

A background image of a desk with various school supplies. In the center is a wooden crate with the words 'YOU ARE AMAZING' and two heart cutouts. To the left is a pencil holder with several pencils. To the right is a stapler. In the background, there are papers and a sign that says 'DO YOU HAVE TAKES TO BE'.

## Secondary Principal Briefing

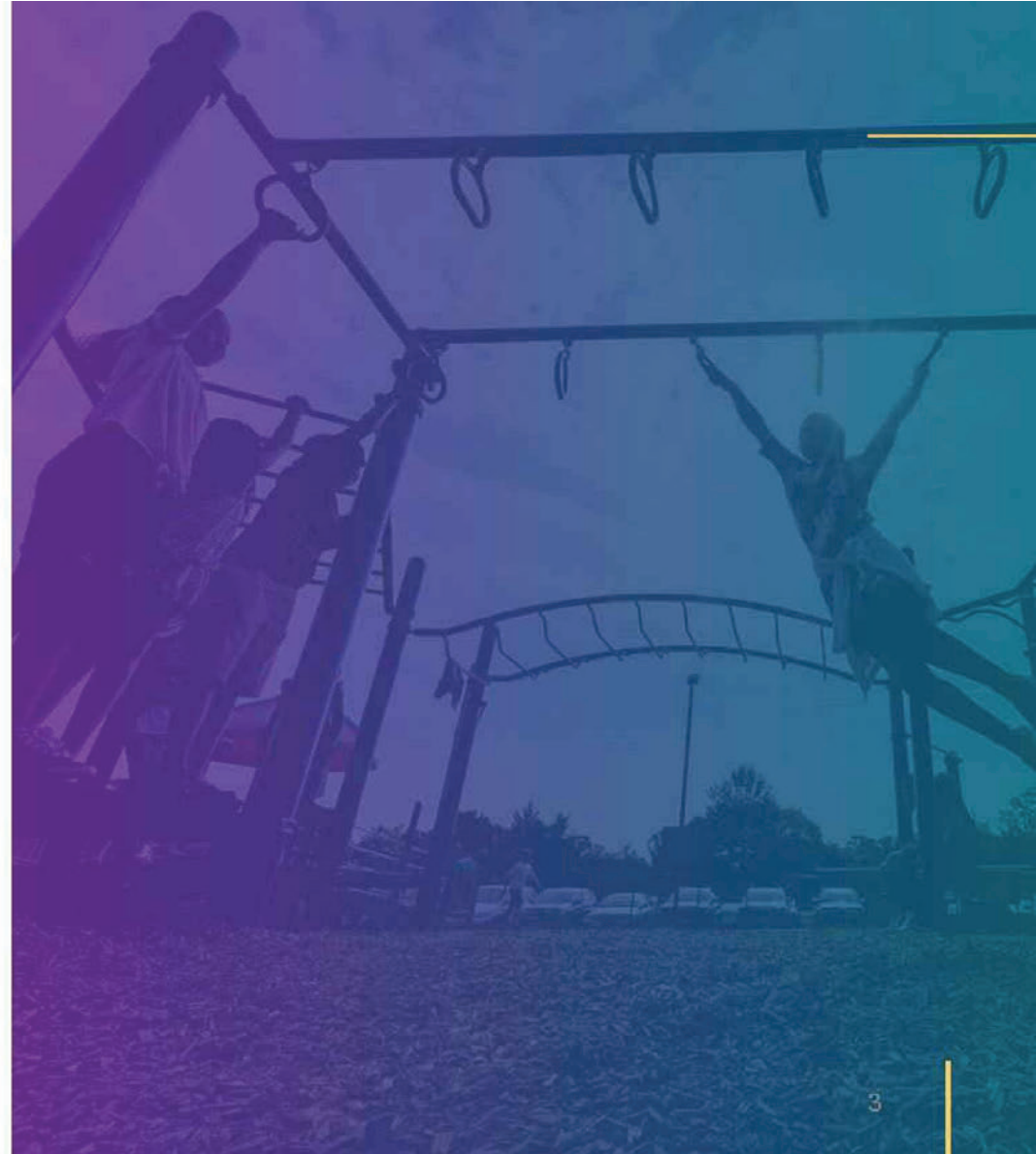
**March 25, 2021**

# Agenda

- Welcome
- Updated CDC Guidance
- Governor's Executive Order - Gathering Limitations
- Instruction

