

East Washington School Corporation



2020-2021

Covid-19 Re-entry

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This plan is subject to change at any moment pending guidance from Governor Holcomb's office, the Department of Education, the Indiana State Department of Health, and the Washington County Health Department.

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- Schools and families should be prepared to go to virtual instruction at any point throughout the year.
- The Indiana Department of Health and the Washington County Health Department have indicated that masks will help lower the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, we highly recommend that masks be worn by students and staff in situations where social distancing is not possible.
 - **We require all students and staff to bring a mask to school to be used as necessary where social distancing is not possible (i.e. passing periods).**
 - Disposable masks, cloth masks, bandanas, and neck buffs are all sufficient. Face shields are an acceptable alternative.
 - **Masks will be encouraged, but not required, in classrooms where social distancing can occur.**
 - **Face masks will be required when being transported on a school bus for any activity.**
 - Any designs or wording on the masks must be school appropriate
- No visitors will be allowed to come in the buildings during the school day until further notice.
 - Parent/Guardian(s) or visitors will buzz in at the front entrance and all communication will take place through the intercom speakers.
 - No outside snacks/food can be brought in or dropped off throughout the school day.
 - Lunches are fine, but shared food/snacks are not permitted (i.e. birthday party cupcakes).
- **We will start school on August 5, but we will be constantly evaluating the situation. If changes are necessary we will communicate those immediately through our webpage, facebook, instagram, and twitter accounts.**

Capacity

- Every effort will be made to reduce class sizes and implement social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Multiple spaces within the school will be utilized for student instruction to cut back capacity and implement better social distancing.
 - If a class cannot be reduced by approximately 50%, the class may be conducted in a larger room.
 - Teachers will be encouraged to utilize outdoor space to conduct class (weather permitting).

- Assigned seating will be utilized in ALL classrooms, buses, and cafeterias to assist with contact tracing. This will be very important for our local health department to make decisions about closing and quarantining should there be a positive COVID-19 case of a student or staff member.
- Lunch periods will be added and time periods will be adjusted so the cafeteria can operate at approximately 50% capacity to allow for social distancing.
- Classrooms and other areas that will be utilized by students will be decluttered. Nonessential furniture and supplies will be removed so that desks can be spread out to accommodate social distancing.

Arrival and Dismissal

- **Dismissal times have been adjusted (arrival times remain the same) for the 2020-2021 school year.**
 - **Elementary Students will be dismissed at 2:15.**
 - **Middle School Students will be dismissed at 2:30.**
 - **High School Students will be dismissed at 2:30.**
- Doors will be propped to discourage students from touching handles.
- Staff members will be assigned to entry points to help with social distancing.
- Upon entering the building students will report to their assigned instructional area.
 - K-7th grade students will go to their assigned classroom
 - 8-12th grades students will go to their 1st period classroom

Sanitation

- Water fountains will be replaced with no-touch water bottle filling stations.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed in all classrooms and throughout other high traffic areas of each building. Students will be required to use this at the beginning and end of each class period and/or other assigned times throughout the day.
- Handwashing will be required throughout the day.
- Restrooms and other high traffic areas will be disinfected throughout the day.

Other COVID-19 Procedures

- Students will not use lockers or classroom cubbies/hooks.
 - PK-7th grade students will keep all materials in the backpack at their desks.
 - 8-12th grade students will carry books, computers, etc in a bag/backpack to each class.
- There will be no attendance incentives for the 2020-2021 school year.
- There will be no altered semester exam schedule in the high school during the 2020-2021 school year.
 - Exams will be done within the normal class period.
 - Dual Credit/AP classes will follow college and university policies regarding semester exams.
- All 8-12th grade students and staff will be required to wear a mask in the hallway during passing periods, when going to and from lunch, and when entering/exiting the building.
- 5-7th grade students and staff will be required to wear a mask when in the hallways when going to and from lunch, and when entering/exiting the building.
 - 5-7th grade students will remain in one classroom for the school day so they will not have a traditional passing period.
- K-4th grade students and staff are required to wear masks only on the bus and when entering and leaving the building for the day. We are able to maintain social distancing in the hallways and in classes during the school day.
- Students will be required to wear a mask on the school bus.
- Field trips will not take place until further notice.
- Sharing of classroom materials/supplies (chromebooks, pencils, books, etc) will be highly discouraged.
- All equipment for classes that require hands-on work will be disinfected before the next student uses it. Students are **HIGHLY** encouraged to use their personal supplies/equipment if possible.
- Student movement throughout the building will be limited during class time.
- Assigned seating will be utilized in all classrooms, lunchrooms, and buses.
- High School students will be allowed to attend Prosser classes. Students will be required to follow Prosser/New Albany Floyd County School Corporation policies while on Prosser's campus. Students will follow East Washington School Corporation policies while being transported on the bus.

