



# Westport Public Schools

## School Reopening Plan

### 2021-2022

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# Guiding Principles

- ▶️ **Safeguarding** the health and safety of students and staff;
- ▶️ Returning to **in person schooling** is a priority;
- ▶️ **Monitoring** the school, students, and staff and, when necessary, quarantining students/staff to appropriately contain COVID-19 spread;
- ▶️ Emphasizing **equity, access, and support** for all students, especially cohorts with specific educational and developmental needs;
- ▶️ Reopen with instructional models and schedules that allow staff to address **academic as well as the social emotional needs of students**;
- ▶️ Fostering effective **two-way communication** with families, educators, and staff; and
- ▶️ Ensuring plans **conform with federal, state and local mandates.**



# Health and Safety

- ◆ **Stay home if you have symptoms associated with COVID-19**

Students and staff must stay home if they have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19. If an unvaccinated student or staff member has been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 they should also remain home and follow quarantine procedures.

- ◆ **Face coverings or masks are required**

Per CDC recommendations and State guidelines, it is required that all staff and students wear face coverings while at school and on the bus. In the event CDC recommendations and/or State guidelines are modified, this procedure may be adjusted.

- ◆ **Social distancing is required to the extent possible**

Students must maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Students are expected to practice social distancing when entering and exiting the building, in classrooms, and moving throughout the school.



# Health and Safety

## ◆ **Frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing**

Students must engage in frequent hand washing or sanitizing upon arrival, before and after meals, after bathroom use, and after coughing or sneezing.

## ◆ **Lunch:**

Lunch may be served in the school cafeteria. Masks should be worn before and after eating. Hands should be washed before and after lunch. Sanitation for school kitchens will follow safety protocols as determined by the public health department.

## ◆ **Recess:**

Recess will be offered daily to children when they are physically present at school. Recess will be offered outdoors if possible. Staff members should be available to monitor students and provide reminders about physical distancing as needed. During active play, specifically outdoors, masks will not be required.



# Facilities and Operations

## Infection Control Measures:

- Alcohol based hand sanitizer will be available at all schools and in all classrooms.
- Signage in high traffic areas that will educate students and staff and serve as reminders of ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Signs will remain throughout schools in highly visible locations such as at school entrances and bathrooms that promote healthy protective measures such as hand washing and social distancing.



# Facilities and Operations


## Cleaning and Disinfection Efforts:

- In addition to routine cleaning, high touch surfaces including door handles, handrails, keyboards, desks and tables will be cleaned at least daily utilizing disinfectant products approved by the FDA and effective against COVID-19.
- A disinfecting atomizer treatment will occur at the end of the school week and immediately following any known outbreaks. Cleaning log with dates and types of cleaning will be maintained.



# Continuity of Learning

## Elementary Schools

- ▶  Classroom differentiation
  - Professional development from Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, focused on differentiation during the reading and writing workshop k-2
  - Professional development for teachers in the area of mathematics, focused on differentiation and small group instruction
  - Professional development for classroom paraprofessionals to support individual and small group instruction
  - WIN (What I Need) block has been added to the elementary schedule
  - Professional development for teachers to support effectiveness of WIN time





# Continuity of Learning




## Middle Schools

- ▶ **Expansion of the Response to Intervention Program**
  - Ensure the district has appropriate staffing to support student needs and meet the increase number of students receiving mathematics interventions at the middle school level
  - Addition of instructional materials to support reading and math interventions
  
- ▶ **Implementation of 6-8 tutoring program**
  - Before and after school tutoring in mathematics
  - Math tutoring will be offered by Staples Math Honors Society (virtual and in-person)
  - Teachers will offering small group tutoring sessions Monday through Thursday outside of regular school hours



# Continuity of Learning

## High School

- ▶  Addition of Writing Lab
- ▶  Expansion of Mathematics Lab to include before and after school tutoring
  - Teachers will offer individual or small group tutoring sessions Monday through Thursday (in-person and virtual)
- ▶  Stress reduction and socialization opportunities during the school day
  - Yoga Classes
  - Meditation Classes
  - Open gym opportunities
  - Fitness center



# Continuity of Learning

## Social and Emotional Supports

### Tier 1

- Review and revise SEL curriculum
  - RULER/Responsive Classroom, Developmental Counseling, Connections
  - Health and PE curriculum
  - Universal Dialectical Behavior skills
  - Link Crew (9th grade)
- Professional Development on SEL

