



# PLAN ON THE SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

**2021-2022**

Approved by the BOE on August 9, 2021

***Vision:***

*The Nashua School District will be the model for excellence in public education for our students, staff, and community.*

***Mission:***

*The Nashua School District will educate the whole child to empower student success.*

***Values:***

*The Nashua School District values a passion for learning and the importance of integrity, trust, respect, empathy and tenacity.*

## Summary

This document provides an overview for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services for the 2021-2022 school year. The Nashua School District (NSD) leadership along with support from the Nashua Public Health & Community Services (DPHCS) composed this plan with the health & safety as well as the need for the continuity of services in mind. This plan will be revisited on an ongoing basis as it necessary by state and federal guidelines to receive state and federal funding. Finally, district goals have been aligned to this plan as well as the NSD Strategic Plan which focuses on four key areas: **student achievement, social emotional learning for all, family engagement, and health & safety.**

## Important Dates

### SY 2020-21

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| 08/08/20: | Remote learning (all students)   |
| 10/05/20: | Hybrid began for IEP students identified in need of in-person learning |
| 02/15/21: | Hybrid began for K-12 students (phased in over 4 weeks)                |
| 04/19/21: | Full-day, 5 days/week option   |

## Changes from 2020-21 Reopening Plan to 2021-22

- The NSD will return to regular daily operations prior to the pandemic.
- Remote learning will not be available.
- Synchronous learning will not be available.
- Face masks will continue to be worn by staff and students.
- Physical distancing will be utilized to the extent possible with the goal of at least 3-foot separation.
- Safer at-school screening testing will initially be available at the high-school level.
- The NSD will continue to follow the public health guidelines from the DPHCS.
- Parent volunteers will be permitted by following district policy and procedure(s) when community transmission is minimal.
- Before/after school programs will be permitted.

## II. Transparency and Accessibility

1. The final plan is posted on our NSD website ([www.nashua.edu](http://www.nashua.edu)).
2. The NSD is conducting a comprehensive needs assessment to assist with the planning and development of our response to the pandemic moving forward.
3. The plan is written in a concise format using the template provided by the Department of Education (DOE).
4. The plan was written in English. Spanish and Portuguese translations are available on the NSD website.
5. Alternative formats are available upon request by contacting the NSD office.

## III. Health & Safety

1. How NSD will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and Local Education Agent (LEA) staff:
  - a. SY20-21: NSD followed guidance from Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), DPHCS, and CDC, which were included in plans approved by the Board of Education (BOE).

- b. SY21-22: NSD will continue to follow the public health guidelines from DPHCS.
2. NSD's adoption of CDC health and safety strategies (local safety measures to be based on guidance provided by the CDC, DHHS, and DPHCS).
- a. Universal wearing of masks:  
 SY20-21: Yes  
 SY21-22: K-12 masks indoors
- The NSD will continue to follow the public health guidelines from the DPHCS.
- b. Physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding and modifying facilities)  
 SY20-21: Yes  
 SY21-22: Physical distancing will be utilized to the extent possible with the goal of at least 3-foot separation
- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:  
 SY20-21: Yes  
 SY21-22: Yes
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette were maintained during the SY20-21 per BOE approved plans. This practice will continue for the 2021-22 school year.
- d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:  
 SY20-21: Yes  
 SY21-22: Yes
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities were maintained during the SY20-21 per BOE-approved plans. This practice will continue for the 2021-22 school year.
- e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state and local health departments.  
 SY20-21: Yes  
 SY21-22: NSD will provide regular notifications.
- f. Diagnostic and screening testing:  
 SY20-21: Somewhat  
 SY21-22: Somewhat
- Diagnostic testing was completed during the SY20-21 in collaboration with the city public health department. Safe at-school screening testing will initially be available at the high-school level.
- g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities:  
 SY20-21: Yes  
 SY21-22: Yes
- Vaccinations were provided to school communities in collaboration with the DPHCS. Vaccinations will be provided to school communities as necessary.
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies:  
 SY20-21: Yes  
 SY21-22: Yes
- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies were provided during the SY20-21 per BOE-approved plans. This will continue for the 2021-22 SY.

- i. Coordination with state and local health officials:
  - SY20-21: Yes
  - SY21-22: Yes
    - NSD maintained coordination with state and local health officials during the 2020-21 SY. NSD will continue to coordinate with state and local officials during the 2021-22 SY.

#### IV. Continuity of Services

1. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student academic needs:
  - a. SY20-21: NSD provided continuity of services to address academic needs for the 20-21 SY
  - b. SY21-22: NSD has planned a full return to in-person learning for SY21-22.
2. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student social, emotional, mental, and other health needs, which may include student health and food services:
  - a. SY20-21: NSD provided continuity of services to address student social, emotional, mental and health needs including student health and food services.
  - b. SY21-22: NSD will continue to provide these services during the 21-22 SY.
3. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing staff social, emotional, mental, and other health needs:
  - a. SY20-21: NSD provided all services to address the social, emotional, mental, and other health needs during the 20-21 SY.
  - b. SY21-22: NSD will continue to provide all services to address the social, emotional, mental, and other health needs during the 21-22 SY.

#### V. Plan Review

1. The LEA will meet the federal regulatory requirement to review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Continuity of Services Plan at least every six (6) months through September 30, 2023.
  - a. YES
  - b. Description: Information will be available on the NSD website.
2. In doing so, the LEA will meet the federal statutory requirement to seek public input and take such input into account in determining whether to revise the plan and, if revisions are determined necessary, on the revisions it makes to its plans.
  - a. YES
  - b. Description: Information will be available on the NSD website.
3. In doing so, the LEA will also meet the federal regulatory requirement to address CDC safety recommendations and, if the CDC has updated its safety
  - a. YES

#### VI. Authority

LEA Superintendent's Signature:

Date:

