



Be Safe and Healthy

PREPARING FOR WINTER IN DISTRICT 97

2022-23

Preparing for Winter 2022-23 in District 97

OVERVIEW



Healthy Schools

- Winter Illnesses
- Everyday Preventative Strategies



Winter Weather

- Emergency Closings
- E-Learning



Preparing for Winter Illnesses

FLU, RSV AND COVID-19



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Illinois Department of Public Health Update

October 28, 2022

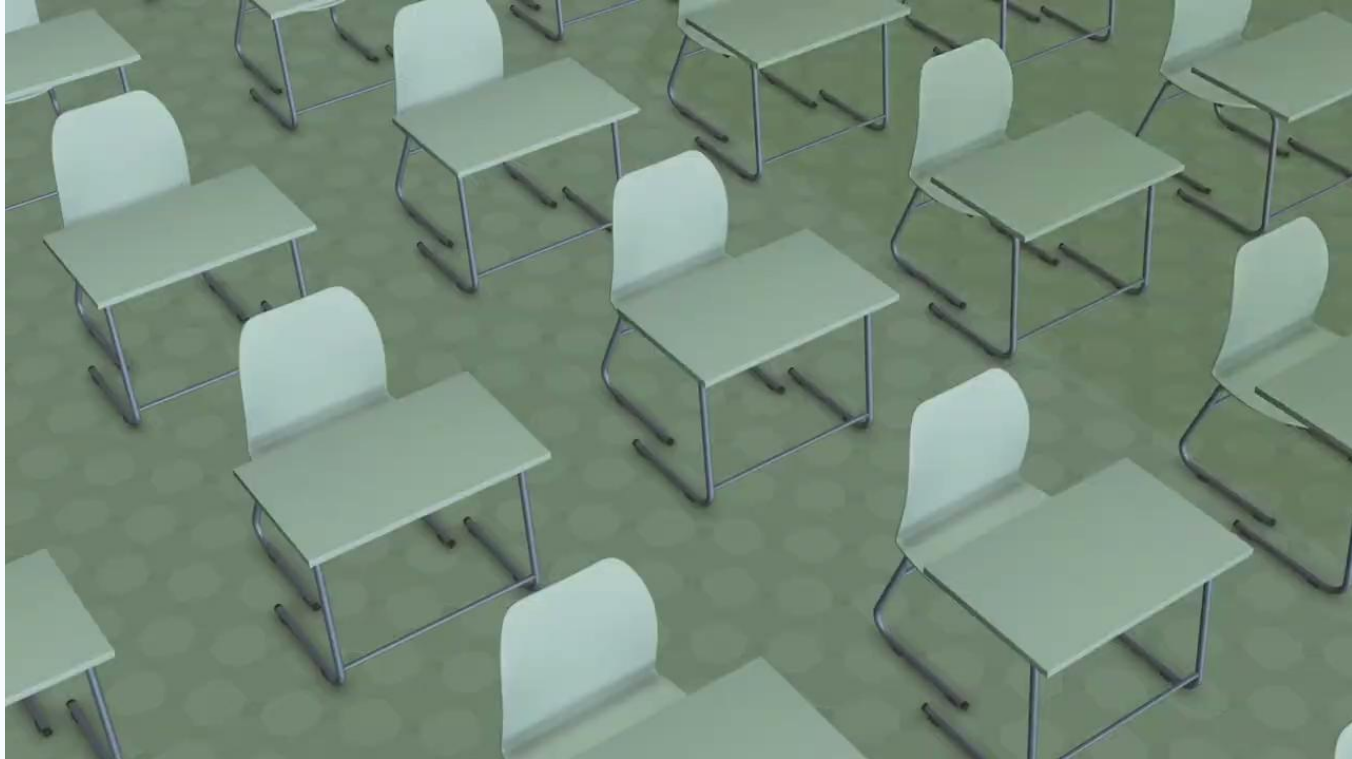
“As the weather is getting colder, Illinois and much of the nation are seeing a notable increase in individuals getting sick from respiratory viruses, including the **flu, RSV and once again COVID-19**. This uptick makes it critically important for everyone to use the tools that are available to protect yourself and your family.

- Dr. Sameer Vohra, IDPH Director

RSV, COLD, FLU & COVID-19 SYMPTOM COMPARISON				
SYMPTOMS 	RSV 	COLD 	FLU 	COVID-19 
CHILLS	✓	SOMETIMES	✓	SOMETIMES
COUGH	✓	✓	✓	✓
DECREASED APPETITE	✓		✓	
DIARRHEA / VOMITING			✓	✓
DIFFICULTY BREATHING	✓			✓
FATIGUE	✓	✓	✓	✓
FEVER	✓	SOMETIMES	✓	✓
HEADACHE			✓	✓
LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL				✓
MUSCLE / BODY ACHES			✓	✓
RUNNY NOSE / CONGESTION	✓	✓	✓	SOMETIMES
SNEEZING	✓	✓	SOMETIMES	
SORE THROAT	✓	✓	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES

Everyday Strategies for Healthy Schools

Tips from the CDC, IDPH and D97 School Nurses



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How is District 97 working to maintain healthy schools?

