



# **2022-2023 NORTH ALLEGHENY BACK TO SCHOOL**

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## Instruction Delivery 2022-2023



### In-Person Instruction

NASD will be in-person five days a week beginning on Monday, August 22.



### NA Cyber Academy

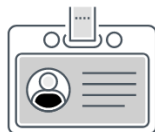
NA Cyber Academy offers families the option of online instruction with asynchronous courses. NACA classes will begin on Monday, August 22.

## In-Person School Environment



### Transportation

Bus schedules are available in Tyler Student 360. There will no longer be assigned seats on the school bus.



### School Visitors

Volunteers/visitors will be permitted on school property. All guests are required to sign in to the Raptor System with a photo ID before accessing the building.



### Lunch

Students may choose their seating arrangements. Sections that provide six feet of distance between students will be available.



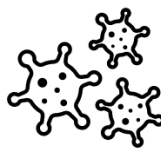
### Face Coverings

Effective February 25, 2022, masks will be optional but strongly recommended, at NASD and on North Allegheny School District transportation.



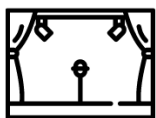
### Recess

Indoor and outdoor recess will include access to permanent playground equipment and other resources such as sports equipment and board games.



### Reporting COVID-19 Cases

For attendance purposes, staff and students are asked to report positive COVID-19 cases. A COVID-19 tracker will be available on the District website. Complete case investigation and contact tracing will no longer take place.



### Assemblies, Field Trips, & School Activities

There are no restrictions on large assemblies, field trips, and school activities.



### Hygiene

Students and staff are encouraged and reminded to follow good hygiene practices, including frequent hand washing and sanitizing.

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# Health & Safety Plan

The North Allegheny School District's 2022-2023 Health & Safety Plan was developed based on local, Commonwealth, and federal guidance. Updates to this plan cannot be made without approval from the North Allegheny Board of School Directors.

## Getting Ready For School Safely

- Before students come to school, parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring students' symptoms. Students displaying any COVID-19 symptoms must stay home. Please refer to [Tiger Strong Live Long: Keeping Our Community Healthy and Well](#) for more information.

## Face Coverings

- Effective February 25, 2022, masks are optional, but strongly recommended, at North Allegheny School District and on North Allegheny School District transportation.

## Hygiene and Social Distancing

- Students and staff are encouraged and reminded to follow good hygiene practices, including frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing. Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be available.

## Food Service

- Students may choose their seating arrangements. Sections that provide six feet of distance between students will be available.

## Athletics and Activities

- NASD athletics will follow District, WPIAL, and PIAA protocols.
- NASD-sponsored activities will follow applicable District protocols.

## Our Commitment to Keeping Schools Clean

- Custodial staff will conduct frequent cleaning of high-traffic areas throughout the school day.
- HVAC systems will be set to increase air turnover and enhanced air filters will be used where practical. Filters will be changed monthly.
- Portable HEPA air filters may be utilized in areas such as nurse's offices that may have limited outside air circulation. Units may also be used in some large group spaces, such as cafeterias.
- Disinfecting wipes will be made available for staff.
- Water fountains will be cleaned throughout the day.
- School buses will be cleaned regularly. When feasible, windows will be open to increase air circulation.

## Monitoring Student and Staff Health

If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, the District will follow applicable health department protocol and guidance on quarantine, and/or isolation while respecting the confidentiality of those involved. The District's reporting process includes a form for families and staff to complete if they are COVID-19 positive. The form generates a letter for a return to school date based on the information collected and allows families and staff to request a call from a health services staff member. The form for **students/families** can be found [here](#). The reporting form for **staff** can be found [here](#). The District will not continue with contact tracing at this time.

## COVID-19 Case Communication

To provide transparency to our community, the District will update the [COVID-19 page](#) on the North Allegheny School District website each weekday with new confirmed cases and a total number of cases. The cases are listed by building in a table format.

## Privacy

If a colleague, friend, family member, client, student, or anyone else informs you of a COVID-19 diagnosis, please keep it confidential.

## Plan Subject to Change

This plan is subject to change based on current conditions.



