



WHAT IN-PERSON LEARNING WILL LOOK LIKE



**Springfield Public Schools
Return to School Plan
Dates and Days per Week by Student Sub-Groups**



Student Group	Grades	Dates of Return and Days per Week
<i>High Need Special Education</i>	Preschool – 12 th	<u>April 5, 2021</u> for five days each week
<i>Students with Interrupted or Limited Formal Education (SLIFE)</i>	Preschool – 12 th	<u>April 5, 2021</u> for five days each week
<i>Putnam</i>	10 th – 12 th (Shop Classes Only)	<u>April 5, 2021</u> for two or three days each week <u>TBD</u> for five days each week
<i>English Learners at Level 1 (not including SLIFE)</i>	Preschool – 5 th	<u>April 5, 2021</u> for five days each week
	6 th	<u>April 5, 2021</u> for five days each week
	7 th and 8 th	<u>April 26, 2021</u> for five days each week
	9 th – 12 th	<u>TBD</u> for five days each week
<i>All Other Students</i>	Preschool – 5 th	<u>April 5, 2021</u> for two or three days each week <u>May 3, 2021</u> for five days each week
	6 th	<u>April 5, 2021</u> for two or three days each week <u>May 10, 2021</u> for five days each week
	7 th and 8 th	<u>April 26, 2021</u> for two or three days each week <u>May 10, 2021</u> for five days each week
	9 th – 12 th	<u>TBD</u> for two or three days each week <u>TBD</u> for five days each week



Springfield Public Schools Return to School Plan Student Cohort Schedule for Hybrid Learning

The below chart identifies which cohorts of students attend school in-person or remotely by date.
Students who have opted to remain fully remote will continue learning remotely every day.

Please contact your student's school if you do not know your student's cohort.



Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	April 5 th	April 6 th	April 7 th	April 8 th	April 9 th
Cohort A	In-Person	In-Person	Remote	Remote	Remote
Cohort B	Remote	Remote	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
Cohort C	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	April 12 th	April 13 th	April 14 th	April 15 th	April 16 th
Cohort A	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	Remote	Remote
Cohort B	Remote	Remote	Remote	In-Person	In-Person
Cohort C	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	April 26 th	April 27 th	April 28 th	April 29 th	April 30 th
Cohort A	In-Person	In-Person	Remote	Remote	Remote
Cohort B	Remote	Remote	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
Cohort C	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person

** All students in PK through 5th grade start in-person learning five days per week on May 3rd **
The chart below applies to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders only

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	May 3 rd	May 4 th	May 5 th	May 6 th	May 7 th
Cohort A	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	Remote	Remote
Cohort B	Remote	Remote	Remote	In-Person	In-Person
Cohort C	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person

Starting on May 10th, all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders attend in-person learning five days per week.



Remote Education

Remote education until the end of the year remains a choice that all families have for their students.

School Uniforms

- School Uniforms are encouraged but are not mandatory.
- Students may wear other appropriate attire if they do not have access to a school uniform at this time.





Facilities and Cleaning

Facilities improvements to ensure ventilation in all school buildings meets ASHRAE Standards include:

- iWave Units installed in HVAC Systems.
- Fresh air intake increased.
- HVAC air filters upgraded to Merv-13.
- Carrier OptiClean “Air Scrubber” units installed.
- Exhaust fans set to on (bathrooms, kitchens, etc.)

Entering and Exiting Schools

- Students will remain 6 feet apart to the maximum extent possible.
- Cones or other markers will be used to identify social distancing outdoors.
- Students will utilize multiple entrances.
- Staff will be monitor student use of masks, social distancing and hallway activity.



Face Masks

- All students will be required to wear a face mask in school and on school grounds unless they have a medical exemption or are taking a mask break.
- Students will also be asked to practice Mask Breaks, which includes taking face masks off and putting them back on.

Classrooms

In classrooms, there will be:

- Student grouping and assigned seating
- Hand hygiene stations
- Social distancing
- Mask Breaks
- Cleaning/Disinfecting





Distancing of Desks

In the classroom, student desks will be **distanced** from other desks and will not move over the course of the day.



