Lebanon School District Fall 2021
Five Day In-Person Plan
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• The current Fall 2021 plan is to have all students and staff in school five days per week for in-person learning

• The Lebanon School District has provided five days in person for the majority of the 20-21 school year

• We do not plan on offering remote learning- asynchronous or synchronous learning. This is not a sustainable model

• Delivery of Student Services and Supports five days in-person will continue to provide a high level of continuity for our students
Options for Families for Fall 2021

Note: This is dependent on the level of Covid transmission in our local area and DHHS recommendations in August 2021.

Option 1: All students and staff will be five days per week in-person
Option 2: Families elect to place their child in a private school
Option 3: Families elect to pursue Home Instruction (homeschool) for the school year

In New Hampshire, parents have the option to homeschool their children or have them attend a private school: https://www.education.nh.gov/education-pathways/home-education/home-education-rules-and-regulations
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- The overall health, well-being and safety of our students and staff will continue to be a primary responsibility.

- Efforts will continue to focus on reducing the transmission of COVID-19 by following NH DHHS and DoE guidelines/recommendations.

- If DHHS provides a matrix for determining the level of local transmission and educational model, we will follow the matrix.

- Vaccinations for individuals ages 12 and up will be available May 2021. As of today, it is uncertain when vaccines will be available for younger children.
School Day Schedule

• We are planning to keep our regular (pre-pandemic) five day in-person school schedule.

• Schedules may need to be slightly modified due to parents drop off/pick up which takes a bit of time.

• We will continue to meet the NHDoE number of hours required per school year.
Start of Each School Day Fall 2021

• Based on DHHS recommendations in August 2021, we may or may not decide to have staff and parents complete a daily health screening tool.

• If we do, parents will take each child’s temperature and complete a survey with questions about travel and potential Covid-related symptoms on a daily basis. For parents who do not respond that morning, we will follow up. For homes without internet, paper forms will be provided.

• We will continue to emphasize, per DHHS recommendations for Fall 2021, that if a staff member or student has Covid signs or symptoms they remain home and do not come to school. Anyone with symptoms should contact their family physician to receive guidance about monitoring and COVID-19 testing.
Social/Physical Distancing and Mask Recommendations

Current NH Recommendations:
• For Fall 2021-We are planning to have three feet of distance between students and six feet of distance between staff. We currently have this in place
• If the DHHS/DoE guidance decreases the distancing between individuals, we will follow that guidance
• The decision to have students and staff wear masks will depend on DHHS recommendations for Fall 2021
• If there is not a vaccine for children 12 and younger, we might require that population of students and staff to wear masks. We will rely on Fall 2021 DHHS/NHDoE recommendations.
Cohorts

The guidance might change for Fall 2021:

New Hampshire Grade K-12 Back-to-School Guidance for Fall 2020:

*Classrooms should be grouped/cohorted together to the extent possible so that students and teachers in one classroom/group avoid interaction (i.e., crossover) with another classroom/group. This will be most feasible for elementary school-aged students. When possible, students should not mix with other classes during art, gym, music sessions, etc. Consider having the teacher move between classrooms instead of students.*

- We are considering having our youngest children, who may not be vaccinated by the Fall, to remain in cohorts as best as we can.

- LMS and LHS students will follow their course schedules. We may decide to keep assigned seating to be able to perform contact tracing, but that will depend on DHHS recommendations for the fall.
Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities

- We offered athletic and co-curricular activities throughout the 2020-2021 school year for our students

- We plan to continue to offer athletic and co-curricular activities in the 2021-2022 school year

- We will continue to follow DoE/DHHS/NHIAA guidance and recommendations
Pick Up & Drop Off

• We might have parents who will prefer to pick up and drop off their children rather than having them ride the school bus.

• We might continue to use the Pik My Kid app which has been very helpful in the drop off and pick up process this year. School principals will determine if they want to continue using this app for the fall.
Bus Transportation

• Bus drivers and students riding the bus may be required to wear a mask depending on DHHS recommendations in August 2021. We currently have this in place.

• We currently have assigned seats. We may continue to do this based on DHHS recommendation for August 2021.

• We have a disinfectant that is applied with a sprayer to mist the surfaces on the buses. We do not know if this will continue to be a DHHS recommendation for August 2021.
Summer 2021-Summer Program and Meals

• We are offering several weeks of in-person summer programming for student Prek-12 who are identified as special education, ELL, and Title I students.

• At the high school level we will also offer support for students to continue with earning credit toward graduation.

• The Superintendent met with SAU and school administrators, student assistance providers, special education coordinators, school psychologists and others to discuss how best to support students with mental health needs. The goal is to offer student-centered focus on decreasing stress and anxiety and having a positive transition back to school this fall.

• We are working with local agencies to provide meals for individuals 18 and younger during the summer.
Overview of Guiding Documents and Consultants

• **NH K-12 Back-to-School Guidance** - If updated for Fall 2021
• **CDC Guidance**
• **American Association of Pediatrics Guidance**
• **New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services**
• Dr. Greer, APD Pediatrician, Lebanon School District Consulting Physician
• Public Information Officer, Fire Chief, Chris Christopolous
The Fall 2021 Back-To-School Plan has been shared with Lebanon School District Fall Planning Committee staff members, the School Board and the public, and with several agencies- ACLU, WISE, DHHS-Division of Children, Youth and Families, Youth, Easter Seals, Upper Valley Haven, Special Needs Support Center.