

# **Newmarket School District**

*In Person Learning Plan  
Revision - April 15, 2021*

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## Emergency Order 89

On Thursday afternoon, April 1, 2021, Governor Sununu announced at a press conference that effective April 19, 2021 until the end of the FY 2020-21 school year, all schools in New Hampshire would be required to return to in person learning five (5) days per week. In short, the Emergency Order 89, states:

- *New Hampshire schools shall retain the option to offer both in-person and distance learning for any student who elects one of these options.*
- *All New Hampshire schools must provide in person instruction 5 days per week for all students who elect such an option.*
- *A k-12 school may only elect to operate under a full-time distance learning model for all students or a segment of students and suspend the required option for 5 days per week for in person instruction as follows:*
  - *The superintendent may transition to full time distance learning for all or a segment of students for up to 48 hours without approval [from the state] if a transition is necessary to assess concerns related to COVID-19 infections, staffing shortages related to COVID-19 infections, or another unexpected series of events related to COVID-19.*
  - *Schools may transition to remote learning for all or a segment of students for the same reasons cited above for a period of more than 48 hours only if it receives approval from the Commissioner of Education in consultation with the Division of Public Health Services and the Governor.*

Commissioner Edleblut distributed a Question-and-Answer document related to this order to Superintendents on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. This document offered the following guidance that contributed to the development of our plan.

- *The state continues to support their school opening recommendations for operating in person learning safely. (A22)*
- *Emergency Order 89 references “5 days” however as you know, required instructional time can be measured in hours or days. (A30, 32, 34, 37)*
- *Remote hours can no longer be included as meeting the instructional hour’s requirement unless it is at the request of the student’s parent [after April 19<sup>th</sup>]. (A30 & 34)*
- *No waiver is required when quarantine or isolation is directed by Public Health or done in consultation with Public Health. (A45, 47, 54)*

## Current Newmarket Plan

In July, our school reopening plan was developed by a taskforce made up of students, parents, staff, and community members and was subsequently approved by the School Board. The plan included two learning options for students, health and safety protocols, logistical information, and a schedule that called for four full days of live instruction (synchronous) and one day of independent work (asynchronous) with support. From the beginning, the taskforce, steering committee, and school board discussed and agreed that all decisions would be considered through the lens of supporting the social-emotional and physical wellbeing of our learning community, with safety being the highest priority. Throughout the year, this priority has guided all decisions made by the administration and the School Board. As a result, we have been able to remain open for on campus learning for most of the year and the virus has not been transmitted to anyone within our buildings.

The health and safety protocols we have followed for in person learning are based on the advice of public health experts. These experts continue to recommend maintaining small group sizes; social distancing; masks or face coverings; frequent hand washing; limited sharing of furniture or other supplies; staying home when not feeling well; and no mixing of students across classrooms to the greatest extent possible. Based on these safety protocols, parents were offered a choice of in person or remote learning for their child (ren) for the current school year. As of the date of the order, enrollment in the two models are as follows.

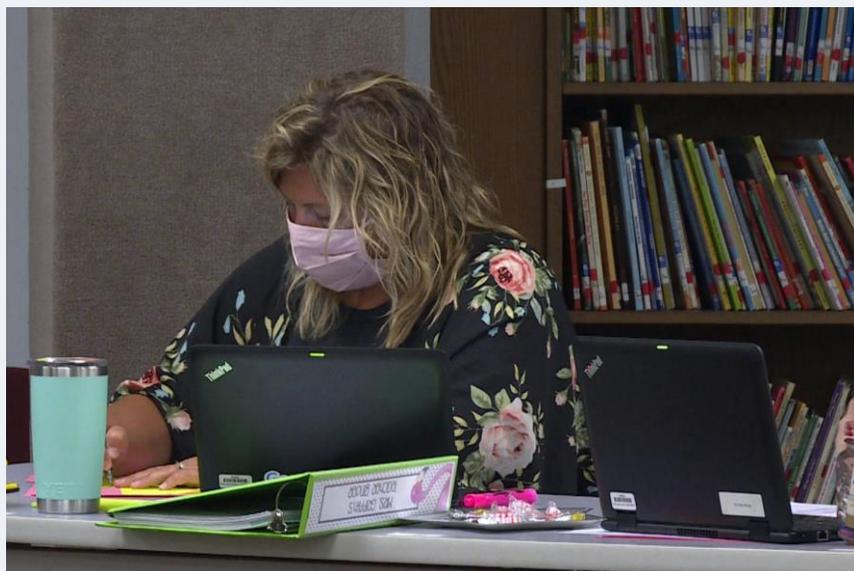
School	Remote	In-person
Elementary	77	402
Middle School	47	195
High School	37	263

Based on enrollment numbers and safety protocols, we developed schedules and routines and hired additional classroom teachers. To meet the requirements of our plan, we had to remove and store bulky furniture and instructional resources; eliminate the use of lockers/cubbies, cafeterias, and teacher workrooms; procure signs, desks, PPE, plexiglass, technology, etc.; modify our HVAC systems to meet COVID air exchange guidance; assign every available space in both buildings for classrooms or remote teacher learning locations; modify arrival and dismissal schedules; negotiate memorandums of agreement with our unions; and make countless staff and student health accommodations. Our instructional model drove all of our subsequent actions and took months, not weeks, of learning, planning, communicating, training, and implementation.