# | Health and Safety

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# Updated CDC Guidance

- Change from 14-day to 7-day average for community transmission data
- Reduced the number of risk levels from five (5) levels to four (4) levels
- Added the importance of “isolation and quarantine” to the key mitigation strategies
- Refer to mitigation strategies now as “layered prevention strategies”
- Includes testing (i.e. diagnostic and screening) recommendations by community transmission level for students and staff
- Includes recommendations for sports indoor vs. outdoor and ability to use physical distancing
- Updated **recommendations for physical distancing** based on community transmission levels and school level (elementary vs middle/high)



# Updated CDC Guidance

## Community Transmission Based on 7-Day Average

| Indicator                                                                 | Low Transmission<br>Blue | Moderate<br>Transmission<br>Yellow | Substantial<br>Transmission<br>Orange | High Transmission<br>Red |
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| Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days <sup>2</sup>       | 0-9                      | 10-49                              | 50-99                                 | ≥100                     |
| Percentage of NAATs that are positive during the past 7 days <sup>3</sup> | <5.0%                    | 5.0%-7.9%                          | 8.0%-9.9%                             | ≥10.0%                   |

## Emphasis on the Importance of Isolation and Quarantine

### Prevention Strategies: All Schools

All schools implement 5 key prevention strategies:

- Universal and correct use of masks required
- Physical distancing
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities
- Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine

### Fairfax County Community Transmission Data

Number of Cases Per 100K

**105.8**

Percent Positivity

**5.4**

CDC Indicator for  
Community Transmission

**High**

# Updated CDC Guidance

## Recommendations by Community Transmission Level

- Distinction in recommendations between Elementary and Secondary (Middle and High) Schools
  - **Elementary** - minimum of 3ft. physical distancing can be implemented at **all levels**
  - **Middle and High**
    - Minimum of 3ft. distancing can be implemented at **low**, **moderate**, and **substantial** transmission levels.
    - Use of less than 6ft. at **high transmission** is only to be done if cohorting can be implemented.

| Prevention Strategies by Level of Community Transmission                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Low Transmission <sup>1</sup><br>Blue                                                                                                                                              | Moderate Transmission<br>Yellow                                                                                                                             | Substantial Transmission<br>Orange                                                                                                                                                       | High Transmission<br>Red                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Elementary Schools</b><br>Physical distancing: at least 3 feet between students in classrooms                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Elementary Schools</b><br>Physical distancing: at least 3 feet of distance between students in classrooms<br><br>Cohorting <sup>2</sup> recommended when possible                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Middle and High Schools</b><br>Physical distancing: at least 3 feet between students in classrooms                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Middle and High Schools</b><br>Physical distancing: at least 3 feet of distance between students in classrooms<br><br>Cohorting recommended when possible                             | <b>Middle and High Schools</b><br>Schools that can use cohorting: at least 3 feet of distance<br><br>Schools that cannot use cohorting: at least 6 feet distance between students in classrooms <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Sports and extracurricular activities</b><br>Sports and extracurricular activities occur with at least 6 feet of physical distance to the greatest extent possible <sup>2</sup> | <b>Sports and extracurricular activities</b><br>Sports and extracurricular activities occur with at least 6 feet of physical distance required <sup>2</sup> | <b>Sports and extracurricular activities</b><br>Sports and extracurricular activities occur only if they can be held outdoors, with more than 6 feet of physical distancing <sup>2</sup> |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

# Updated CDC Social Distancing Guidance

## Summary

- CDC guidance (released on March 12) provides schools the opportunity to transition from 6' to 3' social distancing in some circumstances aligned to levels of community transmission.
- CDC 3' guidance applies to the space between students\*. Staff-to-student and staff-to-staff spacing will remain at 6' at all transmission levels.
- CDC guidance remains at 6' when masks cannot be worn (e.g. when eating)
- Currently, **Fairfax County** is at “**Red**” or “**High**” levels of community transmission. Under high community transmission, the CDC recommends:
  - *3' social distancing in elementary schools*
  - *Use of less than 6' at middle and high school **only** if cohorting can be implemented (which FCPS cannot do)*

