

Public schools have looked different this year as a result of COVID-19. However, our commitment remains the same: We work tirelessly to keep our students safe, learning, and growing, one student at a time.

In July 2020, the administration presented the Edgerton School Board with a five tier plan for reopening schools. Tier zero was the most restrictive only offering a virtual option for instructional delivery while tier five was least restrictive and similar to pre-pandemic times.

Table of Instructional Tiers

Tier 0	Virtual Instruction for all learners (4K-12) (exceptions for students with special needs).
Tier 1	All K-6 students are attending in an A/B or alternate format which reduces the number of students in the elementary school. All 7-12 students are in a full virtual environment.
Tier 2	Traditional Face to Face for all 4K-6 students. Virtual Instruction for all 7-12 students.
Tier 3	Traditional Face to Face for all 4K-6 students. Traditional Face to Face for all 7-12 students on a rotating schedule (e.g., A/B).
Tier 4	Traditional Face to Face for all 4K-12 students.
Tier 5	Pre-pandemic Traditional Face to Face

Note: Tiers 2-5 provide two virtual options: Edgerton Virtual or JEDI online.

In August 2020, the Edgerton School Board voted to begin the school year in Tier 3 offering both in-person and virtual learning to all families. Approximately 70% of our families chose to have their child receive instruction in-person while 30% selected a virtual option.

To ensure student and staff safety, classrooms were arranged into cohorts in grades K-8 to mitigate risk and accommodate the ability to contact trace. In grades 9-12 the schedule was organized into four blocks instead of the usual eight period. We implemented strict cleaning procedures, enforced the use of face coverings, encouraged proper hand washing and hygiene, and monitored social distancing to the greatest extent possible. These practices have proven effective in mitigating the risk of COVID transmission and keeping our schools open.

Locally, and throughout the country, trends in positive COVID-19 cases have decreased. As a result, the CDC updated guidance to schools. Safety protocols such as wearing face coverings, encouraging social distancing, enforcing good hygiene, and maintaining routine cleaning protocols are still being followed. The CDC also updated guidance to include recommended implementation of mitigation strategies, testing, and safe K-12 school learning modes by level of

community transmission for schools. There are four ranges from Low Transmission to High Transmission. Our positive trend in Edgerton places the District in a low transmission category, which supports opening schools for full in-person instruction.

On February 22, the Edgerton School Board voted to approve moving from Tier 3 to Tier 4. All students in grades 7-12 have been invited to attend school in-person five days per week beginning March 8. We look forward to providing students an opportunity to receive instruction on campus full time and will maintain our commitment to keep our students safe, learning, and growing, one student at a time.