



Return to Full Schedule 2020-2021 School Year Beginning 9/14/2020

The start to our school year has certainly been unique but we are so happy to have our students back with us! Our priority continues to be the health and safety of our students and staff, and I want to thank you for your cooperation within both in-person and remote learning environments.

Forrestville Valley revised instructional day begins Monday, September 14, 2020 as follows:

Forreston Jr/Sr High School	7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
Forreston Grade School	7:50 a.m. – 2:30 a.m.
German Valley Grade School	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Morning Preschool (no change)	8:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Please review the following question and answer format to assist you with this transition:

Q: Why is this dismissal time 20 minutes earlier than last school year?

A: Dismissal times were determined through our efforts to maximize instructional time as soon as possible for our families, while following the additional requirements due to COVID-19 such as remote learning and thorough cleaning protocols.

Q: Will this be the dismissal time for the entire school year?

A: The dismissal time above will be in place for the first semester, or while Illinois remains in Phase 4 of Restore Illinois Plan.

Q: Will my student still be assigned to group cohorts?

A: Junior high and high school students will utilize the same schedules. However, lunch cohorts will increase to 50 students, and will be the same 50 each day.

Elementary cohorts will increase to no more than 50 during lunch and recess periods. In addition, specials at the elementary will be expanded to include an increase in grade level numbers for art, music, P.E. and Social-Emotional Learning (Leadership) time. While the cohorts will expand for these blocks beyond the classroom, at no time will cohorts exceed 50 students and will include the same grade levels daily.

Q: Will block schedules at the high school continue?

A: Yes. High school students will continue block schedules as follows:

A Days - Periods 1,3,5 & 7 with lunch included

B Days - Periods 2,4,6 & 8 with lunch included

Due to the cohort models, there will be no intervention periods until further notice.

Q: Will my Zoom information change and how will this be communicated?

A: Elementary teachers will continue to communicate zoom information to remote learners if there are any changes to sign in. FJSHS zoom information/link will not change. Please refer to your child's Google Classroom and click on the zoom link found there just as before.

Q: Can I request a change in busing?

A: Yes. Any parent who needs to request a change to busing will need to contact the



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transportation department at (815) 938-2195 as soon as possible. All requests will be reviewed to determine compliance with new requirements prior to approval. Please allow sufficient time for this review.

Q: Can I request a change in learning environment?

A: If you have not already requested a change in learning environment you may do so. Parents are allowed to make one change during the first quarter. After the first quarter, students must remain in their learning environment through the first semester.

Q: Will lunch look different?

A: Yes. We are limited to 50 students in any one area, and this includes our lunch periods. We have converted all usable spaces to accommodate this number to be as efficient as possible. School lunches will be served in disposable containers, allowing students to grab and go to their assigned spaces. In all buildings students will be utilizing cafeterias, gyms, and outside areas if weather permits.

Q: Can students bring their lunch to school?

A: Yes. Students may bring their lunch in the same fashion as previous school years.

Q: How do I purchase a lunch ticket?

A: All parents must utilize our e-Funds system for lunch purchases. Please visit our district website, www.fvdistrict221.org, drop down Quicklinks, and click e-Funds. Directions are available for setting up your e-Funds account and has not changed from previous years.

Q: Is ala carte lunch available?

A: Not at this time. We will keep you posted if ala carte options become available.

Q: How will the lunch schedule work for remote learners?

A: Remote Learners will log off during their designated lunch period, and will need to log back in once the lunch period has ended. Teachers will continue to communicate the times remote Learners will need to be present for class.

Q: Will snacks still be offered to students?

A: No, the district will no longer provide snacks as lunch options are now available.

Q: Are there any updates to extra-curricular activities?

A: Contact days for high school sports traditional to fall, winter, and spring will begin on September 8th. These contact days will be scheduled in a similar fashion as our summer workout schedule. Please stay tuned for information from your high school coach regarding these contact days.

Q: Will there be early release on the first Wednesday of every month for teachers' curriculum development?

A: Yes. The first Wednesday of each month is designated as an early release for teachers to dedicate to curriculum planning, professional development, and team planning.



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Q: Are there any updates you can provide in regards to procedures for student illness?

A: All decisions for student illness and school exclusions related to the coronavirus are determined by the local health departments and/or the Illinois Department of Health. In all cases, any student who exhibits one symptom of the coronavirus to include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea will be excluded until further evaluation. This evaluation may include COVID19 screening, alternative medical diagnosis, or period of isolation. Each case is unique and subject to the requirements of the local health departments.

Q: Are parents and visitors allowed access to the building?

A: No. Due to the requirements of contact tracing and symptom screening, parents and visitors are restricted from the building until further notice. Please contact your building with any questions or to arrange a time for pick up and/or drop off of materials.

Q: Are there changes to requirements for students and staff in regards to health and safety?

A: No. All staff and students are required to follow five requirements set forth by IDPH and ISBE. These include:

- a) Wearing of a face covering
- b) Social distancing to the greatest extent possible
- c) Symptom screening to be conducted daily
- d) No more than 50 students in any one school location
- e) Increase in cleaning and disinfecting.

Q: Will students be utilizing lockers?

A: The use of student lockers will still be placed on hold until further notice.

Q: Must I continue to complete the wellness screening each morning?

A: Yes, each in-person student must have a wellness screening completed each morning prior to 7 a.m.