



# 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR DRAFT #1



# **2021-2022 GOAL**

To operate Ridgewood Public Schools at pre-pandemic norms.



# GUIDELINES

Ridgewood Public Schools will follow all current health and safety protocols in accordance with guidelines for PreK-12 schools as recommended by the Governor's Executive Orders, NJDOH, NJDOE, and the VOR Health Department.

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## SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN FOR FULL-TIME, IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION WITH LUNCH

- As per the Governor's current guidelines:
  - Parents and guardians will not be able to opt out of in-person instruction.
  - Remote learning will be permitted in the event that there is a localized outbreak or other emergency.





# PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

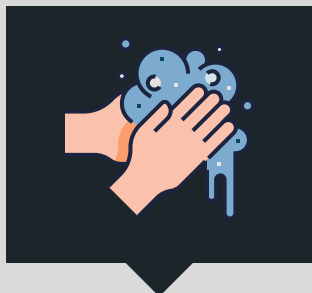
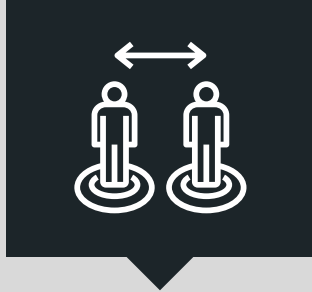
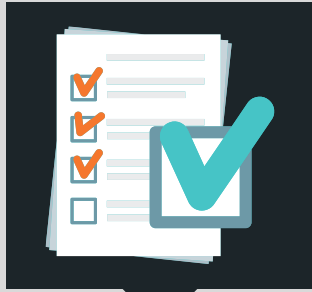
- Health & Safety Protocols
- Facilities
- Transportation
- Food Service
- Lunch
- Parent Involvement
- Academic Supports
- Mental Health Supports
- Shared Equipment
- Music
- After-school activities
- Remote Learning/Quarantine



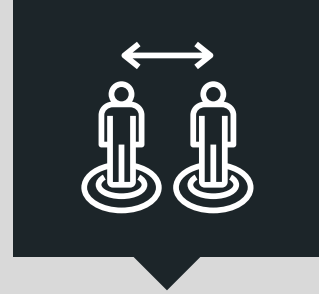
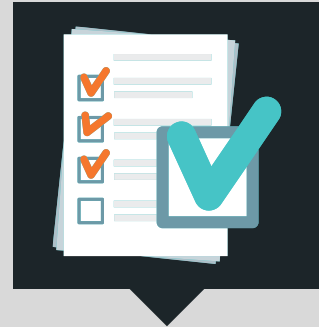
# HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

## Screening

- Parents and students are asked to review the Electronic Symptom Checking Questionnaire and keep students home from school when symptomatic; submission will not be required.
- Temperature checks will not be taken as students enter school.



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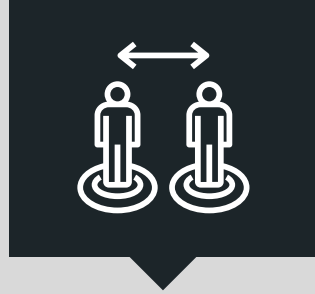
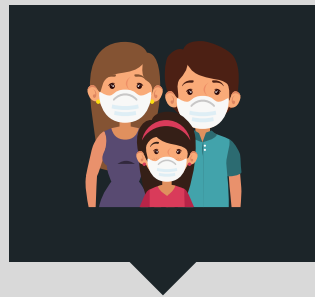


## Masks

### Possible Scenarios

- A. Masks are required in classrooms, as of June 28, 2021.
- B. Masks are optional in classrooms for students over 12 years of age.
- C. Masks are optional in classrooms.
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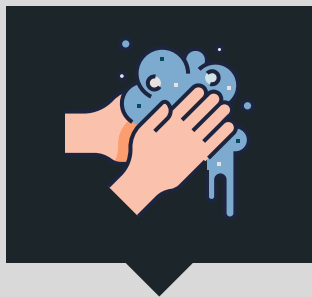
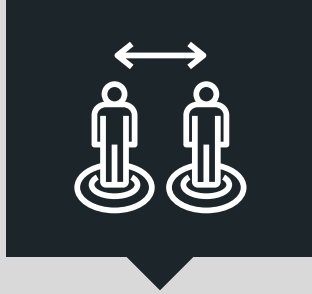
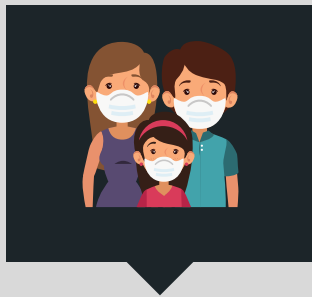


## Physical Distancing

- All instructional and non-instructional spaces will be configured to maintain physical distance to the maximum extent practicable while considering best instructional practices and the risk/benefit for the physical, mental, and social-emotional health of students and staff.



