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# Reopening Rhode Island's Schools

Governor's Equity Council

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**RIDE** Rhode Island  
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# Unified 2020-2021 Rhode Island School Calendar

## *Rhode Island Schools RIDE 2020/21 School Calendar*

August 2020						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
24	25	26	27	28		
31						

September 2020						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
	1	2	3	4	(15)	
7	8	PD	PD	PD		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30				

October 2020						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
			1	2	(21)	
5	6	7	8	9		
12	13	14	15	16		
PD	20	21	22	23		
26	27	28	29	30		

November 2020						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
2	3	4	5	6	(16)	
9	10	11	12	13		
PD	17	18	19	20		
23	24	25	26	27		
30						

December 2020						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
	1	2	3	4	(17)	
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30	31			

January 2021						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
				1	(19)	
4	5	6	7	8		
11	12	13	14	15		
18	19	20	21	22		
PD	26	27	28	29		

February 2021						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
1	2	3	4	5	(15)	
8	9	10	11	12		
15	16	17	18	19		
22	23	24	25	26		

March 2021						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
1	2	3	4	5	(23)	
8	9	10	11	12		
PD	16	17	18	19		
22	23	24	25	26		
29	30	31				

April 2021						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
			1	2	(16)	
5	6	7	8	9		
12	13	14	15	16		
19	20	21	22	23		
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2021						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
3	4	5	6	7	(19)	
10	11	12	13	14		
PD	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		
31						

June 2021						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Days	
	1	2	3	4	(19)	
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		

Key:

PD

PD/Distance Learning Day

X

No School

PD

# Overview:

A unified school calendar will ensure that educators from across the state have the opportunity to prepare and engage in professional development opportunities to better serve students and families.

- ✓ LEA-led professional development days for staff will take place September 9 through 11, 2020.
- ✓ All Rhode Island public school students will report to school on September 14, 2020.
- ✓ All Rhode Island students and teachers will have a Winter vacation from February 15 through 19, 2021.
- ✓ All Rhode Island students and teachers will have a Spring vacation from April 19 through 23, 2021.
- ✓ The following days will be statewide professional development days: October 19, November 16, January 25, March 15, and May 17, but distance learning for students.
- ✓ Snow days will still be determined at the district level, and school will be held via distance learning.
- ✓ Graduations can be held by high schools any time after their 170<sup>th</sup> day of instruction, which is expected to be June 11, 2021.
- ✓ The statewide school year for students will end on the 180<sup>th</sup> day of instruction, which is expected to be June 25, 2021. School systems may choose to add instructional days to their calendar beyond the 180-day required statewide calendar.
- ✓ While RIDE encourages private schools to follow the statewide calendar, those decisions will be made at the school level.

# SCHOOL REOPENING READINESS

These benchmarks will help us determine whether it's safe to fully reopen our schools.

01

## STATEWIDE READINESS

-Does the state-level data indicate we should be in Phase 3 or higher?

02

## MUNICIPAL READINESS

-Do municipal-level case incidence rates indicate it's safe to fully reopen?

03

## TESTING READINESS

-Do we have the ability to test all symptomatic staff and students and on average get results within 48-72 hours?

04

## SUPPLY READINESS

-Does every school have more than sufficient cleaning supplies, soap/hand sanitizer, and face masks?

05

## OPERATIONAL READINESS

-Does every district have a plan that has been vetted by RIDE/RIDOH?

-Does every plan include necessary health precautions (i.e. mask requirement, social distancing, stable pods, safe transportation, facility readiness, accommodations for staff/students with underlying health conditions)?

-Does every school have a point-person to work with RIDE and RIDOH on testing and contact tracing?

-Does every school have health screening protocols in place?

-Does every school have a plan to support staff and students if they become ill?

# SCHOOL REOPENING READINESS

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## Work to Date:

- ✓ Released health metrics aligned to school reopening scenarios
- ✓ Reviewed LEA plans and provided targeted feedback
- ✓ Launched Back2SchoolRI with public health data, community metrics, and FAQs videos
- ✓ Finalized plans with RIEMA for their distribution of PPE to school districts
- ✓ Released updated transportation guidance

## Critical Milestones for August 2020:

- ☐ Final determination of school reopening scenario week of August 31
- ☐ Release LEA stakeholder engagement toolkit and continue ongoing community engagement series
- ☐ Release facilities, instructional and staffing guidance
- ☐ Implement differentiated, intensive supports for students and families in high-density communities

# Q & A

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## Thank you!



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