

DRAFT: Pandemic Policy Disclaimer:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many of the Lincoln Public School's policies have been impacted. Executive orders from the Governor, guidance from the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and the LPS District's "return-to-school" plans filed with DESE, to the extent that they conflict with or are at odds with any School Committee policies, take precedence over any School Committee policies. This will be true for the period of time that the executive order, guidance, or return-to-school plans are in effect. At such time as the parties are no longer subject to any of the above directives, the School Committee policies will revert back to their former role.

The "return-to-school" plan shall constitute the policy of the school district during the pandemic emergency, and the superintendent shall exercise the authority provided in law to carry out the plan as needed. The procedures outlined in the return to school plan have been established to:

- promote public safety and safety of students and faculty,
- maintain to the extent possible the high and efficient level of educational services,
- ensure support for students in general and in particular for those at highest risk educationally as well as those at social and economic risk, and
- comply with the emergency orders of the governor and adhere to the extent possible, to the guidance of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and other agencies of state and federal government, and expedite the safest strategy for returning students to school.