

In-person Instruction Update

January 19, 2021

*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



[2020-21 School Year Calendar](#)

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Next SMART Day: Wednesday, January 27

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Weekly DuPage County COVID-19 Metrics for Schools

This week DuPage County remains at the substantial level of transmission. The metrics have shown improvement since November. Two of the four metrics, number of new cases and youth cases, are at the minimal level of transmission. The other two metrics, percent positivity and case count per 100,000 people, are at the substantial level of transmission, though they are both showing improvement. **Important Note: The metrics are always for the week prior to posting.** We will continue to monitor closely, and we will continue to speak with the DuPage County Health Department weekly. Daily case counts in DuPage County are consistently have gone from 600-800 cases per day in late November/early December to 200-400 cases per day currently. This is great news, though there is still improvement needed, and it is critical that we remain vigilant with wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, and quarantining/isolating when there has been exposure, symptoms, and/or positive cases.

After two weeks back in school, we do not have any cases of COVID-19 among students or staff.

COVID-19 reminder

Has someone in your household been tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms? ***If so, all students in the household must remain home.*** Please contact your school health office if you are unsure whether or not to send your student(s) to school.

Regular Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education will meet for its regular monthly meeting on tonight, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. One item scheduled for the meeting has been removed: Changes to the 2020-21 calendar. We will be leaving our calendar as is for this school year.

This Board of Education meeting will be held virtually and live-streamed via YouTube. A link will be sent to all families at approximately 6:45 p.m. that evening. Public comments may be submitted [here](#).

Current Seventh Grade Families

Next month, families of current seventh graders will receive information on the elective choices for students' eighth grade year. Families will be asked to make their selections by the end of February. Students have the choice of Spanish 1 or a STEM course pathway.

Extra Masks

Please remember to send extra masks in your student's backpack each day. It's not unusual for students to need to change their mask partway through the day.

We are grateful for the mild weather so far that has allowed us to continue going outside for mask breaks and recess. As a reminder, we take students outside if real or "feel like" temperature is ten degrees or higher.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

