



Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District Reopening Timeline

- June 26: Governor Murphy releases [“The Road Back”](#) guidance requiring public schools to open for in-person instruction with no option for remote-only.
- July 6: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases a [letter](#) informing parents that work is underway on pandemic response teams, the district restart committee, and reopening guideline principles. It names the week of July 20 as the start of the plan finalization and the 1st week of August as an estimate for the release of the reopening plan.
- July 16: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District begins a school reopening planning survey based on Governor Murphy’s guidance requirements.
- July 24: Governor Murphy releases a [supplemental guideline](#) allowing the remote-option for at-risk students only.
- July 26: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases a [letter](#) detailing the results of survey and outlining the ongoing local reopening planning process.
- July 29: Governor Murphy releases a [supplemental guideline](#) about screening, PPE, and response to symptomatic students.
- August 2: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases a [letter](#) detailing the proposed daily schedule structure of the hybrid model and busing details.
- August 3: Governor Murphy releases a [supplemental guideline](#) about transportation and PPE.
- August 3: DOE releases a checklist schools need to meet by reopening date. https://nj.gov/education/reopening/DOE_HealthandSafety.pdf
- August 7: Governor Murphy releases a [supplemental guideline](#) about in-school meal service for 2020-2021.
- August 7: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases its [58-page reopening guidance document](#) and 5-page [FAQ](#). [Updated](#) as of August 18, 2020.
- August 7: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District opens a survey asking parents for a decision on cohort or virtual model for their children.
- August 11: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District holds a virtual meeting on the restart plan for parents of elementary grades.
- August 12: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District holds a virtual meeting on the restart plan for parents of middle & HS grades.
- August 13: Governor Murphy signs [Executive Order 175](#) requiring schools to open for in-person instruction but permitting entire districts to go remote-only if they can’t meet the June 26 guidance/August 3 checklist. Elizabeth, Jersey City, and Plainfield had already announced their refusal to comply with Governor Murphy’s guidance.
- August 14: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases a [letter](#) announcing district will begin as virtual-only, based on previous day’s Executive Order, citing the District’s inability to meet updated 7/17 ASHRAE HVAC requirements. <https://www.ashrae.org/file%20library/technical%20resources/covid-19/ashrae-reopening-schools-and-universities-c19-guidance.pdf>
- August 23: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases a [letter](#) with information regarding HVAC, timelines, guidance and FAQ’s.
- August 25: Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District holds a Virtual Town Hall session for questions regarding the virtual-only opening.