PROACTIVE PLANNING AND ADDITIONAL
PREVENTATIVE MEASURES



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Ongoing partnership with Oak Park Department of Public Health and District 200



Maximizing ventilation and conducting air quality testing



Maintaining supply of COVID-19 tests and masks



Increased communication and reminders



Proactive Staffing Strategies



 *We Are Hiring!*

 **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
AND NURSES**

Apply: www.op97.org/hr

District 97 is continuously working to maintain a **large pool of qualified substitutes**.

Since the start of the pandemic, we have invested in **permanent substitutes** at every building.

The community can support our schools by serving as a daily sub—**apply today at www.op97.org**!



Preparing for Winter Weather

EMERGENCY CLOSING PROCEDURES AND
E-LEARNING DAYS



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Emergency Closings Due to Inclement Weather

District 97 always strives to have schools open.

However, our top priority is the safety of our students and staff. If heavy snow or extreme cold make it dangerous to travel, we may need to close schools.



Making the Decision to Close Schools



The superintendent determines when and if conditions warrant the closing of schools. This decision is normally made in consultation with superintendents from districts 90 and 200, village officials, and our transportation provider.

Because of the many families enrolled in both District 97 and District 200, we strive for alignment when circumstances allow.

Variables Affecting the Decision

- Weather forecasts (advisories, watches, warnings, amount/timing of precipitation, temperature)
- Internal and external building conditions (power, light, heat, clear sidewalks)
- Availability of bus transportation and food service
- Conditions of streets, sidewalks and alleyways throughout the community



Two Scenarios for School Closings

E-LEARNING DAY VS. EMERGENCY DAY

If there is sufficient time
to inform staff, families
and students



**CONTINUITY OF
LEARNING, NO IMPACT
TO SCHOOL CALENDAR**

If the weather were to
develop suddenly, or if
there wasn't enough time
to notify everyone to
have devices with them



**NO INSTRUCTION, DAY
IS MADE UP AT THE END
OF THE YEAR**



How will District 97 communicate school closures and E-Learning Days?

District 97 seeks to make and communicate decisions by 8 p.m. the night before, or no later than 5:30 a.m. the next day.

Notifications are sent via:

- Email to all staff and families
- Robocall and text message
- Facebook and Twitter (@OakPark97)
- District 97 website
- Emergency Closing Center



What is an E-Learning Day?



Señorita Zaragoza
@IrvingEspanol

E-learning day! Students shared what they wear to stay warm during a snow day! #WeAreD97



3:46 PM · Feb 3, 2022 · Twitter Web App

E-Learning Days provide an opportunity for students to learn from home on days when the school/district otherwise would have been canceled.

Students will have approximately **five hours** of learning/assignments—both synchronous (live with teacher) and asynchronous (self-paced).

More details: www.op97.org/elearning



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E-Learning Day: Elementary Schools

Teachers take attendance at
8 a.m. via Zoom or Google
Meet.

Assignments and instructions
are shared via teacher web
pages, learning management
systems (Seesaw or Google
Classroom), and/or email.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:15	Morning Meeting/Shared Reading	Morning Meeting/Shared Reading	Morning Meeting/Shared Reading		Morning Meeting/Shared Reading
8:15-8:30				2nd Step	
8:30 - 8:45		Word Study	Word Study	Word Study	Word Study
8:45-9:00	SPANISH				
9:00-9:15		English Language Arts (RUoS)	English Language Arts (RUoS)	English Language Arts (RUoS)	
9:15-9:30	MUSIC				LIBRARY (8:45-9:30)
9:30-9:45					
9:45-10:00	English Language Arts (RUoS)	MUSIC			English Language Arts (RUoS)
10:00-10:15					
10:15-10:30		SPANISH	ART	Physical Education	
10:30-10:45	Writing (WUoS)	Writing (WUoS)	Writing (WUoS)	Writing (WUoS)	Writing (WUoS)
10:45-11:00					
11:00 - 11:15	English Language Arts: Enrichment and Intervention	English Language Arts: Enrichment and Intervention	English Language Arts: Enrichment and Intervention	English Language Arts: Enrichment and Intervention	English Language Arts: Enrichment and Intervention
11:15-11:30					
11:30-11:45	LUNCH				
11:45-12:00					
12:00 - 12:15					
12:15-12:30					
12:30-12:45	Mathematics: Enrichment and Intervention	Mathematics: Enrichment and Intervention	Mathematics: Enrichment and Intervention	Mathematics: Enrichment and Intervention	Mathematics: Enrichment and Intervention
12:45-1:00					
1:00-1:15					
1:15-1:30					
1:30-1:45					
1:45-2:00	MATH	MATH	MATH	MATH	MATH
	Physical Education Activity	Physical Education Activity	Physical Education Activity	Physical Education Activity	Physical Education Activity
2:00 - 2:15					
2:15-2:30			Dismissal		
2:30-2:45	Science/Social Studies	Science/Social Studies		Science/Social Studies	Science/Social Studies
2:45-3:00					