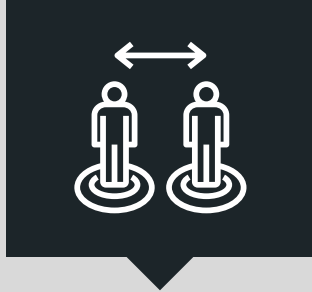
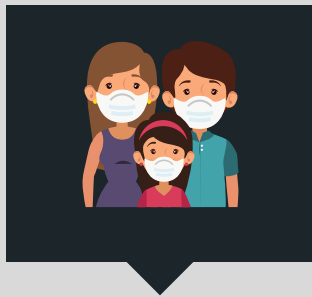
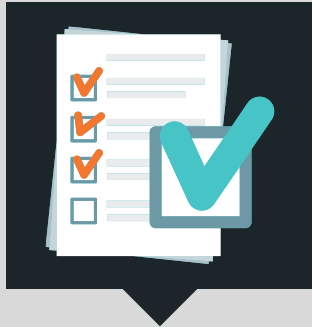
# HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS



## Handwashing

- Hand sanitizer stations are located at all entrances and throughout the buildings.
- Proper handwashing protocols will be reinforced in all schools.
- Signs are posted as reminders.

# HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS



## Water Fountains/Water Bottle Filling Stations

- Water fountains and water bottle filling stations are open for use.

# FACILITIES

## **Cleaning & Disinfecting**

- 3-step process:
  1. Remove soil, giving attention to high touch surfaces
  2. Use hospital grade disinfectant on hard surfaces
  3. Re-sanitize rooms with electrostatic spray applicators and hydrogen peroxide-based disinfectant
- Appropriate cleaning is completed before, during, and after lunch.

## **Ventilation**

- All room unit-ventilators and rooftop units are operable and in good repair.
- Units are maintained, and filters are changed per manufacturer's specifications.
- All windows are operable with opening restrictions for student and personnel safety.
- Air conditioner units and filters are maintained per manufacturer's specifications.



# TRANSPORTATION

## Possible Scenarios

- A. Board approved contracts with bus companies to provide transportation to eligible students will follow normal school schedules.
- B. If bus companies are unable to fulfill their contract, RPS will contract with other vendors.
- C. If no other bus companies are available, this may be declared an emergency by the County and/or State, and the District will be able to ask parents to transport their children to school.

# FOOD SERVICE

## Possible Scenarios

- Pomptonian will be fully staffed and ready to serve students.
- All food items and lunch meals will be pre-packaged if buffet style service is not allowed.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch.
- Open Campus is available for RHS students who have received parent permission.
- Parents of PreK-8 students may sign their child out for lunch.

# K-5 LUNCH

## Possible Scenarios

- A. Lunch will operate following pre-pandemic norms.
- B. Some grade levels will eat lunch in the cafeteria, and some grade levels will eat lunch in the classroom sitting 3 feet apart. When appropriate, some cohorts may be able to eat lunch outdoors.
- C. If students need to sit more than 3 feet apart, lunch may be held in the cafeteria, gymnasium, libraries, and in classrooms; varied levels of support are needed for supervision in additional spaces. When appropriate, some cohorts may be able to eat lunch outdoors.



# 6-8 LUNCH

## Possible Scenarios

- A. Lunch will operate following pre-pandemic norms.
- B. Three sessions of lunch in the cafeteria and gymnasiums; students may go outside.
- C. If students need to sit more than 3 feet apart, lunch will be expanded to include use of classrooms and other spaces while eating. Varied levels of support are needed for supervision in additional spaces. When appropriate, some cohorts may be able to eat lunch outdoors.

# 9-12 LUNCH

- Open campus will be available.
- Students will be able to use the cafeteria, Campus Center, and a gymnasium.
- Students will be able to meet in classrooms with club advisors during lunch.

