



River Forest
Public Schools

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Return to School Plan
Special Education Students in the Multi-Needs Program
at Willard (September 2020)

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) issued guidance related to [Fall 2020 Learning Recommendations](#) for school districts across the state. This guidance prioritized in person or blended instruction for students with IEPs. As a result, starting **Thursday September 17, 2020**, River Forest School District is inviting students in Ms. Shaunnessy's Multi-Needs Classroom to attend school at Willard from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

Here are some details:

- Students will be supported in a “pod” which means they will receive most of their classes and services in one classroom to the greatest extent possible.
- Students will be assigned individual workstations and their own supplies/materials to promote appropriate social distancing.
- Staff will be provided with additional PPE and training to support students in the event that social distancing cannot be maintained in order to support students.
- There will be a maximum of 6 students in the classroom.
- Students will enter and leave the building from the same door.
- Staff will check each child's temperature before entering the building.

Full Time Remote Option

While in-person instruction is optimal for students' learning, River Forest District 90 understands that parents may prefer remote learning as an alternative due to concerns related to the pandemic. In an effort to accommodate the needs of our school community during this unprecedented time, River Forest District 90 is offering for parents to opt-in their students to participate in full-time remote learning while Illinois remains in Phase 4 of *Restore Illinois* (or if Illinois reverts to an earlier Phase that permits in-person attendance). Please review the agreement, complete the document and return to Colleen Shaunnessy at chaunnessyc@district90.org if you would like to be considered for a full remote option. Link to the document can be found [HERE](#). For additional information regarding health and safety precautions please refer to the following documents:

[Safety and Operations Action Team \(Final Recommendations\)](#) AND [Inclusion Preschool and Multi-Needs Classroom Safety Protocols](#)..

If you are interested in you child returning to school on Thursday September 17 following the above described hybrid learning plan before the first day of attendance:

1. Notify your child's inclusion preschool teacher or your intent to participate in the hybrid model.
2. Sign the Return to School Addendum in the Student Handbook. If you have not already done so, please notify your child's teacher of the Director of Special Education.
3. All staff and students are required to wear a mask covering their face and mouth while in school. If your child is not able to wear a mask, please notify the teacher. You must have your doctor complete a [Mask Exemption Form](#) for the team's consideration regarding next steps.
4. Review the [D90 COVID Self Screener](#). If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, **do not come into the building** and notify your child's teacher immediately.

If you would prefer to continue with full remote learning at this time, please complete the remote learning form:

[Full Time Remote Learning Opt-In Form](#)

Please contact your child's teacher, Colleen Shaunessy at shaunnessyc@district90.org or Denise Matthews, the Director of Special Education at matthewsd@district90.org with further questions.