# Education Plan

For the 2022-2023 school year, the North Allegheny School District plans to offer full-time, in-person learning for all students K-12. We understand that many of our students need a face-to-face learning environment in order to thrive.

## **In-Person Instruction**

All traditional student and staff resources and supports are available in the In-Person Instruction setting while implementing the Health & Safety Plan protocols.

- All staff and students report to the school building daily for instruction.
- All staff and students follow enhanced hygiene protocols.
- During the first week of school, we will spend time completing activities welcoming and orienting students back to school.
- All students (grades K-12) have access to Blackboard. In this platform, students can access a variety of videos, lessons, templates, assignments, virtual tutorials, and other tools to support their learning. This platform should be used when students are in quarantine or isolation to continue with their learning asynchronously.

## **Remote Instruction**

The Remote Instruction plan is enacted when In-Person Instruction is no longer feasible based on District, local, or commonwealth officials recognizing that the level of community spread is too great and all constituents are at heightened risk.

Remote Instruction schedules have been developed for elementary, middle, and high schools and mimic a student's regular school day, where possible. All weekly schedules include instruction and application of skills through synchronous instruction, asynchronous learning, check-in meetings with teachers, and independent practice that meet Pennsylvania's required hours of instruction by week.

## **Moving to Remote Instruction**

In the event that the District would need to move to a Remote Instruction schedule, classes will follow the Remote Schedules and K-12 Expectations for HyFlex Remote Implementation plan found [here](#).

All teachers K-12 will use Blackboard to communicate weekly learning plans by posting an agenda with details for the week. Each agenda will have links to where students and families can review the required work and sessions for the week.

Google Meet or Blackboard Collaborate are the video tools that all teachers will be expected to use to hold live sessions with students/families.

Students will be required to attend the synchronous/live sessions. If students do not attend these sessions, they will be counted as absent for the day unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher. Students will be expected to attend class virtually daily and to complete/turn in assigned work. Attendance guidelines for 2022-2023 can be found [here](#).

Student Online Learning at Home Expectations can be found [here](#).



# NA Cyber Academy

## NA Cyber Academy K-12

The NA Cyber Academy is a K-12 asynchronous online school within the North Allegheny School District.

NA Cyber Academy students remain enrolled in the District and have access to District athletics, extra-curricular activities, and after-school functions that are available throughout the school year following the guidance of District, local, and commonwealth officials. Students are also able to join the in-person clubs, activities, and athletics. Additionally, this program allows seniors to graduate with a diploma from the North Allegheny School District.

- The NA Cyber Academy is available for any student.
- NACA will be offered asynchronously to students in grades K-12.
- All coursework will be completed independently by students using Waterfront Learning.
- NACA students will be assigned a District teacher to receive additional support.
- At the middle school and high school levels, a [NACA Program of Studies](#) will be developed.
  - All courses offered to in-person students will not be offered to NACA students.
  - The [NACA Program of Studies](#) will include courses required for promotion to high school and graduation requirements.
- For high school courses:
  - NA's add/drop process defined in the Program of Studies will apply for NA Cyber Academy.
  - Final grades for any high school credit courses appear on the student transcript with the school listed as "NA Cyber Academy." All high school credits will be calculated in the student's GPA.
- NACA will follow the District calendar for holidays and days off of school.
- Students must enroll in NACA for a minimum of one semester.

## K-5 NA Cyber Academy Instruction

- Students will be provided a suggested schedule similar to the in-person elementary schedule.
- Core subjects, including ELA (Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Writing, Social Studies, Science, Math, Art, Library, Music, and Physical Education) will be offered asynchronously.
- Learning coaches are critical for elementary student success throughout remote learning. It is recommended that each family identify a parent/guardian or another adult in their family that will support and assist the student's learning, be in contact with the teacher(s), and assist with navigating technology.

## **6-8 NA Cyber Academy Instruction**

- Core subjects, including ELA, Social Studies, Science and Math Core Content Curriculum, Unified Arts (PE, Music, Art, Tech Ed, BCIT, and FCS), and World Language will be offered asynchronously.

## **9-12 NA Cyber Academy Instruction**

- All courses will be offered asynchronously.