



North Arlington Public Schools

2020-2021 Phase Three Expansion Guide

(May 17, 2021 – June 18, 2021)

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Restart & Recovery Tentative Schedule (2020-2021)



Please note that this schedule outlines **Phase III (May 17, 2021 – June 18, 2021)** of our Restart and Recovery Plan. Since this is an ongoing process, it is subject to change as directed by the NJDOE or as dictated by changing circumstances of the COVID19 pandemic.

- Appropriate social distancing measures in place
 - Daily thermometer screenings upon entry
- Masks required for all students and staff, unless doing so would inhibit the individual’s health
 - PreK-12 (5) Days per Week
 - Daily “Grab & Go” school meals for all students

“FV” Represents the cohort of students choosing to attend under our Fully Virtual Learning Model

All PreK Classes (Roosevelt, Washington, NAHS & Sunshine Childcare)*						
Type	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-Person	8:30 - 12:30	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort A
Google Meet	1:30 – 3:00	Small Group Instruction M/F & Parent Conferences T/R				

All Elementary Schools (K-5)*						
Type	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-Person	8:30 - 12:30	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B
Google Meet	8:30 - 12:30	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV
Google Meet	1:30 - 3:00	Scheduled Small Group Instruction				Parent Calls

Veterans Middle School (6-8)*						
Type	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-Person	7:50 - 12:00	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B
Google Meet	7:50 - 12:00	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV
Google Meet	1:00 - 2:30	Scheduled Small Group Instruction				Parent Calls

North Arlington High School (9-12)*						
Type	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-Person	7:50 - 12:00	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B	Cohort A&B
Google Meet	7:50 - 12:00	FV	FV	FV	FV	FV
Google Meet	1:00 - 2:30	Scheduled Small Group Instruction				Parent Calls

Please see the schedule for all Wednesdays within this timeframe:

(5/19/21) – 4-Hour Hybrid Session with Scheduled Small Group Instruction

(5/26/21) – Full School Day Hybrid Session – Regular Schedule – Lunch Served
 PreK-5 (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) / VMS (7:50 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.) / NAHS (7:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.)

(6/2/21) – Full School Day Hybrid Session – Regular Schedule – Lunch Served
 PreK-5 (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) / VMS (7:50 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.) / NAHS (7:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.)

(6/9/21) – Full School Day Hybrid Session – Regular Schedule – Lunch Served
 PreK-5 (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) / VMS (7:50 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.) / NAHS (7:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.)

Wednesday (6/16/21) – 4-Hour Hybrid Session – No Scheduled Small Group Instruction

* Please note that this schedule is subject to modifications as needed and/or required.

Summary of Schedule & Information

- All students attending in-person learning as part of *Phase III Expansion– Hybrid Learning Model* may attend class five days per week.
- All grades PreK-12 had the option of taking part in our *Phase III Expansion – Hybrid Learning Model* beginning on May 17, 2021. Families may have also chosen to keep their child(ren) in the Fully Virtual Learning Model.
- Schedules will mirror those in place right now, regardless of whether a student is placed in our Hybrid Learning Model (In-Person & Virtual) or Fully Virtual Learning Model.
- Please see page 3 of this document for specific information on Wednesdays.

Screening: Requirements for School Entry

Daily Arrivals

In order to keep our North Arlington School Community safe and healthy, we are asking for your help. Please refer to this checklist each morning to determine if you should send your child to school each day.

1. Has your child had any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours?
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Fatigue
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

If yes, **please keep your child home** and note that your child may **not return to school** until they have met **one** of the following conditions:

- A negative viral test for SARS-CoV-2
- Or**
- They have completed an isolation period of at least 10 days since symptoms appeared **and** they have been fever-free for 24 hours without medication **and** their symptoms have improved.

Please note that an alternative diagnosis from your doctor is no longer acceptable.

