



Summer Update #4: Our Reopening Plans

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Dear School Community:

For Your Information: After weeks of careful thought and consultation, Kenilworth has compiled detailed plans for reopening schools and posted additional information on our [website under the “Fall Reopening” tab](#). This collection of material is a result of our strategic process to identify critical questions, determine answers, and address how to adapt the most important functions of our district to comply with health and safety protocols. A contingent of dedicated committee members, made up of teachers, administrators and local officials, took the lead in developing detailed reopening plans. We also consulted with the health department and surrounding districts to form policies that addressed the educational, emotional and safety needs of our school community.

To help parents prepare for this school year, on our website, here’s what you’ll find:

FAQs: This roundup of more than 40 frequently asked questions starts with how Kenilworth will combine in-person and distance learning, and drills down to topics like mask breaks, after-school sports and transportation safety. The district also compiled information to answer common concerns about screening protocols, our instructional program, and how we’ll care for our community’s social and emotional well-being.

Fact Sheets: Kenilworth’s team of committees created comprehensive overviews of how the district’s restart and day-to-day operations will work. These Fact Sheets cover the areas of Health and Wellness; Scheduling; Academics; Student Personnel Services (including special education, social and emotional health, etc.); Physical and Extra-Curricular Activities; and Technology. You can find the key points from each of those Fact Sheets in a summary titled “What Parents Need to Know.”

All Remote, Virtual Learning Option: In our cache of FAQs, as well as the aforementioned Fact Sheets, you'll find more information for parents who are choosing the all remote, virtual learning option for their child(ren). Of note:

If you are choosing the all-remote learning option for your child(ren), you are required to sign and return an [acknowledgement and release form](#) no later than **Friday, August 14**. Please follow the directions in the acknowledgement and release about where to send the form. This will be the mechanism we use to learn of your firm intentions about committing to the all remote, virtual learning option for your child(ren).

August Communication: Beginning next week, you can expect weekly updates from your school's principal that will contain additional information. We'll also share these updates in our Friday Folder emails.

Living into Our Values: By reviewing our reopening materials, you'll learn about how we've planned for the health and wellness, social emotional, and teaching and learning needs of our school community. We think you'll also find that our district's core beliefs are woven throughout these plans. As our mission statement explains, our schools are the center of **"a small, supportive community."** It's who we are and what we value.

Our reopening plans reflect this.

Stay healthy & well.

Sincerely,

Kyle C. Arlington
Superintendent of Schools