### Tier 2

- Individual and small group supports/counseling
- Consultation with parents, school teams, community agencies
- Bridge Program (grades 9,10), Wellness Seminar

### Tier 3

- Intensified supports and services
- Referral to Special Education or Section 504
- Effective School Solutions (9-12)



# Elementary Schedule

9:00	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	
9:15	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	
9:30	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	
9:45						
10:00						
10:15						
10:30	Music	PE	PE	Music	Art	
10:45						
11:00	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	PE		
11:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
11:30						
11:45	WIN	WIN	WIN	WIN	WIN	
12:00						
12:15	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	
12:30						
12:45						
1:00						
1:15	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	
1:30						
1:45	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	
2:00						
2:15						
2:30		Science/SS		Science/SS		Science/SS
2:45						
3:00						
3:15	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	
3:30						
3:45	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	



# Middle School Schedule

## Full In-Person Model: BMS ENCORE Sample Schedule

**Gr. 6 ENCORE:**  
Periods 3, 8, 9

**Gr. 7 ENCORE:**  
Periods 4, 5, 7

**Gr. 8 ENCORE:**  
Periods 1,2, 6

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:39 am <b>9 minutes</b>	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
8:42-9:23 am <b>41 minutes</b>	Gr. 8 Period 1	Gr. 6 Period 9	Gr. 8 Period 1	Gr. 6 Period 9	Gr. 8 Period 1
9:26-10:07 am <b>41 minutes</b>	Gr. 8 Period 2	Gr. 6 Period 3	Gr. 8 Period 2	Gr. 6 Period 3	Gr. 8 Period 2
10:10-10:51 am <b>41 minutes</b>	Gr. 6 Period 3	Gr. 8 Period 2	Gr. 6 Period 3	Gr. 8 Period 2	Gr. 6 Period 3
10:54-11:35 am <b>41 minutes</b>	Gr. 7 Period 4	Gr. 7 Period 7	Gr. 7 Period 4	Gr. 7 Period 7	Gr. 7 Period 4
11:38-12:19 pm <b>41 minutes</b>	Gr. 7 Period 5	Gr. 7 Period 4	Gr. 7 Period 5	Gr. 7 Period 4	Gr. 7 Period 5
12:22-1:03 pm <b>41 minutes</b>	Gr. 8 Period 6	Gr. 7 Period 5	Gr. 8 Period 6	Gr. 7 Period 5	Gr. 8 Period 6
1:06-1:47 pm <b>41 minutes</b>	Gr. 7 Period 7	Gr. 6 Period 8	Gr. 7 Period 7	Gr. 6 Period 8	Gr. 7 Period 7
1:50-2:31 pm <b>41 minutes</b>	Gr. 6 Period 8	Gr. 8 Period 6	Gr. 6 Period 8	Gr. 8 Period 6	Gr. 6 Period 8
2:34-3:15 pm <b>41 minutes</b>	Gr. 6 Period 9	Gr. 8 Period 1	Gr. 6 Period 9	Gr. 8 Period 1	Gr. 6 Period 9



# High School Schedule

## Full In-Person Model: Sample Schedule featuring Connections Time

A	B	C	D
8:00-8:45 am 1	8:00-8:45 am 2	8:00-8:45 am 3	8:00-8:45 am 4
8:50-10:05 am 2	8:50-10:05 am 3	8:50-10:05 am 4	8:50-10:05 am 1
10:10-10:30 am Connections	10:10-10:30 am Connections	10:10-10:30 am Connections	10:10-10:30 am Connections
10:35-11:20 am 3	10:35-11:20 am 4	10:35-11:20 am 1	10:35-11:20 am 2
11:25-11:55 am 5	11:25-11:55 am 6	11:25-11:55 am 7	11:25-11:55 am 8
12:00-12:30 pm 5	12:00-12:30 pm 6	12:00-12:30 pm 7	12:00-12:30 pm 8
12:35-1:05 pm 5	12:35-1:05 pm 6	12:35-1:05 pm 7	12:35-1:05 pm 8
1:10-1:55 pm 8	1:10-1:55 pm 7	1:10-1:55 pm 6	1:10-1:55 pm 5
2:00-2:45 pm 7	2:00-2:45 pm 8	2:00-2:45 pm 5	2:00-2:45 pm 6



**Questions?**