

2020-2021

Reopening Plans

Captain Isaac Paine School

Foster, RI

The Foster District *approved* Reopening Plan has 4 scenarios required by the RI Department of Education: Full In-Person, Partial/Hybrid (50% capacity), Limited (about 25% capacity) and Full Virtual. The Foster plan has been posted on our web page for reference.

Families wishing to register their student for the Virtual Academy for the 2020-2021 School Year may find more information on our RIDE Plan and the link below. [Foster Virtual Plan](#)

We will implement the plan that the state decides in mid-August. In order to meet individual student and family needs in Captain Isaac Paine School we plan to offer options for families to exercise choice about how their children return to schools for 2020-2021 - to the extent it is safely possible within CDC, RIDE, and RIDOH guidelines. We will offer options for:

- 100% in-person learning groups (five days a week);
- Partial/hybrid learning groups (students rotate between in person and virtual learning every 2 days); and
- 100% virtual learning groups (five days a week)

In the Partial/Hybrid Scenario students will attend either Tuesdays and Wednesdays OR Thursdays and Fridays. Distance learning will occur for students on alternate days that in person learning is not occurring.

Note: We are offering the option to select a hybrid learning experience because members of our community expressed strong interest in a hybrid model on the family survey. If the state requires students to participate in 100% full in-person learning or 100% virtual learning, we will contract families who select hybrid learning to select one of the state approved options.

**All Families are requested to register their child/children for bus transportation and for 100% in-person, hybrid, or 100% virtual learning using the form below.**

**Families will need to explicitly register for 100% full in-person, hybrid, or 100% full virtual learning through an online registration process.**

**\*The registration form must be completed by August 15th.**

**[Paine School Transportation, Virtual, and In-Person Registration](#)**

## **Transportation Commitment**

As we continue the planning for the safe reopening of school on August 31, 2020 we are striving to comply with state and federal transportation guidance. This guidance requires social distancing on buses, every student to wear a mask at all times, and students to sit in assigned seats that all face forward. These guidance documents limit the number of students who may ride a school bus at one time. The state also recommends that parents make arrangements to drive their children to school (potentially arranging carpools), or to pursue other options.

Parents of eligible students, who know they NEED a school bus, must OPT-IN for transportation for the school year. This will help our bus companies plan more precise bus routes. If parents/guardians do not register for bus transportation, those students will NOT be included on the bus rosters to allow for more efficient and accurate planning of routes. Students MUST ride the same bus for AM & PM if selecting transportation both ways.

We will try to accommodate all parents who opt-in to transportation. However, if requests for transportation exceed capacity, we will apply School Committee Policy when determining which students ultimately access district provided transportation. Current policy states no child shall be required to walk more than one (1) mile to a school bus stop or school building. We will do our best services to our students and families. However, if more families need transportation than state guidelines permit, this will not be possible this year.