2. Has your child traveled out of our region (New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware)? If your child **is not fully vaccinated** with the COVID19 vaccine, **please keep your child home** and follow these guidelines for quarantine and testing suggestions based on NJDOH and CDC recommendations:
 - Travelers should consider getting tested with a viral test (not an antibody test) 3-5 days after arriving back in NJ - **please note that testing is strictly voluntary and is not required by the North Arlington School District**

- If travelers test positive, they should **self-isolate for at least 10 days after arriving back in NJ and contact their local health department and the school district**
 - If travelers test negative, they should **quarantine for a full 7 days after arriving back in NJ and provide the negative results of their test to the school district**
 - If travelers do not wish to test, testing is not available, or if the results are delayed, **travelers should quarantine for 10 days after arriving back in NJ**
3. Has your **unvaccinated** child been identified as a close contact of anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days? If yes, **please keep your child home** and self-quarantine for 14 days from the last contact with that person.

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please keep your child home, notify your school nurse (listed below), and consult with your healthcare provider. Thank you for helping to keep our Viking Community safe, healthy, and happy!

- Anthony Elementary School: Helen Alarcon halarcon@navikings.org
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- Roosevelt Elementary School: Maria Fernandez mafernandez@navikings.org
- Washington Elementary School: Diane Devenio ddevenio@navikings.org
- Veterans Middle School: Judith Kommer jkommer@navikings.org
- North Arlington High School: Christina Bancroft cbancroft@navikings.org

Please note that quarantine and/or testing are no longer necessary after traveling within the United States or being identified as a close contact **if you are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID19 within the past three months**. You will be asked to provide proof of these circumstances to avoid self-quarantine recommendations if:

- It has been more than two weeks since you received your second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine;
- It has been more than two weeks since you received your first and only dose of Janssen/Johnson and Johnson vaccine; or
- You have clinically recovered from COVID19 in the past three months.

Temperature Checks

- Infrared thermometers will be used to take student temperatures. It is imperative that parents remain with their children until temperature checks are complete.
- All parents will be receiving information from their child(ren)'s school principal(s) with specific arrival information. Please anticipate arriving 15 minutes earlier than the traditional school schedule.
- Students will have their temperatures taken prior to boarding the school bus by school personnel.
- Students will have their temperatures taken prior to entering class.
 - In the event that a student has an elevated temperature, the student will be taken to an isolated area for a secondary screening administered by the School Nurse.
 - The School Nurse will provide families with guidance regarding reentry, based on individual findings. Additionally, the School Nurse may contact the North Arlington Department of Health for further information and guidance.

Face Coverings & Handwashing

- Face coverings must be worn on school property, at all times, by all visitors.
- The CDC does not recommend masks with exhalation valves or vents.
 - Visitors who have documented health reasons for not wearing a mask should contact the building principal(s) prior to visiting.
- All students must wear face coverings, as per Governor Murphy, unless it inhibits their health. If this is the case, please contact your child(ren)'s school principal(s).
- Additional masks may be provided for students, if needed.
- Handwashing breaks will be structured into the school day as a daily practice. Students are required to wash hands for at least twenty seconds at regular intervals during the school day and always before eating, after using the bathroom, and after blowing their nose, coughing, and/or sneezing. If washing with soap and water is not possible, washing with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) should be used.
- Students **may not** bring their own hand sanitizer.
 - Foaming alcohol hand sanitizer (80% alcohol antiseptic) will be provided by the district.
- Staggered mask-breaks, with safety precautions in place, will take place throughout the day as needed.
- Please note that as additional precautions, although not required, North Arlington Public Schools will have desk shields placed on all desks of our PreK-5 student population. Our students at Veterans Middle School and North Arlington High School will have the option of receiving a school-issued face shield, which can be worn in addition to the required face covering.

Reporting Positive COVID19 Cases

If you or your child test positive for COVID19, please contact the North Arlington Department of Health at (201) 991-6060, Ext. 123. **Please note that any individual waiting for the results of a COVID19 test should not attend in-person instruction until the results of that test (negative) have been provided to you. To further clarify, if your child tests positive, please immediately contact the North Arlington Department of Health at (201) 991-6060, Ext. 123, so that recommendations to self-quarantine can be provided to you. A negative test result, immediately after a positive test result, does not provide clearance for your child to attend in-person instruction. All positive test results are reported to the NJDOH so we will eventually identify all positive results.**

Arrival & Departure: General Procedures

- Please refer to the *Temperature Checks* section of this guide for all temperature checkpoints and procedures.
- Please refer to the *Face Coverings & Handwashing* section of this guide for mask-wearing procedures.
- In addition to face coverings, all students attending our Hybrid Learning Model should wear appropriate school uniforms when in-person. Please contact your child(ren)'s school principal(s) if you have any questions.
- All parents and students must follow the entry procedures outlined at each building.
- All parents and students must maintain social distancing and use identified social distancing markers outside and within all school buildings.
- During the transition phase, visitation will be restricted to emergencies only in order to **6** decrease foot-traffic and increase safety.

