

Parent Comments/Questions	ANSWERS				
I have 2 children in elementary school and know the first day was very busy for them last year. With the new items in place that my elders must follow, has there been thought to starting the new kindergarten children on the second or third day of school? Will there be a K orientation?	We are discussing a special orientation for our Kindergarten students and other possibilities as you mentioned.				
What would be the children's schedule for elementary schools if we choose in-school option? Will it still be from 8:30 to 3:15? Also, do you know if before and after-school options will be made available this school year?	Yes, the ELP program is running. Go to https://sites.google.com/danbury.k12.ct.us/extended-learning/home to download the form to register. ELP is working in tandem with an agency to provide full day care as well for children who are part of the hybrid model. The Hybrid model has the middle and high school releasing each day 90 minutes earlier. The elementary schools are 1 hour early each day.				
What about ventilation systems and wearing masks all day.	We have had an architect and engineer review of buildings throughout the district and the city maintenance department is working on new filters and other ventilation options. Students will be given masks breaks during the day.				
Part if the description for the 6-12 makes it tough for parents to make a decision because we don't know if our child's classes will be available. My son is taking Calc BC and I believe AP Physics. I think we need more information on what classes are offered.	At this point in time if your child received those courses in the spring time they will be scheduled in the fall.				
Will kids who opt for distance learning be eligible to play sports?	Yes, any students enrolled in Danbury Public Schools will be able to participate in sports.				
I am concerned about crowding at the high school.	The Hybrid model we have 50% of our students in school at any one time which should help us. The administration is working with an architect in all fo the schools to design traffic patterns to help limit the contact with others.				
If I choose the 5-day option and the schools close again, does my child then have to go to some computer based program and work independently and self-paced or is it google classroom like the last half of the past year?	Yes, we are working on Distant Learning 2.0 which should be much improved.				
If I choose the Distance Learning, is there any teacher guidance should my child have questions? Is there any live teacher interaction at all?	There will be more opportunities for students to have more "teacher time" through Google Meets and/or synchronous learning.				
Can you tell me more about Edgenuity how this program will educate my child? Will it be Danbury's teachers?	Edgenuity has many options where Danbury teachers will be working directly with the students as well as the curriculum that Edgenuity offers will enhance what DPS is doing. There are many options within the program and we are researching all these them.				
I am concerned about my child going 5 hours without lunch.	Under the Hybrid model, elementary schools will be released one hour early each day. Students will be able to have breakfast and lunch in their classrooms or inthe cafeteria with social distancing. There will be mask breaks during the day and when the weather is good, outside will be used as much as possible for instruction.				
What about fall sports? Any decision yet? My high schooler wants to do distance learning can she participate in fall sports if they decide to go ahead with sports? Will sports be held?	The CT CIAC makes all decisions about high school sports. See http://www.casciac.org/				
If I choose to homeschool my child, what do I need to do to alert DPS?	Please call the Assistant Superintendents office at 203-797-4702 to discuss the option of homeschooling.				
I need to register by child for school. What do I do?	Go to https://sites.google.com/a/danbury.k12.ct.us/schoolregistration/ and scan down the page to where it says English, Portuguese and Spanish. Choose your language and begin the online registration process. Once complete, a registrar will call you to complete the paperwork and for testing if your child speaks another language.				
Is providing a distance learning option to parents in order to achieve social distancing in crowded schools a possibility for the district.	The Adapt, Advance, Achieve Reopening Document from the CT State Department of Education required that districts designed plans for 3 scenarios. Thus the Danbury Plan follows this edict. On July 27, it was decided to open schools using a Hybrid in school for 2 days and distance learning for 3 days AND the other option of a full distance learning model. It is parent choice to which model families choose for their child(ren).				
If a student chooses to opt into remote learning, are they counted as part of the school and district enrollment?	Yes. All students who opt into remote learning are considered full-time public school students. They should be reported in PSIS (state enrollment data platform) and will be counted toward school and district enrollment.				
What is the difference between Synchronous and Asynchronous learning? What is the guidance for balancing both at the district level?	Synchronous learning is when classes occur on set schedules and time frames. Students and instructors are online at the same time in synchronous classes since lectures, discussions, and presentations take place at specific hours. When blended or remote, all students must be online at that exact time in order to participate in the class. Asynchronous classes let students complete their work assigned on their own time. Students are given a time frame — it's usually a one-week window — during which they need to connect to their class daily or as determined by the teacher.				
Will parents and guardians be required to sign a waiver to attend in-person classes?	No, it would not be appropriate for LEAs to ask parents or guardians to sign a waiver related to any of the mandatory aspects of public education.				
If we build school structures and courses based on survey data and reallocate staff, are you thinking we can hold families to their decision to only be remote?	No, while parents may temporarily determine it best for their child to remain at home, it would be inappropriate to exclude students for any period of time if they wish to return to school, while schools are open. Parents can make changes to their students choice of Hybrid or Distance Learning with the understanding that the change may take up to one week.				
Will future determinations to go to hybrid or full remote learning due to changing public health data be local by school, town, region, county, or will that be a statewide mandate?	Any order or determination for a school population to shift to a hybrid or full remote learning model will depend on the specific circumstances presented with regard to transmission. Such an order could take the form of a statewide emergency order, or, if an outbreak is geographically concentrated, could be a determination made on a school, town, or regional basis in consultation with DPH, CSDE, and local Health Departments.				

<p>What happens when a child has cold or flu-like symptoms but not Covid, but they have to remain at home until symptom free...there needs to be something in place for kids who were in person but then have to stay home because their symptoms are concerning. Normally kids can go to school with mild symptoms as long as not feverish and doctor not concerned, but in this Pandemic time, everyone has to be symptom free to go anywhere.</p>	<p>You are correct we are working with the Danbury health department and our medical advisor for a procedure. With that said it will be stricter given the pandemic issues. Families will be also signing a Family-School Agreement that further defines sickness policies aimed to protect both teachers and students.</p>									
<p>I had a question regarding when students will get their class schedules for the new school year because powerschool is currently out of session.</p>	<p>Individual schools will release student schedules.</p>									
<p>If a parent chooses one model and decides to change their child to the other model, what do we do?</p>	<p>Parents can change their choice at any time by refilling out the child's Program Selection Form. It may take up to 1 week for the changes to be effective.</p>									
<p>Where can I find Danbury's Reopening Plan?</p>	<p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hHF_Y5fjbWpIU5vQ-tJ70ZCM-Vx1aHrDTJWzQG0t8/edit</p>									
<p>I didn't receive a Program Selection Form? Where can I find it?</p>	<p>Look in your child's Danbury Public School Email Account or go to www.danbury.k12.ct.us to select the language you need to complete the form.</p>									