Health Screening and Notification

- We are awaiting further guidance on what screening information and notification protocols are necessary. This information will be released as soon as possible.

School Clinic

- We will have two designated areas for the medical care of staff and students.
 - The well patient clinic will be for medications, band-aids, etc.
 - The sick patient clinic will be for fevers and/or one or more of the virus symptoms.
- The nurse will first use a no-touch thermometer to determine which room to send the student/staff
- If a student is showing signs of the virus, the parent will be immediately called to pick up the child.
- The following protocols will be utilized if a student or staff member presents with COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Individuals who do **NOT** get tested for COVID-19
 - No fever for at least 72 hours without use of medication **AND**
 - Other symptoms have improved **AND**
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms have first appeared
 - Individuals who **DO** test positive
 - No fever for at least 72 hours without the use of medication **AND**
 - Other symptoms have improved **AND**
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared **OR**
 - Individuals have received 2 negative tests at least 2 hours apart.
 - Individuals who test **POSITIVE** but are **ASYMPTOMATIC**
 - No symptoms but tested positive for COVID-19 may return when 10 days have passed without symptoms **AND**
 - Have been released by a healthcare provider to return
 - Individuals who test **NEGATIVE**
 - Proof of negative test result or physician statement **AND**
 - No fever for at least 72 hours without medication **AND**
 - Other symptoms have improved
 - Siblings
 - Siblings of students who test positive for COVID-19 who live in the same household will be required to self quarantine for a minimum of 10 days.

Recess

- In the midst of the pandemic, we find it important that students still be given time for physical activity. To allow this to happen safely, the following procedures will be put into place during our daily recess times:
 - Playground equipment will not be utilized.
 - The recess schedule will allow for 3 classes (approximately 50% capacity) at a time on the playground to encourage proper social distancing. One class will be assigned to the grassy area and 2 classes to the blacktop. Classes can rotate the area in which they are assigned to play each day, but this separation encourages the use of social distancing and class separation even when outdoors.
 - Teachers will train the students to use the length of their outspread arms to guide proper social distancing while playing outdoors.

Bell Schedule: 8th-12th Grades

Daily Bell Schedule

1st - 8:00 - 8:45

2nd - 8:50 - 9:30

3rd - 9:35 - 10:15

4th - 10:20 - 11:00

5th - 11:00 - 1:00

A/B Lunch/Homeroom Schedule

A Lunch 11:00-11:30 **A Homeroom** 11:35-12:00

B Lunch 11:30-12:00 **B Homeroom** 11:05-11:30

C/D 5th Period - 11:05-12:00

**AM Prosser students will report to Lunch B at 11:30, no Homeroom, 5th period will be from 12:05-1:00

C/D Lunch/Homeroom Schedule

C Lunch 12:00-12:30 **C Homeroom** 12:35-1:00

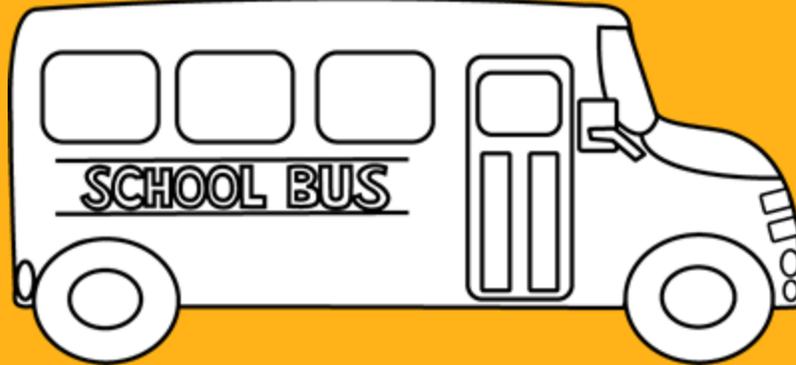
D Lunch 12:30-1:00 **D Homeroom** 12:05-12:30

A/B 5th Period - 12:05-1:00

6th - 1:05 - 1:45

7th - 1:50 - 2:30

2:30 - 3:10 - All teachers will have prep during this time



❖ Transportation

- Masks will be **REQUIRED** by drivers and students when riding the bus
- Students will have assigned seats
- Siblings will be seated together
- **Limit all students to ONE pick up and ONE drop off location each day**
- Friends will not be allowed to go home with each other
- Buses will be disinfected after each trip
- Should a bus have someone that tests positive for COVID-19, the bus will be heavily cleaned and pulled from daily service for at least 24 hours unless another sub-bus is not available

❖ Athletics

EWSC athletics will follow the Indiana Department of Education's Return to Play Guidelines as outlined in the IN-CLASS document, appendix C

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