



**Cambria Heights School District
Office of Superintendent
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RE: Cambria Heights Reopening Plan and Schedule

Dear Cambria Heights Families and Community:

Based on the Cambria Heights Reopening Health and Safety Plan, our staff and stakeholders have been tirelessly planning to ensure a safe transition back to full-time, in-person instruction for our students. Although we are prepared for and fully support a return to in-person instruction five days per week, we must follow the recommendations, guidance, and mandates of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

Per the recent recommendations from PDE (<https://tinyurl.com/yyeub3ps>), all schools in Cambria County are rated as “moderate risk” for which the guideline recommends those schools move to a hybrid model involving at least half-time remote learning for all students. Thus, we are enacting a hybrid instructional plan. The choice to attend a full remote schedule will still remain an option for families.

Please note that this schedule is proposed for the first marking period only (through October 30th). Current agency guidelines and our county status will be reviewed as we approach the end of the first marking period to determine whether we will continue with the hybrid model or move to either a full in-person or full virtual model.

Building principals will be sending specific building level plans with the following to apply to all students:

- The first day of school for student attendance will be September 8th.
- Students will be placed into two groups according to last names. Students with the last name A-K will be placed into Group A. Students with the last names L-Z will be placed into Group B. We will accommodate families that live in the same residence who have different last names. Please contact your child’s building principal to discuss your family’s group assignment.
- Students in Group A will attend school in-person all day Monday and Thursday. Group B will attend school in-person all day Tuesday and Friday. On Wednesdays, student groups

will alternate for in-person attendance. Students attending in-person on Wednesdays will be dismissed two hours early to allow for remote learning preparation, virtual office hours, and student and parent meetings.

We will follow a hybrid schedule of:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A	B	A or B (morning) 2 Hour Early Dismissal	A	B

- For the first week of school, Group A will attend Tuesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 10 while Group B will attend Wednesday, September 9 and Friday, September 11 (see attached calendar). Wednesday, September 9th will be a full day of school with early dismissals beginning September 16th.
- Remote learning will occur on the days in which students do not attend in-person.

We also want to make families aware of the recently updated mandate (<https://tinyurl.com/y66htp9k>) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health originally issued in July. Currently, the order now requires students to wear a face covering in the school setting at all times even if six feet of social distancing can be maintained.

The order allows for face covering removal for the following situations only:

- Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or
- When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task; or
- At least 6 feet apart during “face-covering breaks” to last no longer than 10 minutes.

Therefore, whether we are utilizing a hybrid or full in-person model, all students will be required to wear a face covering when attending any in-person instruction and will likely wear the face covering for most of the school day.

We understand the frustration and uncertainty of the past months especially with the ever evolving mandates, recommendations, and guidelines. Please be assured that no matter the current situation, Cambria Heights is committed to the safety and well-being of our students and families and will continue to offer high-quality education, support, and services.

More information will be coming out soon from each of the building principals to discuss specific plans and details pertinent to each individual building.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Strasser
Superintendent of Schools