

1750 South Roselle Road
Palatine, Illinois 60067-7336
Telephone (847) 755-6600
Website adc.d211.org

Lisa A. Small
Superintendent

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

James B. Conant High School
William Fremd High School
Hoffman Estates High School
Palatine High School
Schaumburg High School

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS
District 211 North Campus
Higgins Education Center



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!

District 211 staff is thrilled to begin full in-person instruction on Thursday, August 12. I look forward to a year that brings a renewed spirit of excitement, while also working together to continue the tremendous innovation and creativity that we have seen blossom over the last year.

While in-person learning continues this year, we will have changes in our safety protocols at different times based on changes from the Illinois State Board of Education and public health agencies. We will send you updated information throughout the year as necessary.

Below is information regarding our COVID-19 safety protocols for the start of the school year.

Masks: The Executive Order from Illinois Governor Pritzker requires masks for all students, teachers and staff while inside all pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade school buildings. Mask wearing is regardless of vaccination status. Masks are available for those who forget a mask, and we have specific masks for students in activities such as band. Masks are not required outdoors. Also note that, per a Centers for Disease Control mandate, all individuals must wear masks on school buses and any other school-related transportation. Parents or guardians

should contact the Student Services Department if their child has a medical concern regarding mask wearing.

Symptom Screenings: Students with COVID-19-related symptoms should remain home and call the school's attendance office if they are sick. Current COVID-19 symptoms, include:

Fever (100.4°F or higher) 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, vomiting or diarrhea

To begin the school year, the District will not utilize the digital wellness screener that was used last school year. Parents and students need to monitor wellness at home prior to leaving for school. It is imperative that individuals stay home when they experience one of these symptoms.

Activities and Athletics: The current masking mandate applies to all activities and Illinois High School Associations (IHSA) fall sports practices and contests that are conducted indoors. Masks do not need to be worn outdoors. Fall sports practices begin Monday, August 9. Register students for all sports and activities using the Infinite Campus [portal](#).

Vaccinations: According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are seeking COVID-19 vaccination sites, see the [District 211 website](#) for local vaccination information. Currently, the COVID-19 vaccination is not required. If your child has a medical concern which makes in-person learning for this school year unsafe, please contact your high school's student services director immediately.

COVID-19 Testing: Optional COVID-19 testing remains available in all District 211 schools at no cost and is a parent choice. Parents must give permission to allow the tests to take place, including when a student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms at school. All District nurses, certified nursing assistants and athletic trainers are trained to use the *BinaxNow* COVID-19 antigen test, which determines a student's results through the collection of a nasal swab specimen. Results are available in 15 minutes. We also will offer the saliva-based SHIELD Illinois RT-PCR test. Results from this test are available within 24 hours. Additional information regarding optional testing will be sent to parents later in August.

For more information, including Frequently Asked Questions regarding the start of the school year, please visit www.d211.org and select “2021-2022 School Year Information” under the Parents or Students tabs at the top.

Our entire District 211 staff looks forward to welcoming our students to school and is excited for a school year filled with tremendous opportunities for every District 211 student.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Small". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Small, Ed.D.
Superintendent