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

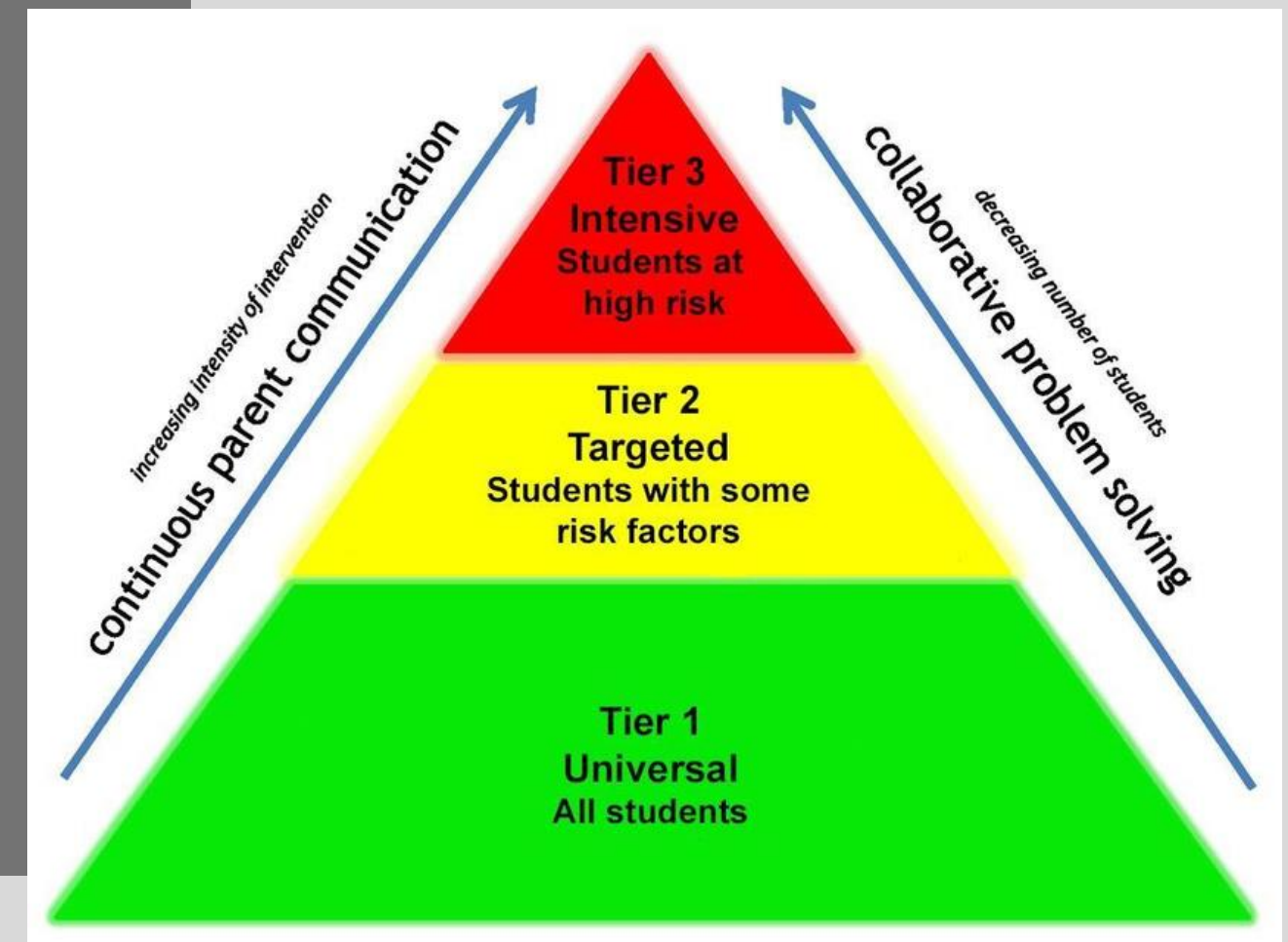


- Parent volunteers will be allowed in the buildings.
- Information about becoming a substitute/lunch aide is posted on the district website under District News.
- The facilities used by the Community School and parent organizations will be fully available.
- Advertisements for aides and substitutes have been sent out to assist with lunch coverage.