\*When both students are wearing masks



# FCPS Key Messaging on Updated CDC Guidelines

Based on the updated CDC guidance and subject to community and school health conditions, FCPS will:

- Offer additional days of in-person instruction to students who are experiencing the greatest learning challenges, as identified by our MTSS teams. This has been ongoing and will continue throughout the spring.
- Expand opportunities for students already attending in-person (PreK-12). This will be on a school-by-school basis, and dependent on staffing and space capacity. This will not look the same in every school. **Students eligible to return under this scenario will be contacted between April 13-27.**

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will continue to follow CDC guidance for all key mitigation strategies and will adjust as necessary.

FCPS will continue to monitor any changes to health data - especially as it relates to middle and high schools for which the CDC has different guidance when community transmission rates are high.

We want to utilize to the greatest extent possible, every available seat without major disruptions to the instructional program (i.e. Master schedule)



# FCPS Key Messaging on Updated CDC Guidelines

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## The Transition to 3' Distancing May Look Different in Each School:

- Schools have a wide range of students currently attending in-person from 20% to 80%
- Schools have different numbers of students identified as high need through MTSS
- Space challenges vary including, current occupancy, size of classrooms, furniture, lunchroom space
- Schools need sufficient space for all students to eat lunch without a mask, 6' apart, and all facing the same direction
- Implementation may impact some school schedules
- Number of students needing transportation due to 2-to-a-seat bus limitations
- Strained staffing levels including challenges when staff are under quarantine

## Next Steps

- **NO PLANNING IS NECESSARY UNTIL AFTER SPRING BREAK**
- Plans are embargoed until Dr. Brabrand shares with staff and the community after spring break. Please keep confidential.
- EP/Operational Team will resume office hours after Spring Break to provide problem-solving assistance
- Schools facing operational challenges should consult their Region Office Teams

# Capacity Limitations

**This guidance is based on Executive Order 72**

- This does not apply to any educational instructional setting
- The EO was last updated on March 23, 2021 and effective April 1, 2021



