

Programming Models FAQs

Can co-located buildings provide a plan together?

School leaders are encouraged to coordinate and discuss re-opening plans with their co-located school leaders, but each school must document and submit an individual plan.

Can a school that serves grades K-8 select one model for elementary grades and another model for middle school grades?

Yes, schools serving multiple grade bands (ex. K – 5 and 6 –8) will be allowed to submit different models per grade band through the exceptions process.

Can elementary schools working with middle schools to provide accelerated courses to elementary students use the 6-day cycle option (Model 3)?

No, the six-day cycle model (Model 3), is not an option for elementary grades because it lacks consistency in the day of the week that students will be in-person which makes it more difficult for families to arrange for childcare. Elementary schools may choose from Models 1 or 2, depending on the number of in-person student groups they can accommodate.

Can we use a gym to accommodate three classes at a time?

All spaces in a school can be used as instructional spaces as long as appropriate social distancing is possible and health and safety guidance is followed; as such, physical education spaces can be repurposed for instructional purposes, but students must have access to physical education classes regardless.

Exceptions Process FAQs

Will exceptions permitting different student groups (grades, subgroups, etc.) to have different amounts of in-person instruction (per week or cycle, etc.) be considered as part of the exceptions process?

All exceptions will be reviewed by an exception committee; decisions regarding allowable exceptions will depend on the details of the submission.

Can non-District 75 schools apply for an exception to use one of the District 75 programming models?

Non-District 75 Schools can submit an exception to use District 75 Model 4 to have a student groups receive five days a week of in-person instruction. However non-District 75 schools cannot offer Model 4B (every other week plan).

Can early childhood grades, including 3K and pre-K, plan for morning and afternoon split sessions?

No. Due to health and safety concerns schools are not permitted to plan AM/PM sessions.

We really need four in-person student groups due to small room size and available staff. Is it possible to get an exception that will allow for four in-person student groups?

If none of the proposed models meet your school community needs, you may submit a request for exception to include additional in-person student groups provided health and safety guidelines are followed.

The DOE stands ready to provide additional support to schools for which the programming options are not feasible due to space or staffing constraints. School leaders in need of such support should submit a request for an exception and contact their Superintendent for additional support.

When should we have proposed plans for exceptions by?

Additional guidance outlining the process for submitting exceptions will be forthcoming on or about July 23, 2020. Exceptions requests should be submitted ASAP, but no later than August 14, 2020.