Our 4:1 instructional model drives how we plan and deliver academic and co-curricular programming as well as provide support to staff and students. Quality instructional programming requires an investment in time to plan, prepare, review data, meet, collaborate, and engage in professional learning. The 4:1 model eliminated these activities Monday through Thursday, incorporating the time into Fridays during asynchronous learning. Full day instruction on Fridays will result in the loss of time that is critical to planning and preparing for various academic timelines.

**Friday Priorities:** Activities include, but are not limited to...

- Kindergarten Screening
- Scheduling of students for 2021-22
- Annual special education meetings
- Planning and coordination of summer school program
- Review of student assessment data, to be used for summer program placement and placement for the 2021-22 school year
- Curriculum review
- Math core program adoption
- NEASC planning
- Student placement meetings for 2021-22
- Transition planning
- 2021-22 departmental budgeting and purchasing
- Previously scheduled New Teacher Focus Sessions, as defined by the mentoring program
- Meetings between mentors and mentees
- Departmental and grade-level meetings
- Professional Development



## Proposed Revision to our In Person Learning Plan

Our goals when contemplating this change are to maintain fidelity to our safety protocols and routines while introducing more students on campus and ensuring that staff have the requisite time for planning and priorities to continue. We believe the plan we are proposing accomplishes these goals.

In short, the plan will remain as it is currently except for the following changes:

- 1) Arrival and Dismissal times will change to add time for teacher preparation and planning at the beginning of the day. Parents will screen their child(ren) from home and teachers will conduct a second screening without temperature checks when class begins. The screening questions are available on our website for parents and older students to review.
- 2) Bus schedules will revert to a more traditional schedule. The new bus schedules will be posted on our website next week.
- 3) Remote students who will be joining us on campus will be assigned to existing on campus courses or classrooms. These students will join us on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> after spring recess.
- 4) All new schedules and routines will begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 5) The school calendar includes the following modifications:

April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a Staff planning day. There will be no school for students.

May 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> will be early release days for students. NES will dismiss at 12:00 and the JSHS will dismiss at 11:30.

June 11<sup>th</sup> is our Graduation Ceremony. Senior week will begin on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

June 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of school and is a half day.

Summer school for the elementary school will take place on Monday – Thursday beginning on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and ending on June 31<sup>st</sup>.

Summer school session I for the JSHS will take place on Monday – Thursday beginning on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and ending on June 31<sup>st</sup>.

The revised calendar with these changes appears on the last page of this report.

## Elementary School Plan

The elementary school will maintain the current schedule as much as possible to maintain a familiar and comfortable learning day for everyone in our learning community. In addition to adding a fifth day of in-person learning, the plan increases the instructional day by 30 minutes. Lunches will continue to be served in the classrooms. Unified Arts classes will continue to follow their current schedule with the addition of classes be offered on Fridays. A new schedule will be developed for a 5-day rotation for 4 Unified Arts classes.

### Schedule

**8:30-9:00 Arrival Time.** *As the children are arriving, the teachers will provide learning opportunities within the classroom via small group, or one on one instruction. Children may also be given work to do on their own in the classroom setting. All learning opportunities are under direct supervision of a classroom teacher.*

**9:05-2:30** *After attendance is taken, teachers will work with the entire class providing instruction in a whole class or small group setting. During this time frame a 30-minute lunch break will be provided.*

**2:30-3:10 Dismissal Time.** *Much like the start of the day, classroom instruction during this time will be delivered in a variety of ways during this window of time. Teachers are providing learning opportunities within the classroom via small group, or one on one instruction.*

7:45 – 8:30 AM	Teacher Planning	45 minutes
8:30 - 9:05 AM	Arrival & Student check ins Arrival Schedule:  8:30 – 8:40 – Parent drop off A-M 8:40 – 8:50 – Parent drop off N-Z 8:50 – 9:00 – Bus drop off	Students continue to enter through their assigned entrances and proceed directly to their assigned classroom*.
9:05 AM - 2:30 PM	Class time for all students	
2:30 – 3:10 PM	Dismissal/Student Support Dismissal Schedule:  2:30 – 2:45 Parent pick up A-M 2:40 – 2:55 Parent pick up N-Z 2:55 – 3:10 Buses are loaded	Students continue to exit through their assigned entrances and proceed directly to their assigned classroom*.



