



STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE SILVER KNIGHTS

FALL 2020 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN



July 31, 2020

Sterling Community Stakeholders:

The documents within this memo are a summary of the anticipated school reopening plan based upon the current guidelines of:

- Executive Order of the [NJ Governor](#)
- New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) “[The Road Back](#)”
- [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC)
- New Jersey and [Camden County](#) Departments of Health

Requirements for the reopening plan:

- Provide for the health and safety of staff and students to the greatest extent possible
- Resume in-person instruction to the extent possible following guidelines and requirements of governing bodies
- Offer reasonable accommodations, including remote learning, for those at higher risk of COVID-19, and parent/guardians who opt for remote learning.
- Prepare 3 Schedule Scenarios in preparation of the final decision by the state and local agencies.
 1. Traditional Schedule
 2. [Hybrid Schedule](#)
 3. [Fully Remote Schedule](#)

The following three (3) committees have assisted in the Return to School Plan:

- Restart Committee (Instructional)
- Pandemic Response Team (Safety Committee)
- Cares Grant Committee (Facilities)

Please note that any of the information contained in this document is subject to change upon receipt of updated guidelines. Our intent is to provide the community with a current overview to assist all parties in planning appropriately for a smooth transition to the school year.

Our full school plan will be available on our school website by clicking “The Road Back” banner http://www.sterling.k12.nj.us/School/the_road_back_fall_2020_restart

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Fully Remote Selection:

Parents and Guardians electing to not have their students return to school campus to attend in person instruction, and therefore participate in the Hybrid schedule fully remote, will be able to notify the district via the OnCourse Online Registration. This option was permitted by the Governor on July 24th. (read [here](#))

Masks:

All students and staff will be required to wear masks upon entry to the building and while moving throughout the building. If your student is not able to wear a mask, you will need to provide documentation from your primary care physician. SHS will provide all students and staff one (1) cloth face mask. Masks should be washed regularly, and students and staff should acquire additional masks as part of their back to school supplies. Please [click here](#) for a document highlighting some of the safety purchases made in collaboration with our Cares Grant committee and Pandemic Response Team.

Social Distancing:

Students and staff will social distance in classrooms, hallways, and other indoor spaces. Additionally, social distancing measures will be required during arrival and dismissal times.

Screening:

All staff and students will be required to complete daily screening in addition to completing a temperature check upon entrance to the school building. Social distancing markers will be utilized on the interior and exterior of the building to mark the recommended six (6) feet of separation.

Disinfecting:

Under the Hybrid schedule model, in addition to normal nightly cleaning, the school building will undergo a “deep clean” on Wednesdays and following class on Fridays. Lavatories will be opened on a rotating basis in order to allow frequent cleaning throughout the school day. High touch surface areas (faucets, doorknobs, etc.) will be disinfected throughout the day. Classroom desks and other surface items sprayed/wiped nightly. Tubs of wipes will be placed throughout the building and in every classroom for student and staff use. Students will be directed to wipe their area before class begins. Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout the school.

Ventilation:

All occupied spaces are properly ventilated. Our fresh-air exchange system in all occupied spaces is continually monitored as part of our regular facility maintenance program. Filter changes occur as required for proper maintenance. Outdoor spaces are permitted to be utilized at the staff member’s discretion.

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Sports and Extracurricular Activities:

SHS believes that all student athletics and activities are essential programs in terms of social and emotional learning and in providing equal opportunities for all students.

Fall athletics have begun under the guidance of the NJSIAA.

[NJSIAA Return to Play Model 1](#)

[NJSIAA COVID 19 Resources](#)

SHS is permitting other activities to begin on a case by case scenario following similar requirements as athletics.

School Calendar:

Sterling will return to school with a soft opening approach where safety, wellbeing, training, and celebration are prioritized. The Restart Committee has developed an Orientation experience to start the school year for both staff and students.

- September 1-4 will be teacher only orientation on campus.
- Students will begin Remote Instruction on September 3rd and continuing through September 18th.
- September 8-18 students will be invited on campus in Blue and Silver groupings identified in the Hybrid schedule model.

Please see the [Fall 2020 Orientation Calendar Here](#). Please note this schedule is subject to change.

Weekly Video:

Please watch the weekly video on the [July 31 Fall 2020 Return to School plan](#).

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Remote Schedule:

Goals:

- Safety
- Well Being
- 2 Synchronous courses per day (asynchronous 3 days)

Rationale:

- The Remote school schedule forces student/staff to be together with family/home life, resulting in a disrupted learning environment. Therefore, only 2 synchronous blocks will be covered each school day.
- Designated time slots to reduce the amount late/extreme hours contact which resulted in disconnect and late work submissions.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00a.m.- 11:00a.m.	B1	B4	B1	B4	Rotation B1&2, B4&5
12:00p.m.- 2:00p.m.	B2	B5	B2	B5	3A/3B

Requirements:

- Attendance check during block
- Synchronous aspect during scheduled block
 - Student assignments (asynchronous) on nonscheduled days.
- Grading Policy set in advance
 - Staff: Increased 1:1 assessment and increased Feedback
 - Common Assignment due dates/times

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Hybrid Schedule:

Goals:

- Safety
- Well Being
- Daily instruction will promote further attainment of curriculum

Keys:

- Students participate in each block daily at specified time. (2 days in school, 3 days from home)
- AB schedule (Blue and Silver) by Alphabet
 - Monday-Thursday Blue Day (Last Name A-L)
 - Tuesday-Friday Silver Day (Last Name M-Z)
 - Wednesday Student Remote Day (Deep Clean Maintenance)
 - A.M. Blocks continue live (students log in on the scheduled hour)
 - P.M. staff Planning/PLC/PD
 - PM Food Distribution (5 days of meals)

Rationale:

- Daily live instruction ensuring all students are connected
- Students in school and at home will log in at designated block start time

Schedule:

Time	Description	Other
7:22-7:45	Student Entry	5 Designated Student Entry times
7:27-7:55	3A/3B Class	28 minutes
7:35-8:00	B1 HR	25 minutes
8:00-8:57	Block 1	57 minutes
9:00-9:57	Block 2	57 min
10:00-10:57	Block 4	57 min
11:00-11:57	Block 5	57 min
11:57-12:09	B5 HR	4 student staggered Dismissals
12:09-12:49	Staff Lunch	40 min
12:50-1:00	3A/3B Remote	10 min
1:00-1:20	B1 Remote	20 min
1:23-1:43	B2 Remote	20 min
1:40-2:06	B4 Remote	20 min
2:09-2:29	B5 Remote	20 min

Requirements:

- Log in at the Block start
 - Attendance check for each student home or in class
- Synchronous requirement of lesson
- Grading Policy set in advance
 - Staff: Increased 1:1 assessment and increased Feedback