

In January 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and the Governor of New York announced support for reopening schools while maintaining proper mitigation efforts in relation to COVID-19. This decision aligns with new research, which further emphasizes that surface transmission of COVID-19 is minimal.

In March 2021, the New York State Department of Health reiterated the guidance for inclassroom social distancing. As per the guidance, students must be 6 feet apart or separated by physical barriers in the classroom.

In response to these advancements in understanding COVID-19 in school settings, Yonkers Public Schools is adjusting instructional models outlined in the 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan.

On March 17, 2021, the Yonkers Board of Education adopted Resolution 11.2 to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to increase in-person instruction to 4 days for students who are currently enrolled in the Hybrid Model Cohorts/Groups A and B, as detailed below. This combined group will be referred to as Cohort/Group E.

As outlined in Addendum to Appendix 6: Teaching and Learning Daily Instruction dated August 20, 2020, students enrolled in Cohort/Group C will continue 4 days of instruction, Cohort/Group D will continue 100% Online Remote instruction and Wellness Wednesday will continue.

4 Days of In-Person Instruction

Sample Weeks for Cohort: Groups C and E						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday
Regular Week	Day 1	Day 2	Flex Day Wellness Wednesday Select Multilingual and Integrated Co- Teaching students ½ Day Morning In-Person		Day 3	Day 4
4 Day School Week	Schools Closed or Students Not in Attendance	Day 1	Day 2		Day 3	Day 4
	In-person Instruction			Online Remote Instruction		

Sample Learning Delivery Schedule for Cohorts/Groups C and E In-Person Instruction



2020-2021 School Reopening Plan Addendum to Appendix 6: Teaching and Learning Return to Learn 4 Days of In-Person Instruction Revision March 17, 2021

Classroom and Public Space Settings for Grades Prekindergarten through 12

Four days of in-person instruction will be provided pursuant to the Yonkers Public Schools 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan, Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Addendum to Appendix 6 Revision August 20, 2020 as well as current CDC, New York State Education Department (NYSED) and State and County Departments of Health (DOH) social distancing guidelines and guidance.

Yonkers Public Schools will continue to adhere to all health and safety guidelines include but are not limited to: 1) wearing face coverings, 2) maintaining 6 feet of social distancing or less with barriers, 3) frequent hand washing or sanitizing, and 4) daily temperature checks and health attestations.

In classrooms and public spaces where social distancing may need to be adjusted to retain the number of individuals required to be accommodated, NYSED approved portable barriers will be installed as needed.

Requests to Switch from Cohort/Group D 100% Online Remote Instruction to Cohort/Group E 4 Days of In-Person Instruction

In cases where the in-person attendance for Cohort/Group E is less than what can be physically accommodated in classroom spaces, Yonkers Public Schools will consider requests to switch students from Cohort/Group D to Cohort/Group E if parents/caregivers have previously expressed interest to switch their child(ren) from Remote Instruction (Cohort D) through the Return to Learn Campaigns.