## Junior Senior School Plan

The *Junior Senior High* school will maintain the current schedule as much as possible to maintain a familiar and comfortable learning day for everyone in our learning community. Fridays will be designated as Red or Black as listed below for both schools:

5/7 (Black), 5/14 (RED) ½ day, 5/21 (RED), 5/28 (Black) ½ day, 6/4 (Black), 6/11 (RED), 6/18 Last Day ½ day (Schedule TBD)

### Junior High Schedules

At the Junior High, the cohort model will be maintained, and established COVID safety protocols will remain in place. The Junior High schedule adds an intervention block that will allow teachers additional student contact time on a rotating basis in all disciplines. During this time teachers will provide targeted support, remediation, and extension opportunities as deemed appropriate. The adjustments to the on-campus schedule require slight adjustments to the schedules for students who have elected to remain remote. Those changes are shown following the on-campus schedule.

### Junior High On-Campus Schedule

7:00 – 8:15 AM	Teacher Planning	75 minutes
8:16 - 8:30 AM	Cohort advisory-student check ins	Students continue to enter through their assigned entrances and proceed directly to their assigned cohort*.
8:31-9:47 AM	Block A	76 minutes
9:52 – 11:08 AM	Block B	76 minutes
11:13-12:59 PM	SEL/IB/Lunch Includes:	
	SEL	11:13-11:43 AM (30 minutes)
	Lunch	11:51–12:21 PM (30 minutes)
	Intervention Block** (Repeats A, B, C on a rotating basis)	12:29-12:59 PM (30 minutes)
1:04 - 2:20 PM	Block C	76 minutes
2:20 - 2:30 PM	Dismissal Begins Teachers check in with students. Provide supports.	2:20 PM Buses and student drivers 2:25PM Walkers dismissed 2:30 PM Parents pickup

## Junior High Remote Schedule

Times	
8:35 - 9:35 AM	Block A (60 minutes)
9:55 - 10:55 AM	Block B (60 minutes)
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Activity Block: Unified Arts Asynchronous opportunities
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch & Break
1:20 - 2:20 PM	Block C (60 minutes)



## Senior High Schedules

The Senior High School will also preserve the current academic blocks and sections. The reduction of arrival and dismissal times coupled with shortened transitions results in increased instructional time (11 minutes) for each block 65 to 76 minutes. All other aspects of the schedule are preserved including common planning time for staff and 30-minute lunches for staff and students. The synchronization of the schedules between or Junior High and High School also create logistical efficiencies for shared staff and food service delivery. The adjustments to the on-campus schedule require slight adjustments to the schedules for students who have elected to remain remote. Those changes are shown following the on-campus schedule.

## Senior High On-Campus Schedule

7:00 – 8 :15 AM	Teacher Planning	75 minutes
8:15 - 8:30 AM	Student Advisory – Student check in and support	Students continue to enter through their assigned entrances and proceed directly to their assigned cohort*.
8:31-9:47 AM	Block A	76 minutes
9:52 – 11:08 AM	Block B	76 minutes
11:13-12:59 PM	Block C & Lunch Includes:	
	76-minute academic period and a 30-minute lunch break	1 <sup>st</sup> lunch 11:13-11:43 AM 2 <sup>nd</sup> lunch 12:29-12:59 PM
1:04 -2:20 PM	Block D	76 minutes
2:20 - 2:30 PM	Dismissal Begins Teachers check in with students. Provide supports.	2:20 PM Buses and student drivers 2:25PM Walkers dismissed 2:30 PM Parents pickup

## Senior High Remote Schedule

Times	
8:35 - 9:35 AM	Block A (60 minutes)
9:55 - 10:55 AM	Block B (60 minutes)
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Block C (60 minutes)
12:15 - 12:45 PM	Student Lunch
12:45 - 1:15 PM	Movement Break
1:20 - 2:20 PM	Block D (60 minutes)



# NEWMARKET SCHOOL DISTRICT SAU 31 2020-21 School Year Calendar

		August 2020					February				
		M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
		3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
		10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12
		17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19
Aug. 26: Faculty Return		24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26
Aug. 27: Support Staff Return		31									
		September					March				
		M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
Sept. 1-3: Planning			1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5
Sept. 4 & 7: Labor Day		7	8	9	10	11	8	9	10	11	12
Sept. 8: First day		14	15	16	17	18	15	16	17	18	19
		21	22	23	24	25	22	23	24	25	26
		28	29	30			29	30	31		
		October					April				
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		5	6	7	8	9	5	6	7	8	9
Oct. 12: Columbus Day		12	13	14	15	16	12	13	14	15	16
		19	20	21	22	23	19	20	21	22	23
		26	27	28	29	30	26	27	28	29	30
		November					May				
		M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
Nov. 3: No School		2	3	4	5	6	3	4	5	6	7
Nov. 11: Veterans Day		9	10	11	12	13	10	11	12	13	14
		16	17	18	19	20	17	18	19	20	21
Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving		23	24	25	26	27	24	25	26	27	28
		30					31				
		December					June				
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		7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11
		14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18
Dec. 23: Half Day		21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25
Dec. 24-31: Vacation		28	29	30	31		28	29	30	31	
		January 2021					Key				
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Jan. 1: New Year's Day						1					
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Jan. 18: MLK Day		18	19	20	21	22					
		25	26	27	28	29					