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E-Learning Day: Middle Schools

Teachers take attendance at **9 a.m.** via Zoom or Google Meet.

Assignments and instructions are shared via Canvas.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

GBMS Bell Schedules

6th Grade Schedule A Day			
Time	Period	Mins	Lunch/SOAR
9:00 to 10:15	1	75	
10:18 to 10:55	2	40	SOAR
10:58 to 12:13	3/4	75	
12:16 to 12:53	5	37	Lunch
12:56 to 2:12	6	76	
2:15 to 3:30	7	75	

6th Grade Schedule B Day			
Time	Period	Mins	Lunch/SOAR
9:00 to 10:15	8	75	
10:18 to 10:55	9	40	SOAR
10:58 to 12:13	10/11	75	
12:16 to 12:53	12	37	Lunch
12:56 to 2:12	13	76	
2:15 to 3:30	14	75	

7th/8th Grade Schedule A Day			
Time	Period	Mins	Lunch/SOAR
9:00 to 10:15	1	76	
10:18 to 11:34	2/3	75	
11:37 to 12:53	4/5	75	8th Lunch/SOAR
12:56 to 2:12	6	76	7th Lunch/SOAR
2:15 to 3:30	7	76	

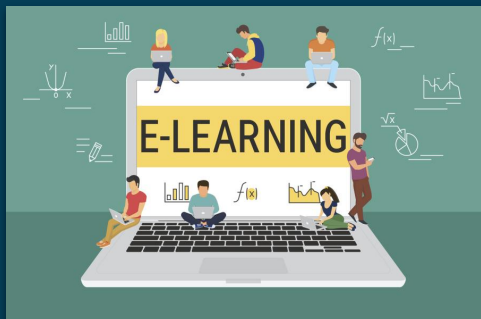
7th/8th Grade Schedule B Day			
Time	Period	Mins	Lunch/SOAR
9:00 to 10:15	8	76	
10:18 to 11:34	9/10	75	
11:37 to 12:53	11/12	75	8th Lunch/SOAR
12:56 to 2:12	13	76	7th Lunch/SOAR
2:15 to 3:30	14	76	

All Grade Levels C Day Schedule			
	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
9:00 to 9:39	1	1	1
9:42 to 10:18	7	7	7
10:21 to 10:57	6	6 (SOAR)	6
11:00 to 11:36	2/5 (Lunch)	2/3	2/3
11:39 to 12:15	3/4	4/5	4/5 (Lunch)
12:18 to 12:54	13	13 (Lunch)	13
12:57 to 1:33	8	8	8
1:36 to 2:12	14	14	14
2:15 to 2:51	9/12 (SOAR)	9/10	9/10
2:54 to 3:30	10/11	11/12	11/12 (SOAR)



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How has District 97 prepared for E-Learning?



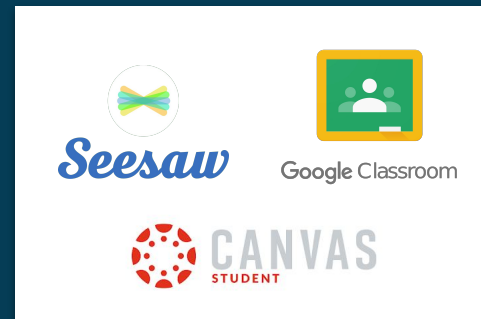
STATE-APPROVED PLAN

Staff participate in annual review of the plan, which was approved by the state and D97 Board of Education in 2021.



DEVICES AND FAMILY ACCESS

All D97 students and staff have been issued a device. At-home learning is supported through the Internet for All program.



IMPROVED COMMUNICATION

Learning Management Systems are used by all grades: Seesaw for K-2, Google Classroom for 3-5 and Canvas for 6-8.



Winter Weather: Preparation and Response

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



Tips for District 97 Families



Tips for District 97 Staff and Families



Review the E-Learning Plan.

Details can be found at www.op97.org/elearning.



Follow us on social media.

District news and updates are shared frequently Facebook and Twitter (@OakPark97).



Sign up for text messages.

Individuals must opt in to SMS messages from District 97 by texting **YES to 87569**.



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