

As the Livingston County R-III School District transitions into the 2021-2022 school year, the district wants to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff, and community. The district knows schools need to remain open so students can continue learning and develop the social and emotional connections necessary for growth. It is important for educators, families and communities to unite to provide the safest learning environment for our students and help to keep our schools open. Below you will find the Livingston County R-III School District Back to School Plan. If you have any questions regarding this plan please contact Mrs. Melissa Young at myoung@chulaschool.org.

Back to School Plan
Livingston County R-III School District, Chula Accelerated School
2020-2021

Before School

- Screening at home - Parent/Guardian will be provided a screening checklist following guidance by DHSS (Department of Health of Senior Services)
- Students should stay home if they are experiencing any of the listed symptoms
- Please have a back up plan in place for your student if they do not pass the screening checklist
- Please do not send your child if they have a temperature over 100 degrees
- Please do not give your student fever-reducing medication before school
- Wash hands before leaving home

Transportation

- Bus
 - Students will use hand sanitizer when loading bus
 - Students will be assigned seats (1 student per seat and alternating seats for physical distancing) or student families will sit together
 - Students will be seated back to front
 - It is also mandated that all students to wear masks or face coverings while riding the bus per US Department of Transportation Guidelines (US DOT)

Arrival at School

- School doors open at 7:20 am
- Parents should drop students off at the front entrance as students will be welcomed at the front door by a staff member
- No parents/guardians, grandparents, family members, or guests will be allowed past the front door
- Students will report to their classroom or breakfast shift
- Students will sanitize their hands at the classroom door or cafeteria door

Breakfast

- 5th-8th 7:20-7:40
- PK-4 7:40-8:00
- Classroom teachers will dismiss students to breakfast in designated grade-level shifts
- Students not eating breakfast at school do not need to arrive until 7:40 am and will report to their classroom
- Students will have assigned seating at breakfast
- Instead of morning rally, announcements will be over the intercom at 8:00 am

Lunch

- PK-2 11:05-11:30
- 5th-8th 11:45-12:10
- Students will have assigned seating at lunch

Recess

- The recess schedule will be determined once the daily schedule is created
- Recess will be separated into shifts to allow for fewer students congregating

Preventative measures taken throughout the day

- Multiple hand washing, sanitizing of desks and shared spaces
- No shared supplies
- When students meet in small groups or pairs where 3 feet of physical distancing cannot be met, they will be asked to wear their face shield or face mask
- Students will remain with the same group as much as possible
- Assigned seating in classroom and desks 3 feet apart for physical distancing
- Special classes will either be in the classroom, gym, or outside depending on the nature of the lesson for the day

Water fountains

- 3 water bottle filling stations throughout the building; water fountains will be open but water bottles are encouraged for students in grades 3-8 (must bring their own)
- Students will be provided individual water bottles/cups to remain at school if they are in grades Pk-2

Dismissal

- 3 year old preschool students will be dismissed at 3:05 pm out the gym doors
- 4 year old preschool students will be dismissed at 3:10 pm out the gym doors
- K-8th will be dismissed at 3:20 pm out the front doors
- Students will wait in their classroom for an announcement to be dismissed
- Students will be dismissed in this order: bus riders, car riders, walkers

Physical Distancing

- Pawprints on the hallway ceiling every 6 feet as a reminder of physical distancing
- Pawprints on the gym floor every 6 feet as a reminder of physical distancing

Technology

- Teachers (PK-8th) will be communicating with parents/guardians through the Seesaw app
- Students (K-8th) will be using Google classroom
- Students (K-8th) will have a Technology Waiver (on file with online enrollment)
- Students will be provided with usernames and passwords to be prepared for distance learning if the situation should arise
- Students (5th-8th) will be bringing their chromebooks home as assigned by their teacher
- Students (5th-8th) will have a \$20 Technology User Fee
- For those families without internet access, please contact Mrs. Hardie (limited hotspots are available for educational use); Hotspot Checkout Agreement required

Other

- Face masks provided for all students and staff upon request
- Extra sanitizing stations throughout the building
- Library books will be sanitized before restocking on shelves
- Masks/face coverings - Students may bring their own face masks from home though facemasking is highly recommended it is voluntary for students with parent permission once inside the school building
- Though attendance is necessary for success in school, perfect attendance awards will be waived this year, we strongly encourage parents/guardians to follow the screening checklist and keep their student home if they are displaying symptoms
- All regular school events will be determined on an as-needed basis
- Open House is August 18 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Classroom teachers will be available if needed by appointment only from 4:30-5:30 pm if you are uncomfortable entering the building at that time. Open House will be a "Welcome Back" in house event this year.

Preschool

- 3-year old program - 10 students max due to staffing requirements
- 4-year old program - 10 students max due to staffing requirements
- Preschool Tuition: Full \$200, Reduced \$185, Half \$105
- Enrollment will be based on preschool screening

Phases

- Phase 1 - School will start August 25 following the board approved 2021-2022 school calendar, in person, 5 days a week
- Phase 2 - Students/Staff will quarantine based on contact tracing and local health center guidance and will be provided course work through a virtual method of instruction for up to or exceeding 5 hours a week

- Phase 3 - PK-8th full Distance Learning implementation following AMI (Alternative Method of Instruction) approved plan for up to 36 hours