

## Information for Students & Families Returning in Hybrid Model

### Cohort Information

To help reduce the number of students in our building at any given time, we will split our students into Group A and Group B in an AA/X/BB hybrid model. The chart below outlines which students will be assigned to each cohort, along with the days they will learn in-person and remotely.

Group A will be at school Monday and Tuesday, and Group B will be here Thursday and Friday. For days when the hybrid alternating group is not in-person, students will be engaged in asynchronous teacher-directed independent learning.

Wednesdays (the “X” day noted above) will be dedicated to asynchronous learning and synchronous instructional support at the teacher’s discretion, with a target of 45 minutes of synchronous class time at the beginning of the day.

Elementary students assigned to the “A” hybrid group	Elementary students assigned to the “B” hybrid group
Monday & Tuesday: In-person instruction	Monday & Tuesday: Asynchronous teacher-directed independent learning activities
Wednesday: Up to 45 minutes of synchronous check-in and instruction at beginning of day; remainder of day asynchronous (teacher-directed independent learning activities) and synchronous instruction at the teacher’s discretion	Wednesday: Up to 45 minutes of synchronous check-in and instruction at beginning of day; remainder of day asynchronous (teacher-directed independent learning activities) and synchronous instruction at the teacher’s discretion
Thursday & Friday: Asynchronous teacher-directed independent learning activities	Thursday & Friday: In-person instruction

### Health & Safety

You will need to sign and submit the **Health Screening Attestation form** for your student, which states that you will screen your child daily for COVID-19 symptoms, exposure, etc. You may print this form, or pick up a paper copy from the office. Printed forms can be returned to us 8:00-4:00 daily, or you may scan and send to [acruz@everettsd.org](mailto:acruz@everettsd.org). If your child does not have a form on file or with them when they arrive on March 15 or 18, they will be screened at school and you will be contacted each day until we have the form. This will delay your child being able to participate in the beginning-of-the-day routine, which is an important step in being part of their classroom community.

Most importantly, we ask that students stay home if they are feeling sick or showing COVID-19 symptoms. Please be aware of the primary symptoms of COVID-19, which include shortness of breath, coughing, and fever or chills. Other symptoms include

congestion, sore throat, diarrhea, abdominal pain, body aches, and loss of taste or smell. If your student begins to experience symptoms, please keep them at home, consult a healthcare provider, and notify your school office.

If a student feels ill or starts showing symptoms of COVID during the school day, they will be taken to our Care Room (formerly our art room/computer lab), where they will be isolated and their temperature taken. We will then contact the parent/guardian to arrange for the child to be picked up.

### **Pick-Up/Drop-Off**

As always, students may arrive at school on foot, by bus, or by private vehicle. Student supervision will begin at 9:00 a.m., which is later than in past years, because breakfast will be served after the 9:10 bell rather than before school starts. No adult supervision will be provided before 9:00 a.m., so it is unsafe for students to arrive early. Grade 2-3 students will line up in the covered play area. If you are waiting with/for your child outside of your vehicle before/after school, please be a great role model for all our students by following social distancing and masking guidelines.

### **Riding the Bus**

Our transportation team has been creating best practices for students while on the bus, yet 6-foot social distancing is not always possible. While efforts have been made to maintain clean buses, we recognize that students touch the bus door, railings, and each seat as they move onto the bus. Those surfaces will be cleaned between runs, with deeper cleaning at midday and overnight. The most significant safeguard for the students and the driver is to keep masks on at all times. Parents/guardians may choose to transport their own children when possible to reduce crowding.

We need the strong support of our families before your student walks out the door each morning:

- Make sure you have checked for COVID symptoms and checked your student's temperature.
- Make sure they are wearing a mask that fits, and that they know it must always be on. If possible, they should carry a spare mask should the primary mask become wet or dirty.
- Make sure their belongings are secured in a backpack and that they are encouraged to not access items from it while riding the bus.
- Instruct them to maintain social distancing at the bus stop. If you have time, coordinate with other parents at the stop to have an adult present until the bus arrives.
- Direct them to stay in their assigned seat. To maximize social distancing and for contact tracing purposes, students will be assigned seats on buses, and a record of the seating plan will be kept. Students who live in the same household may be seated together in closer proximity.

## **Meal Services**

The “free meals for all” federal waiver is in place through June 2021. Accordingly, all students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. Elementary breakfasts will be provided to those students who want them in their classrooms, and teachers will supervise. Families will be asked to let us know in advance whether their child will generally eat breakfast at school. Lunch orders will be recorded in the morning, and meals will be brought to each classroom and distributed to students. Students may continue to bring lunches from home. Students will be supervised by paraeducators during lunch, and will clear their own desks and throw away garbage in the provided waste receptacle. Paras will then transition students to recess, where they will be supervised in following social distancing and masking expectations while playing only with their class. Students will have an additional 10-minute recess.

Again, your strong support in helping your child understand these best practices is critical:

- Students will be required to wash/sanitize hands before and after every meal. Your reinforcing this habit and reminding them of this requirement at school will be helpful.
- Students may only remove their mask while eating, and then must put it back on immediately after.
- Students should be aware of a safe place to put their mask while eating to prevent it from falling on the floor.
- Students must not share meals (purchased or brought from home) to prevent the spread of COVID-19 but also to protect many who have food allergies.