



Champaign Unit 4 Tentative Re-Opening Plan Fall 2020 Overview

On June 23, 2020, we received the “official” guidelines from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to begin finalizing plans for what Fall of 2020 would look like for students, families, and staff of Champaign Unit 4. We knew we wanted to balance both the instructional needs of our students with the health and well-being of our students and staff. While no plan will ever be able to replace what we consider a “normal” start to the school year, the plan we have developed brings together several important areas:

Follows Guidance from Federal, State and Local Agencies

Our plan follows guidance, rules and requirements from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the District’s legal counsel, the Regional Office of Education (ROE9), the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) and others.

The guidance from ISBE/IDPH strongly encourages in-person instruction for students younger than 13, and a requirement to provide at least 5 hours of instruction to students daily. The 63-page document from ISBE/IDPH provides a long list of items related to the re-opening of school.

Results from Our Parent Survey

During mid to late June, Unit 4 parents and families responded to the first of two surveys the District planned. A second survey will be sent out in late July. 43% of our households responded. Returning to an in-person instruction with safety precautions were the largest takeaways.

Incorporates the Best Ideas from Other School Districts’ Plans

During June and July, District Administrators and Unit 4 staff spent time looking at a variety of issues related to school schedules, safety and wellness issues. We reviewed over 20 different re-opening plans from around the U.S. to determine a mix of options that might work for our students, families, and staff.

Follows Safety and Wellness Precautions

The CDC, IDPH, and CUPHD issued guidelines identifying safety and wellness items for school districts. Those included:

- ✓ Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- ✓ Face Masks (Mandated by ISBE guidelines)
- ✓ Social Distancing
- ✓ Symptom Checking
- ✓ Increased cleaning and disinfecting throughout school buildings

Finding Balance Between Instruction and Safety





OUR TENTATIVE FALL 2020 RE-OPENING PLAN

Families May Choose Their Learning Options

The District’s plan has two main options: In-Person with Blended Learning or attendance at the District’s new Virtual Academy. Both options allow for regular daily instruction while providing as much safety as possible for students, staff, and families.

Highlights of In-Person with Blended Learning

Elementary (1 st Grade to 5 th Grade)*	
Arrivals:	7:50am to 8:55am
Departures:	1:05pm to 2:10pm
Blended Learning:	Daily 1 hr

- ✓ Students attend daily for 4hrs of in-person instruction with teachers
- ✓ Students complete 1 hr daily blended instruction at home with family
 - ✓ Target 18 students per class
 - ✓ Transportation provided with 50 students or less
- ✓ Food Service provided following IDPH guidelines – both breakfast and lunch as required

*Blended schedule for CECC and Kindergarten is still being developed

Middle School and High School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A-K Students In	L-Z Students In	All Students Attend Virtually At Home Start: 7:55 to 8:05am End: 12:30pm to 1:50pm	A-K Students In	L-Z Students In
Start Time – 7:55am – 8:05am			Start Time – 7:55am – 8:05am	
Dismissal Time – 11:09am – 11:50am			Dismissal Time – 11:09am – 11:50am	
L-Z Students Virtual	A-K Students Virtual		L-Z Students Virtual	A-K Students Virtual
Start Time – 11:45am – 12:30pm			Start Time – 11:45am – 12:30am	
Dismissal Time – 1:00pm – 1:45pm			Dismissal Time – 1:00pm – 1:45pm	

- ✓ Middle School and High School students will alternate in-person attendance days based on last name.
- ✓ Middle School and High School will have one full day of virtual learning at home on Wednesday.
 - ✓ Target 18 students per class
 - ✓ Transportation provided in partnership with MTD
- ✓ Food Service provided following IDPH guidelines – both breakfast and lunch as required

Highlights of the Virtual Academy

To accommodate situations where families determine that a full virtual learning option is appropriate, the District is developing a new Virtual Academy school. This virtual school will operate as a separate school in the District, complete with a Program Supervisor and dedicated teachers. The Program Supervisor and staff will be located in a separate space that will provide for physical distancing but allow them an opportunity to collaborate and plan daily. Daily classes will be held with assigned teachers. Grading and assessments will be consistent with traditional in-person schools. Students, as needed, would be provided with all necessary equipment. The District is examining ways to provide internet service in areas of the community that do not have access.

More information on the Virtual Academy will be available in late July. Parents will have the option to enroll their students in the Virtual Academy for the Fall 2020 session.