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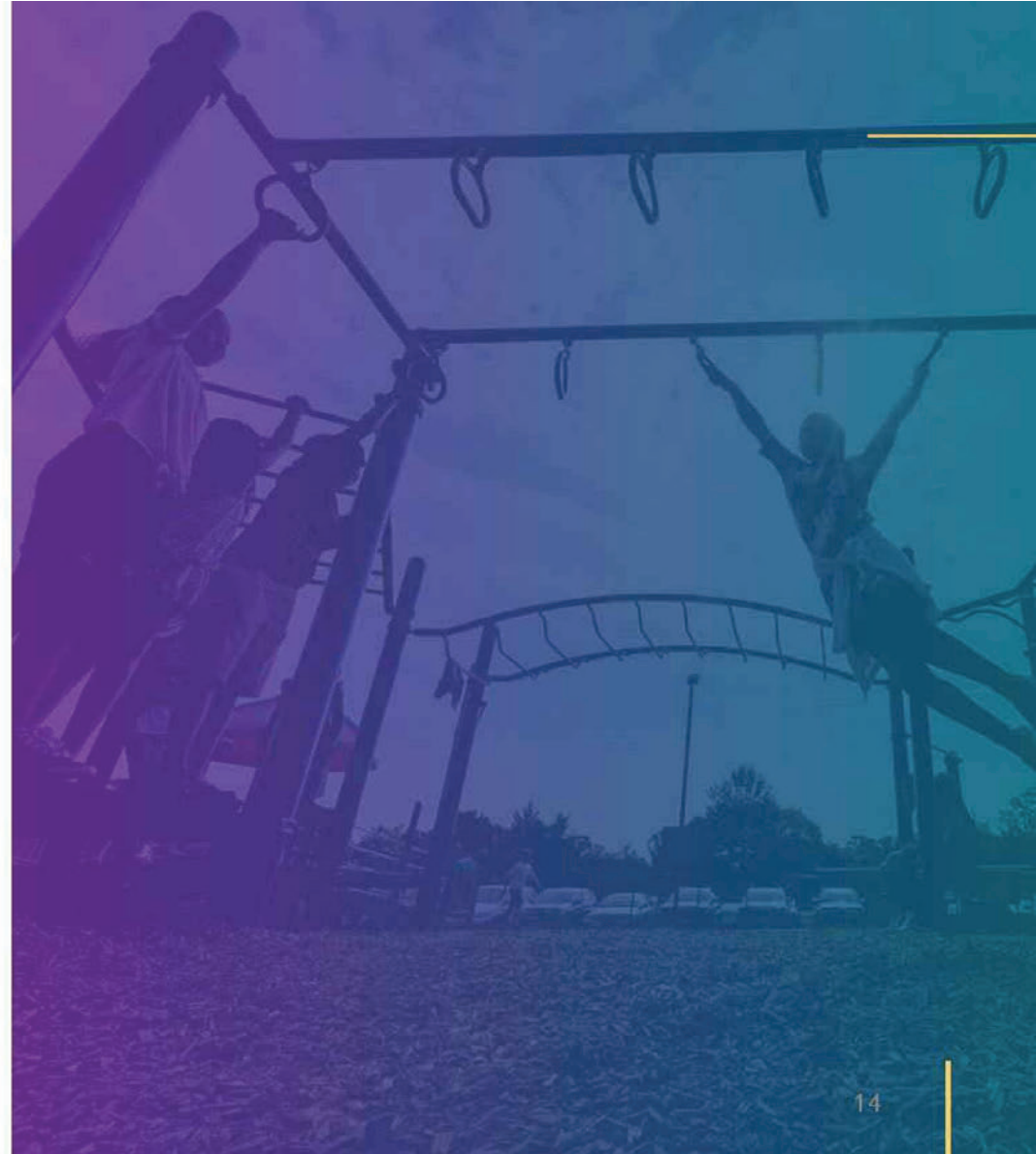
| Event Type                                                                                                                | Indoor Capacity Cap                                                                                                                                                  | Outdoor Capacity Cap                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>VHSL and Recreational Sports Events</b>                                                                                | The total number of spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, or 100 persons per field. | 30 percent of the occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue or 500 spectators per field.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Athletes do not count against the cap. Cheerleaders do not count against spectator cap for outdoor events if they are on a separate field than the sports team playing. No spectators at Cross Country events. |
| <b>FCPS Graduations</b>                                                                                                   | Events held indoors may have up to 500 people, or 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, whichever is less.                        | Events held outdoors may hold up to 5,000 people, or 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, whichever is less.                                                                                                                                                                                   | There is no distinction between spectators and participants. If no occupancy load has been determined, a ratio of 40 sq ft per person shall be used to determine occupancy limits.                             |
| <b>Promotion and Award Ceremonies Held in Sports or Entertainment Venues (football stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums)</b> | Events held indoors may have up to 500 spectators, or 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, whichever is less.                    | Events held outdoors may hold up to 30 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy. If no occupancy load has been determined, a ratio of 40 square feet per person shall be used to determine occupancy limits – only square footage that is likely to be accessed may be included in that determination. | Participants on stage or on the field will still be subject to social distancing requirements listed in EO 72.                                                                                                 |

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| <b>All Night Grad Parties, Prom, and Other Social Gatherings (PTA, PTSA, PTO events)</b>                                     | 50 people maximum.                                                                                                                                | 100 people maximum.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | These capacity restrictions would not be impacted based on whether the event is or is not on school property.  |
| <b>All Other Social Gatherings or Events*</b>                                                                                | 50 people maximum.                                                                                                                                | 100 people maximum.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | There is no distinction between events run by FCPS and events run by private entities.                         |

\*According to Executive Order 72, the presence of more than 50 individuals indoors, or 100 individuals outdoors, performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a “gathering.”