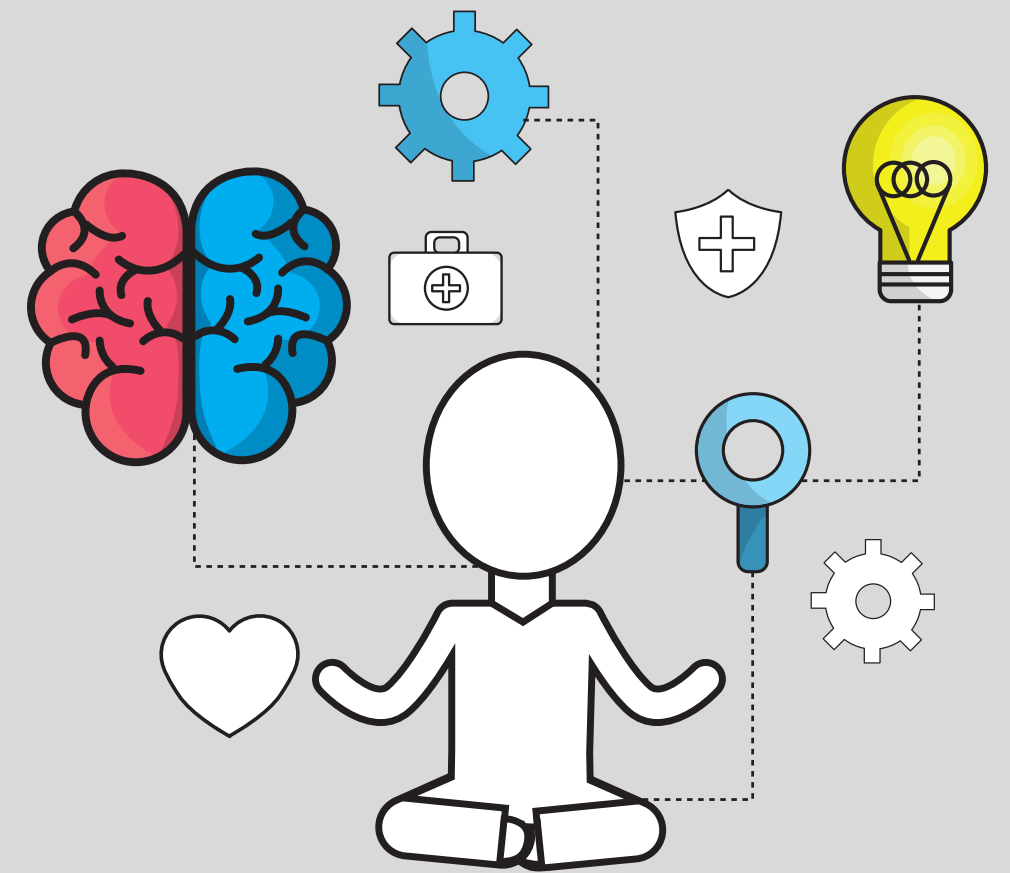
# ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

- Summer programs
- Intervention & Referral Services (I&RS)
- Guidance Counselors at all buildings
- Normal after-school support, where appropriate
- Summer professional development will support teachers' transition to the fall.
- Start Strong Assessments will provide additional data about student performance.



# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

- Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)
- Framework of Support
  - Teacher
  - Guidance Counselor
  - Intervention & Referral Services (I&RS)
  - Crisis Intervention Counselors
  - Care Plus
- Summer & Fall Teacher Professional Development





# SHARED EQUIPMENT

Classroom materials, physical education supplies, art supplies, and playground equipment will be used in accordance with pre-pandemic norms.





# MUSIC

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# AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

- All after-school activities, including athletics and clubs, will follow pre-pandemic norms.
- All adult after-school and evening programs will follow pre-pandemic norms.



# REMOTE LEARNING/QUARANTINE

- Remote learning may be used in the event of a localized outbreak. All schools would revert to virtual instruction for the duration of the temporary shutdown.
- In the event that a student has to quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure, the student may be permitted to:
  - K-5 - work with a permanent substitute for instruction
  - 6-12 - join class virtually and/or other solutions
- Close contact is defined as someone within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer within 24 hours regardless of wearing a mask. Unvaccinated students would have to quarantine.

# TRAVEL

Ridgewood Public Schools will follow all travel guidelines as recommended by the Governor's Executive Orders, NJDOH, NJDOE, and the VOR Health Department.

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# OVER THE SUMMER

The RPS community will be updated over the summer as guidance becomes available. Information will be posted to the website.



We look forward to a great  
2021-2022 school year!

