Plan: Strong suspicions of COVID-19 will require siblings to be dismissed and monitored as well. This may be based on a case by case decision depending on the individual's circumstances. Changes may be made to this procedure based on current recommendations provided by the NH

DHHS, etc.

Students that have been sent home will be provided necessary course work and can utilize Google Classroom.

What happens if a teacher needs to quarantine because they or their child(ren) develop symptoms?

If a teacher is home with a child, Google Classroom could be implemented from the teacher's home with support staff in the classroom, however if the teacher has symptoms and is not feeling well, a full sub will be in the classroom.

Will there be Google Classroom training for parents?

Yes definitely, our Tech Integrator will be presenting for parents prior to school.

If a parent, student, or staff member travels outside of New England on public transportation (i.e. plane, bus, train, etc.), will they be required to quarantine?

Those traveling outside of New England on public transportation may be required to quarantine for 14 days.

Will sports take place with a Hybrid Schedule?

This is to be determined. We will consider NHIAA recommendations. A hybrid schedule doesn't mean that the school is unworthy of usage. Restrictions may apply to the capacity of the venue.

Will elementary recess take place with a Full Opening Schedule?

While students are in school, whether full time or hybrid, recess time will occur as usual, just not in large groups.

How are the schools enforcing face covering procedures?

The expectation is for all stakeholders to wear face coverings on the bus and while in and on school grounds. Including at desks and tables within classrooms. When appropriate face covering may be removed while outside.

How will education for students that opt-out of in-person learning take place ?

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AP courses for those who opt-out of school?

The district recommends using VLACS (<https://vlacs.org/>) to complete AP course work. Please contact the company for the availability of VLACS courses as soon as possible.

How will the school meet the educational needs of each student?

Every child will begin the year at their current performance level.

We are a competency-based district. All students are taught as to where they are performing at that moment. Teachers accommodate lessons to the abilities of all students and will continue regardless of where the students are being taught.

Will after-school programs continue?

The need for after-school programs will be assessed the first two weeks of school. The plan is for homework clubs in the Elementary and MHS to start approximately two weeks after school begins.

Community Center ASP will continue. The full-opening schedule allows for dismissal of attendees and workers to leave at the traditional times.

How does the Full Opening schedule differ from the Hybrid schedule?

Both schedules have the same start and finish times when designated to be in-school. Modified schedules are in place for those distance learning. The amount of screen time will be limited as per recommended guidelines.

Is it possible to mandate testing for all children before they go back to school?

Per federal law, public schools cannot compel students to have any medical testing or take medication.

Is it possible to hold off on going back into the school and on fall sports until November?

Parents have the option of sending their children to school or working remotely using Google Classroom, etc. Lin-Wood will follow the recommendations of the NHIAA for fall sports.