# Instruction





# End-of-Year Grading Updates

*We are working to centrally automate processes wherever possible and develop resources to simplify actions for school staff and families. We will schedule sessions for Principals/DSS to review all related materials after Spring Break.*

- Use of NM (no mark) instead of F grade for MS and HS courses - *will be automated\**
- Use of P (pass) instead of D/D+ for grades earned in MS - *will be automated\**
- Use of P (pass) for all MS and HS courses chosen by families - *will be automated\**
- Final exams used only to raise student grades - *technical guidance being developed for different gradebook/grading set ups*

***\* applied to both semester (1st/2nd) and full year courses***

# End-of-Year Grading Updates

- Pass (“P”) Option - students may choose P mark instead of letter grade in up to 2 classes (HS) and any course (MS)
  - *Communication, request form, and updated website will be available after spring break to share with families on or before April 9*
  - *Requests require parent/guardian request and must be filed in cumulative folder*
  - *Schools will need to send letters and forms with 3rd quarter report cards - working on final language and translations*
  - *Deadline for requests is May 10*



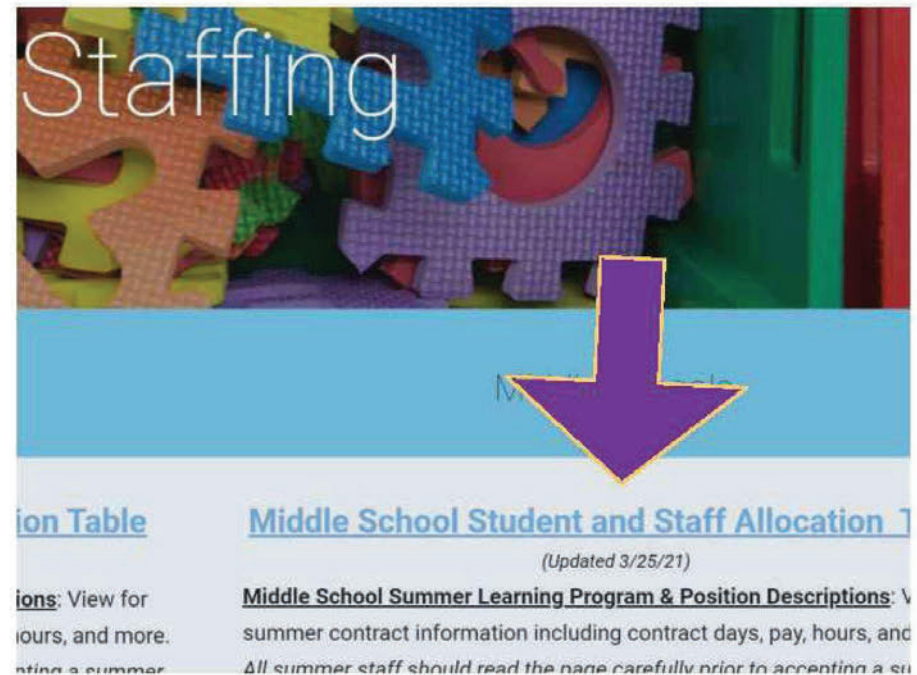
# Summer Learning

## MS Update:

- IMAGINE Staffing is now available on [Summer Google Site](#)