A student will stay at the same desk for the entire day, taking mask and meal breaks as appropriate.

Cleaning Procedures

- All classrooms and halls are equipped with touchless hand sanitizer units.
- Daily disinfection and sanitization of high touch points
- Daily cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms, locker rooms, shower room, and classroom sinks.
- Daily cleaning of floors.



Teachers will travel to their students and students will not move between classes.



Students will remain with the same group of students for the entire day.



Both of these steps are taken to protect student and staff health.

Moving Throughout the School

Transitions

- Transitions will be kept to a minimum
- Clear movement patterns will be followed to avoid crowding, maintain cohorts, and minimize unnecessary person-to-person interactions.
- There will be one-way movement patterns for hallways and cafeterias.
- Arrows will show movement patterns
- Class transitions will be staggered



Meals in Classroom

For almost all students, **breakfast and lunch will be in the classroom**, not in the cafeteria.



Meals

Meals will be distributed to each student one at a time while maintaining social distancing.

Students will:

- Use hand sanitizer
- Pickup their meal, paper towel, and sanitizing wipes
- Return to their desk
- Use a sanitizing wipe on their hands
- Wipe down their desk with the sanitizing wipe
- Place a paper towel on their desk
- Wait until all students have obtained their meal and returned to their seat
- Remove their mask and place the mask on the paper towel
- Eat and do not share food
- Put their mask back on
- Dispose of their trash one at a time

Meals

Visit our Facebook Page to watch a video detailing what our meal service will look like- including safety measures.



Using the Bathroom

- Students will not be allowed to use the bathroom during transition times
- Bathrooms will be assigned by classroom location and each school will have a plan for what classes have access to a particular bathroom at a particular time
 - For larger Bathrooms, multiple students can be allowed in the bathroom at the same time if they are from the same class/cohort
- Schools will use a bathroom sign-out system to reduce the number of students in bathrooms at one time and access to the bathroom will be monitored by a staff member
 - Staff will ensure that students use their own writing instruments for the sign out log
- Paper towels will be provided in every bathroom and air dryers will be disabled
- Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer before and after using the bathroom



Water Bottle Refilling Stations

- The water bubblers have all been turned off for health reasons. Each school has **water bottle refilling stations**, which can be accessed at limited times during the day.
- Students should bring a water bottle to school. A reusable water bottle will be provided for students who need one.

Lockers

Coats and backpacks will remain with students throughout the day as lockers will **not be permitted** for use.



Medical Waiting Room, Pool Testing & Notification

Medical Waiting Room: A separate physical space from the Nursing Office used exclusively for students presenting with COVID-19 symptoms.

- If the student's parent/guardian has signed the consent form for Abbott BinaxNOW rapid antigen testing, the student will be tested at school.
- Students entering the Medical Waiting Room will be given a surgical face mask and face shield to wear.

Pool Testing: After obtaining written consent, students will be regularly tested for COVID-19 as part of a pooled testing program. If the pool is negative, then all individuals are presumed to not have COVID-19. If the result of the test is positive, then all individuals in the pool will be retested individually.

Notification: If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID, school officials will engage health authorities to implement contact tracing and a school wide notification process.



On the Bus


- Buses will be sanitized during pre-trip.
- Parents must make sure their child is asymptomatic before entering the bus.
- Students will use hand sanitizer before entering the bus.
- Adults and students are required to wear masks on the bus. Extra masks will be available
- Windows will remain open/cracked.
- Students will exit the bus one at a time from front to back.
- THE CDC has removed spacing requirements for school bus travel, but SPS will seek to distance students as much as possible on school buses
- Bus drivers or monitors will keep daily attendance, and schools will maintain the attendance list for contact tracing purposes.

Visitors to school will be greatly restricted

Entrance into schools is limited to students and school staff only.

Schools will use Zoom or other teleconference means in place of person-to-person visits to schools by parents or guardians.

In the rare occasion that a parental or guardian visit to the school is required, it will be by appointment only.



We can't wait to get our
kids back in school!