



Shenendehowa
Central Schools

**Completely Virtual Learning
(CVL) Presentation**

Thursday, August 13, 2020

3:30-5 p.m.



Questions During Today's Presentation

Please type your questions in the YouTube Chat.

**Please be sure to have read all documentation on CVL including the Q&A Document prior to asking.*



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Resources

Reminder about resources available for CVL

- [Completely Virtual Learning](#) Overview Document
- [Form](#) to register your child for Completely Virtual Learning - **Deadline extended to Monday, August 17 at 8am**
- [Webpage for Reopening](#)
- [Reopening Question & Answer Document](#)



Communications

Survey to solicit feedback on Reopening Plan to all stakeholders

- July 16

Webpage developed to organize all reopening information

- July 20

Livestreamed and Recorded Panel Discussion for Students/Parents

- Tuesday, July 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 22 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Livestreamed and Recorded Panel Discussion for Elementary Staff

- Tuesday, July 21 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, July 22 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Livestreamed and Recorded Panel Discussion for Secondary Faculty and Staff

- Tuesday, July 21 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 22 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm



Communications

Special BOE Meeting on Reopening Livestreamed and Recorded

- July 28

CVL registration and opt-out of transportation forms sent to parents

- July 30

Question and Answer document based on feedback from panel discussions and survey

- August 6

Virtual Stakeholder Meetings

- Session 1: CVL Session, Thursday, August 13th at 3:30
- Session 2: Safety/PPE/Contact Tracing on August 17th at 5:00
- Session 3: Operations- Food Service and Transportation on August 18th at 5:00
- Session 4: Instructional Program Logistics- program level overviews on August 19th at 5:00
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CVL Planning and In-Person

Based on current numbers below, we **estimate 10 to 15% will opt into Complete Virtual Learning:**

Total # of students registered in CVL as of August 13th: 923

- Elementary = 488 (53% of CVL registrants)
- Middle = 223 (24% of CVL registrants)
- High = 211 (23% of CVL registrants)

This means that we are planning for **85 to 90% of students being present for in-person learning.**



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Goals for Instruction - Reopenng 2020

- Focus on core content areas
- Skill-building
- Connection with teachers and peers
- Satisfy core graduation requirements
- Ensure students have Shen teachers as much as possible



Elementary CVL Model

Grades 1-5:

- Daily blend of synchronous (live) and asynchronous (pre-recorded) lessons
- Approximately 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sample Schedules:

- [Kindergarten Sample Schedule](#)
- [Gr. 1 & 2 Sample Schedule](#)
- [Gr. 3 - 5 Sample Schedule](#)



Elementary In-person Instruction

- Instruction in core areas will be delivered by group of certified teachers
- Some instruction will be live streamed with a teacher in the class
- Teachers will be asked to build in times for socialization during classes, while maintaining social distancing (Recess)
- Special areas (i.e., art, music, PE) will be limited



Grade 6 CVL Model

- Focus on core content areas
- Delivered with both synchronous (live) and asynchronous (pre-recorded) lessons
- Special areas (i.e., art, music, PE) will be provided as capacity allows.
- CVL students entering 6th grade will receive a Chromebook. Google Classroom and G Suite tools are used to help students stay organized and communicate with their teachers.



Grade 6 In-person Instruction

- For students attending in-person, they will rotate classrooms throughout the day.
- Teachers will be asked to build in times for socialization during classes, while maintaining social distancing.
- Special areas (i.e., art, music, PE) will be limited for grade 6, still working on details.
- In-person students will have a scheduled orientation period.



Grade 7-12 CVL

- CVL students will follow same daily schedule as in-person students; learning will be both live, in real time and using pre-recorded videos.
- CVL student instruction will begin at the same time as in-school instruction begins.
- Performing groups and music lessons for CVL are currently being examined



Grade 7-12 CVL

Secondary CVL/In-person Sample Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Block 1	English	World Language
Block 2	Math	Social Studies
Block 3	Study Hall	Health
Block 4	Science	PE



Grade 7-12 In-person

- Performing group opportunities for in-person are currently being examined. It is challenging to find spaces large enough to fit our groups with 12 feet distancing. Music lessons will be offered.
- Lockers will not be used (possibly reconsidered in winter), students will be allowed to carry backpacks, supplies they carry will be limited.



**Additional questions we have
received that were not
addressed in the Q & A sent to
families**



General CVL Questions

Why are you asking families to commit to CVL already?

To be ready to open school in four weeks, school staff members are working to develop schedules and staffing assignments. This typically takes five months - with only one model (in-person). The District has to start working to assign staff for the Complete Virtual Learning sections as well as for in-person learning- all within our adopted 2020-21 budget.

If I register new to the district after August 17, may I opt in to CVL?

Yes



General CVL Questions

Why does it seem so hard for you to staff CVL? What are the issues?

If 25 first graders are signed up for CVL, the students are typically coming from 8 schools. If 18 of them are from the same school, it works, and the District can shift a teacher from that school to CVL. Most often the students are from many schools. In these cases we are not able to reduce an in-person section, but also need to staff a virtual section. Staffing is extremely tight and will definitely drive final plans.



General CVL Questions

What if I cannot commit to CVL right now?

We will plan for your child to attend school in-person. If you later ask to switch your elementary child to Complete Virtual Learning, please understand it may take time to make the adjustment as staffing is a major consideration.

If we choose CVL, is there a dedicated teacher for the class?

Just like in-person instruction in the coming year, students will be assigned to groups of teachers who will work together to provide instruction.



General CVL Questions

What will CVL class sizes be?

Class size will depend on the number of students in CVL by grade level. We anticipate class sizes will be similar to prior year, non-COVID, class sizes. Students learning from home are already socially distanced, so that is not a concern.

In CVL, will my child have the same classmates throughout the school year?

That is the plan. However, the overall composition may change if parents shift their child's enrollment between CVL and In-person.



Elementary CVL Questions

Will my child be able to participate in accelerated math or QUEST?

Yes, however, it will be different. Lessons will be provided by video with teacher support.

If CVL, can I still participate in PTA and virtual school activities?

Yes



Grade 7-12 CVL

Will CVL students learn alongside in-person hybrid students?

CVL will be assigned to Shen classes as if they were in-person, following the same curriculum delivered to in-person hybrid students, and being graded by their teacher. At times, the learning experience may be different for CVL students when the in-class activity cannot be replicated at home.

Will all courses be offered for CVL?

Most will be offered. We are currently discussing which courses might not be able to be replicated in CVL. (e.g., Computer Integrated Manufacturing - CIM, Digital Electronics)



Grade 7-12 CVL

Will my child have the same counselor if they are CVL?

Yes.

Can we still use school resources if we are in CVL like the library?

All in-person and CVL students will be able to access electronic resources.

Can a student in CVL still participate in honor societies?

CVL students will be able to participate in all virtual options.



Questions submitted in the chat

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