- When waiting for students to exit their assigned buildings, all parents should maintain social distancing.
- Certain outdoor areas may be restricted during entry/exit times to increase safety measures. Please respect all procedures in place.
- Please follow all social distancing procedures for “Grab and Go” lunches.

Cleaning & Air Quality

- Surfaces such as desks, chairs, doorknobs, handrails, and other frequently touched objects and areas will be routinely sanitized.
- A schedule of increased, routine cleaning and disinfecting will take place every evening after students, faculty, and staff leave the buildings.
- A deep cleaning of every building will take place throughout the day each Wednesday.
- Bathrooms and other shared spaces will be frequently sanitized and routinely disinfected.
- Counterstrike Electrostatic Sprayers with EPA approved Bioesque Botanical Disinfectant will be used for misting and disinfecting all areas throughout the buildings.
- MERV13 filters have been installed in all unit ventilators as well as in all roof type units and air handlers throughout all buildings.
- District-wide AC units have been power-washed, filters replaced, evaporators brushed down, drain lines cleaned, belts replaced, and pressures and operation of the units have been checked.

Safety & Security

Building Safety Procedures

- All CDC guidelines have been carefully reviewed. All requirements, as outlined in The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education and Governor Murphy's Executive Order 175 will be followed.
- Please refer to the *Screening: Requirements for School Entry* and the *Arrival and Departure: General Procedures* sections of this guide for more details about screenings and procedures for being on school grounds.
- All schools will continue to conduct fire and safety drills.
- School Safety Teams will continue with staff and students to ensure all safety guidelines are followed.
- The overall physical and emotional well-being of students will continue to be priorities for all staff.
- Locations of crossing guards and safe walking routes have been posted in the parent portal.

Please also remember that our PreK-5 classes are now equipped with desk shields, or “barriers,” as noted in Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 175, which states, “a. At least six (6) feet of distance between individuals in all settings to the greatest extent practicable or social distancing modifications, such as a physical barrier or turning desks to face the same direction, when six (6) feet of distance cannot be achieved.” The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are currently recommending that students should maintain a distance of at least 3 feet in classroom settings with universal masking.

Social and Emotional Wellness

- Counselors will continue to develop and lead Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programming for students during both in-person and virtual sessions.
- Counselors will continue to provide individual and small-group support for all students.
- Activities with focus on wellness, stigma-free themes, self-care and diversity will take place in both in-person and online classes.
- Staff wellness resources and programs will also be available to teachers, aides and support staff.
- Continued communication regarding the wellness of students is highly encouraged from all parents. Social, emotional and/or academic concerns should be shared with teachers, counselors, and building principals in order to collaborate and provide support for students.

School Counselors

Please feel free to contact your child(ren)'s school counselor(s) for social emotional and/or mental health resources.

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Classroom Procedures

Learning Environment & Activities

- Please see all procedures for entering classrooms highlighted in the *Screening: Requirements for School Entry* section of this guide.
- Classroom structures adhere to all guidelines set forth by Governor Murphy's Executive Order 175 and NJDOE's The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education.
- Rugs, stuffed toys, pillows, and other soft materials have been removed wherever possible.
- Classrooms will be cleaned daily, as highlighted in the *Cleaning & Air Quality* section of this guide.
- Socially distanced group activities will take place when possible.
- Outdoor learning activities will take place when possible and weather permitting.
- Gym and playground equipment will not be used or shared during the school day; however, playgrounds have reopened for after-hours, recreational use. Our custodial staff will be implementing routine cleaning procedures, and they will be disinfecting all high-touch areas, to comply with Governor Murphy's Executive Order 157.