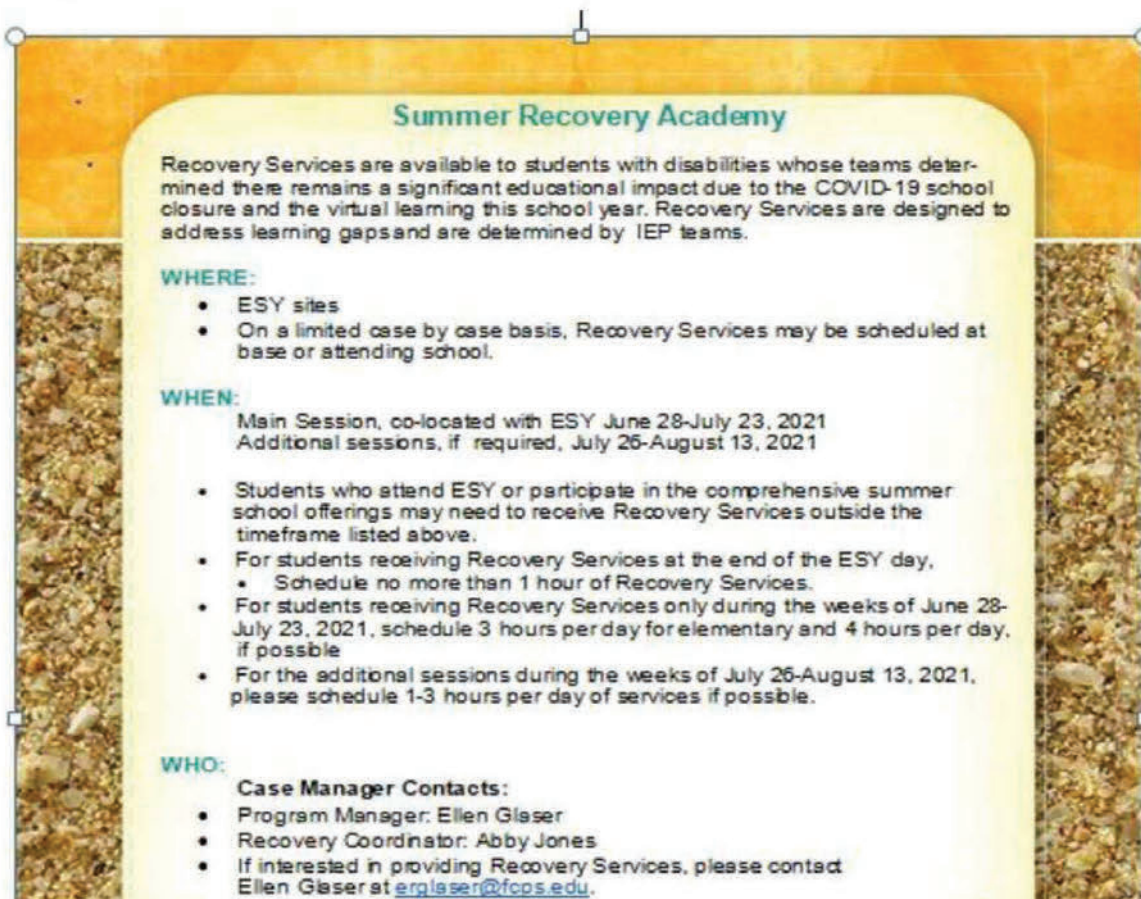
## HS Reminder:

- Monday, April 5: Recommend candidate names to HR for the principal and assistant principal positions. Names should be submitted through this [form](#).
- You may recommend individuals to work both sessions or one session.
- High School [Google Site](#) (Under Construction)





# Special Education: Summer Recovery Academy

A flyer for the Summer Recovery Academy. It has a yellow header with the title "Summer Recovery Academy" in green. Below the header, there is a paragraph explaining that Recovery Services are available to students with disabilities whose teams determined there remains a significant educational impact due to the COVID-19 school closure and the virtual learning this school year. Recovery Services are designed to address learning gaps and are determined by IEP teams. The flyer is divided into three sections: WHERE, WHEN, and WHO. The WHERE section lists ESY sites and on a limited case by case basis, Recovery Services may be scheduled at base or attending school. The WHEN section lists the Main Session, co-located with ESY June 28-July 23, 2021, and Additional sessions, if required, July 26-August 13, 2021. It also lists that students who attend ESY or participate in the comprehensive summer school offerings may need to receive Recovery Services outside the timeframe listed above, and for students receiving Recovery Services at the end of the ESY day, schedule no more than 1 hour of Recovery Services. For students receiving Recovery Services only during the weeks of June 28-July 23, 2021, schedule 3 hours per day for elementary and 4 hours per day, if possible. For the additional sessions during the weeks of July 26-August 13, 2021, please schedule 1-3 hours per day of services if possible. The WHO section lists Case Manager Contacts: Program Manager: Ellen Glaser, Recovery Coordinator: Abby Jones, and If interested in providing Recovery Services, please contact Ellen Glaser at [erglaser@fcps.edu](mailto:erglaser@fcps.edu).

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**WHO:**

**Case Manager Contacts:**

- Program Manager: Ellen Glaser
- Recovery Coordinator: Abby Jones
- If interested in providing Recovery Services, please contact Ellen Glaser at [erglaser@fcps.edu](mailto:erglaser@fcps.edu).

## OFFICE HOURS

- Thursday, March 25, 2021  
3:30-4:30 [BBCU Link](#)
- Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
9:00-10:00 [BBCU Link](#)
- Monday, April 12, 2021  
3:30-4:30 [BBCU Link](#)

# Region Problem Solving

Please add your questions, challenges and possible solutions to the slide deck that best captures the focus of your concern

Staffing Needs

Concurrent Instruction/Technology

Operations/ Logistics

Interventions

# Questions