

Clinton City Schools will continue face-to-face instruction for the 2022-2023 school year. The information included in this plan is subject to change. Please note that this information is accurate as of the publication date. Clinton City Schools is committed to keeping all students, teachers and staff members safe by continuing to monitor guidance provided by federal, state, and local public health agencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic. CCS will provide updates as needed. Updated information will be communicated through multiple media sources including: REMIND messages, email, phone call notifications, and through social media.

MASKING

Face coverings/masks will be provided to all students, staff, parents and visitors who request them.

- Clinton City Schools will review and/or revise implemented measures as often as necessary as guidance from local, state, and federal public health officials and school data change.

TRANSPORTATION

- Clinton City Schools will ensure that buses are sanitized as needed if exposure occurs.

DISSEMINATION OF COVID INFORMATION

- Clinton City Schools will work with local health department officials to disseminate information in a timely manner. The Executive Leadership Team is working with all school administrators to address needs.

ATHLETICS

- Clinton City Schools is following the guidance listed at www.nchsaa.org. All athletic activities are voluntary for student athletes. Clinton City Schools will continue to follow NCHSAA and Sampson County Health Department guidance.

HAND WASHING AND SANITIZING

- Hand washing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends everyone wash his or her hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Teachers will be teaching proper hand washing procedures in the classroom, incorporating hand washing breaks into the school day, and reinforcing hand washing during key times throughout the school day such as before and after eating, using the restroom, and touching shared objects.
- Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs in most situations. If soap and water are not readily available, individuals are encouraged to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol). Schools may continue to provide hand-sanitizing stations at every school entrance and exit throughout the building. Each classroom will continue to have a hand sanitizing station. If your child has sensitivities to hand sanitizer, please communicate this with your child's teachers so they can provide your child other opportunities to clean their hands.

INSTRUCTION

- The 2022-2023 academic year for students will begin on Monday, August 29, 2022. Except by special provisions, public school units shall not use remote instruction to satisfy the minimum required instructional days or hours for the school calendar. Public school units can use remote instruction for up to five days, or 30 instructional hours, for inclement weather when possible.
- Clinton City Schools will continue in-person instruction 5 days a week; Remote instruction will only be used as allowable by the most current legislation.

MEAL SERVICE

- CCS child nutrition employees will continue to prepare food in our school kitchens following very strict food safety and sanitation procedures required by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), and NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI). All CCD Schools have returned to cafeteria service for breakfast and lunch. Clinton City Schools participates in the community eligibility program (CEP) and all students may participate in free breakfast and lunch services.

SOCIAL- EMOTIONAL LEARNING

- Clinton City Schools will monitor the Social Emotional well-being of students through intentionally planned lessons and use of the Lightspeed Alert monitoring and SSARS reporting systems.

Counselors will support teachers in utilizing SEL:

- Monitor the Social Emotional well-being of students through intentionally planned lessons.
- Alert administrators and student support staff when specific student concerns arise and become evident during periods of Remote Learning.
- CCS utilizes the Jesse Lewis Choose Love curriculum. <https://chooselovemovement.org/>

STATE TESTING

- All end-of-course and end-of-grade tests will be administered according to the required operational tests administered statewide in the North Carolina Testing Program. This also includes BOG, Pre-ACT, Workkeys, etc. Alternate assessments will be available to eligible students who have appropriate documentation. In addition, field tests/special studies may be administered annually in selected subjects and grades, and some North Carolina students participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) at grades 4, 8 and 12. All such testing must be conducted in the building under secure conditions.

VISITORS

- Clinton City Schools requests all visitors to the school building follow the same masking procedures as our faculty, staff and students.

WATER FOUNTAIN USAGE

- Water fountains have returned to normal service. Many stations have bottle refill stations so staff/students who are not comfortable using the bubbler feature have an alternative to bubblers.