- Socially distanced physical, tactile and mobility exercises/activities will continue to take place.
- Please note that when your child(ren) is/are in-person, no one from home should be logged into the child(ren)'s Gmail account attempting to monitor the class. In any situation when this occurs, the teacher will remove the account/non-student from the virtual classroom.
- In-person and virtual learning environments will continue to follow social, academic, and behavioral guidelines. These guidelines will be supported by district policies and procedures.
- As highlighted in the *Social and Emotional Wellness* section of this guide, counselors will be available to classroom students in both group and individual settings.
- PreK-5 students will be permitted to have a snack during in-person sessions. Snack time will take place outside or in a well-ventilated area. Please refer to the *Face Coverings and Handwashing* section of this guide for handwashing procedures.
 - In order to minimize foot traffic in and out of the buildings throughout the school day, it is imperative that students' snacks are not forgotten at home.
- School Uniforms – All students attending our Hybrid Learning Model should wear appropriate school uniforms when in-person. Please contact your child(ren)'s school principal(s) if you have any questions.
- Students who are working virtually are strongly encouraged to keep their cameras on during each lesson for purposes of accountability and engagement. During our hybrid and fully remote learning models, we identified some instances when students have not been responsive to teachers' requests, which has led to concerns and challenges. Please remember that we are now requesting that all students keep their cameras on during each lesson. We understand that there may be instances when a student cannot be physically present, and we will continue to remain flexible; however, we want to make sure that we're doing everything possible to keep our children fully engaged.

Attendance

- Hybrid (In-person Days)
 - Teachers will take the attendance of students on any day where students are assigned in-person instruction under the Hybrid Learning Model.
 - If a child is absent for assigned in-person instruction, but working virtually, please follow traditional virtual attendance procedures (below).
 - Please contact your child(ren)'s main office if your child(ren) is/are sick and unable to attend in-person learning. They may work virtually, but attendance must be logged.
- Virtual
 - Please make sure that you or your child(ren), depending on age-appropriateness, verify his/her/their attendance each morning before 9:00 a.m.
<https://tinyurl.com/NA-DailyAttendance1>

Materials

- Students will have individual work areas to retrieve and store supplies.
- Students in grades PreK-5 may be asked to bring a Chromebook/laptop as per teacher discretion. **PreK-5 students WILL NOT bring any Chromebook/laptop to in-person learning until notified by the classroom teacher.**

- All students in grades 6-12 with school-issued Chromebook/laptop must bring that device with them to school fully charged. Any student utilizing a personal Chromebook or laptop should make sure that the device is charged and clearly labeled.
 - Carrying cases for Chromebooks are currently available for school-issued devices. Principals will be providing more information.
- Shared classroom libraries and the Media Center will not be open for unrestricted use. Our teachers will provide students with individual books based on their interests, needs, and abilities.
- Materials will not be shared (e.g. calculators).

Restroom & Water Fountain Use

- Students with in-classroom bathrooms will primarily use those facilities on a daily basis, with handwashing procedures in place.
- Please refer to the *Face Coverings & Handwashing* section of this guide for more details about handwashing procedures.
- Students using hallway bathrooms must adhere to all social distancing guidelines.
- Students will not be permitted to drink directly from water fountains. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home that is clearly labeled. Water bottles will be on-site, if needed.
- Upgraded sink faucets, where appropriate.

School Meals

- Hybrid Learning Model
 - On days where students are in-person, “Grab and Go” lunch and the next day’s breakfast will be available at dismissal at each child’s school.
 - On days where students are virtual, “Grab and Go” lunch and the next day’s breakfast will be available from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the NAHS cafeteria.
- Virtual Learner
 - “Grab and Go” lunch and the next day’s breakfast will be available from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the following days: school days (Monday – Friday) at the NAHS cafeteria.

Public Health Recommendations for K-12 Schools

Please see updated recommendations for COVID19 Public Health Recommendations for schools:

https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/RecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts_K12Schools.pdf



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Phase II Hybrid Learning Model

WELCOME BACK

Example of Classrooms



Shields strategically placed, as needed.

Stanchions



Signage



We're committed to the well-being of our students and staff.



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*Promote
Daily Protective
Measures*

WELCOME BACK



YT-1 Infrared Thermometer



Counterstrike Electrostatic Sprayers –
Misting surface disinfecting system
with EPA approved Bioesque Botanical
Disinfectant Solution



**Foaming Alcohol Hand Sanitizer
Dispensers – 80% Alcohol
Antiseptic**



Micro-Dot 1 Minute Wipes –
Sani-Cloth Extra Large Surface
Area Disinfecting Wipes



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