



Audubon Public Schools

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Dear Audubon School Community:

On Wednesday, August 5, 2020, the Administrative Team and members of the Reopening Plan Committee (ROPC) will be formally presenting the Audubon Public School District Reopening Plan (APSD-ROP) for the 2020-2021 school year. This is an adaptive and ever-evolving plan that addresses instructional models from “All-In” at-school to “All-Out” at-home learning. The APSD-ROP used three critical lenses to focus our work which included Health & Safety, Student Learning, and Stakeholder Needs.

After reviewing [New Jersey Department of Education](#) (NJDOE), [Center for Disease Control & Prevention](#) (CDC), and Camden County Department of Health (DOH) guidance and guidelines, the Audubon Public School District Reopening Plan opens the year with a **Hybrid Learning Model**. Students will be assigned to either the Green or Gold Cohorts. The Green Cohort will attend in-person instruction on Monday and Tuesday and the Gold Cohort will attend in-person instruction on Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays and non-in-person days, students will participate in off-site at-home remote learning. Families may opt for full remote instruction on a semester by semester basis (Haviland (HAS) & Mansion (MAS) Trimester and Junior-Senior High (AHS) Semester/Quarters); full-remote students will be assigned to the Purple Cohort. The Red Cohort will consist of students with special needs and may include students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) and/or our English Language Learners. Not all students with IEPs will be assigned to the Red Cohort. Preschool will only be available for identified preschool disabled students for the 2020-2021 school year; no tuition-based general education students will be registered for Preschool at this time.

	Monday/Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday/Friday
Green Cohort	In-Person	All Remote Instruction 	Remote Learning
Gold Cohort	Remote Learning		In-Person
Red Cohort	In-Person		In-Person
Purple Cohort	Remote Learning		Remote Learning

Health & safety was a priority in our APSD-ROP. All students and staff will be screened daily; **temperature checks** will be part of this process. In addition, everyone will be **required to wear PPE** throughout the school day. Our cleaning resources, procedures, and protocols have been updated and meet or exceed CDC and DOH guidelines. Based on our infrastructure (classroom size and availability) and resources (staffing) it was determined that the best model to assure the health and safety of our students and staff included **following a modified early dismissal schedule**. Meals will be available for all students whether attending in-person instruction or learning remotely; however, **lunches will be eaten off-site**.

In partnership with our students, families, and communities, the Audubon Public Schools will educate all students by providing motivating and challenging learning experiences embedded in technology that prepare them to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels, in a safe setting of mutual respect, in order to develop ethical, productive citizens who will contribute to the local and global community.

The District will be working with and permitting the Keep Elementary Youth Safe (KEYS) Program to run within Haviland Avenue and Mansion Avenue elementary schools. KEYS will be offered for registered students when they are attending in-person instruction (MT or RF) on afternoons only. There will be no morning KEYS at this time. Participants will be limited. Families will be able to apply for the lottery for their children. Applicants will be prioritized in the following order; 1) First Responders, 2) Caregivers that Work Outside of the Home, and 3) Work From Home status. Siblings will be co-assigned; in other words, if a sibling is chosen, their sibling will be offered a spot as well. In order to be considered, the students will need to be able to follow all KEYS procedures and protocols as well as CDC guidelines; students must social-distance and wear a face mask as directed. More information will be shared by KEYS.

To properly prepare the faculty and staff for the changes in safety protocols and instruction, the ROPC will be recommending that the Board of Education approve a change to the school calendar that includes making the first three school days (September 1, 2, and 3) full teacher in-service days. **The first day for students under this revision would be Tuesday, September 8, 2020.** Additional calendars to be shared with families include the elementary school 6-Day schedule and the District-wide Green & Gold schedule.

The Board of Education Meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 will begin with a closed session at 6:30 PM. The Open Session typically begins at 7:00 PM. The Board meeting will be accessible via Zoom for the first 988 audiences members. The meeting will also be broadcasted on our *new APSD YouTube Channel*. Additional information will be shared about how to view and make comments during the Board meeting early next week. Due to the nature of this meeting, the APSD-ROPC will attempt to respond to comments and questions after the formal presentation.

The District administration will be sharing a family survey via the Genesis portal on Thursday, August 6, 2020. The purpose of this survey will be to gather family preferences for their child(ren)'s instruction for the first semester. **In order to move forward, the administrative team needs to know which students will be opting for the full remote model.** A Frequently Asked Question (FAQs) page will be added to the District website; this page will include a link to a survey in order to gather and address additional family and staff questions; the survey will close on August 14, 2020.

Calendar dates *At-a-Glance* include:

- August 5, 2020 - Reopening Plan Presented
- August 6, 2020 - Family Survey Opened (Will you be opting for fully remote instruction?)
- August 10, 2020 - Family Survey Closed
- August 14, 2020 - On-Line FAQs Survey Closed for Faculty, Families, and Staff
- August 19, 2020 - Formal APSD Reopening Plan Recommended to BOE for Formal Adoption
- August 21, 2020 - Junior-Senior Student Cohort Assignments Available in Genesis
- August 21, 2020 - MAS Homeroom Assignments Mailed Home
- August 24, 2020 - HAS Homeroom Assignments Mailed Home
- August 24 through September 4, 2020 - Refinements to Student Class and Course Assignments
- September 1, 2, & 3 - Teacher In-Service Days
- September 4, 2020 - AHS Student Schedules Available in Genesis
- September 4, 2020 - HAS & MAS Homeroom Assignments Available in Genesis
- September 8 & 9 - Green Cohort Attends for In-Person Instruction
- September 10 & 11 - Gold Cohort Attends for In-Person Instruction

It is not safe for the District to come back to 100% in-person instruction at this time. It is not physically possible to follow and adhere to the social-distancing guidelines in all locations including but not limited to classrooms, hallways, and public spaces. Please feel free to reach out to me with any comments, questions, and/or suggestions.

Be safe.



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