



# A Day in the Life of a Little Ironman

On Monday, February 8, 2021, the Gaston County Board of Education voted to implement Plan A for elementary schools. Starting March 1st all students in Cohort A and Cohort B will attend school in person on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with Wednesday being a remote learning day. With moving to Plan A from Plan B, we want to make sure you are aware of the procedures we will be following at Cherryville Elementary. Many of these safety protocols will be similar to the ones practiced in Plan B.

## What are the requirements for masks?

- All students and staff will be required to wear a face covering while inside the school building.
- If students are in need of additional masks, please reach out to the school and more can be provided.
- Students should wear a face covering when getting on the bus each day and when arriving by car before entering the building.
- Masks and "pull-up" coverings are all acceptable.
- If students wear a clear shield, they must also wear a mask, unless given a medical exemption by a doctor.
- Even when students are socially distanced in the classroom, they and the staff must continue to wear face coverings. Masks are to remain on unless students are eating.

## What will arrival to school look like?

- **Bus Riders** - Masks will be required before getting on the bus; 1 - 3 students per seat (siblings will be able to sit together). Temperature checks and student attestation forms (which have been provided) will be taken when entering the bus. Each bus will also have a bus monitor to help the driver. Students will be provided breakfast in their classroom if they choose to eat a school breakfast.
- **Car** - Masks will be required upon arrival to school. Temperature checks before they get out of the car.
- **Locations will remain the same!** Kindergarten and 3rd grade students will be dropped off at the front of school. After dropping off your child you will have to turn left down Cone St. **1st and 2nd grade students** will be dropped off on the side of the building (Bus Parking lot side). Parents will have to enter the parking lot from Academy street driving from east to west. After dropping off students, parents will loop around the parking lot and exit the parking lot by turning right.
- Hallways will be marked with arrows and spaced 3 and 6 feet apart to show students where to walk and stand.

**Under Plan A - All Students attend School:  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday with  
Remote work for all students on Wednesday.**

**What will classrooms look like?**

- Masks will be required of all students and staff.
- Student desks will be spaced 3-6 feet apart, based on space available.
- Students will not share supplies.
- Students will be assigned a Chromebook to use while at school. They will use the same Chromebook they were assigned to take home on remote days. It is recommended that students with Chromebooks purchase a bookbag with a padded pocket to keep the Chromebook safe when traveling to and from school. The Chromebooks should come to school fully charged each day. The charger for the chromebook needs to remain at home. There is no fee to use the chromebooks; however, charges will incur if Chromebooks are broken.
- Teachers may pull small groups for interventions, but all safety precautions will be in place.

**Where will students eat lunch?**

- Lunch will be provided in the classroom. Students may also bring their own lunch. We ask that parents pack items that students can open on their own.
- No visitors are allowed to eat lunch with their child since students will be eating in the classroom.
- We ask that parents do not bring in food items for staff to take to their children.

**Should students bring water bottles to school?**

- Yes. Our water fountains will be closed, so we encourage students to bring filled water bottles to use throughout the school day.

**Will students participate in specials/itinerants?**

- Students will attend specials with their class each day for 45 mins (Art, Music, Technology, PE). Masks will be required.
- Since we share PE, Art and Music teachers with Beam Intermediate our itinerant classes will begin at 10:30 each morning
- Itinerant teachers will teach in the regular education classroom. Students will not transition to other classes. PE classes will take place outside when possible and in the multipurpose room when the weather does not permit going outside.

**Will students be able to have recess each day?**

- Students will have recess for 30 minutes a day. Teachers may choose to break up recess into 2 or 3 different shorter periods for a total of 30 minutes.
- Students will be able to use the playground equipment. Students on equipment must wear masks.
- Teachers will also take breaks throughout the instructional day and allow students to move around their desks (dancing, stretching, etc.)

## What will dismissal look like?

- **Bus riders - Process will remain the same** - Students will exit the building with teacher assistants to load buses. Students will sit one- three to a seat, unless riding with siblings. Students must wear a mask on the bus.
- **Car riders - Process will remain the same** - Students will either stay in their classroom or transition to another room that allows them to properly social distance. **Kindergarten and 2nd grade students** will be dismissed from the front of the school (Exit door by cafeteria). Parents will display a car tag with the student's name on it that will be provided by the school. Parents on this side will come down Academy street driving East. Once their child is loaded into the car, parents will have to make a left turn down Cone St. **1st Grade and 3rd Grade students** will be dismissed from the side of the school. Cars will form 2 lines on Academy St. facing West. Parents will display a car tag with the student's name on it that will be provided by the school. Parents will turn into the bus parking lot, pick up their child, then loop around the parking lot where they will be required to turn left down Academy.

## What do I do if I need to check out my student early or if we arrive late?

- If your child is late, you will walk your child to the front door and someone will meet you at the door to sign your child in.
- Parents will need to wear a mask when entering the lobby, if that is necessary, and remain socially distanced while in the lobby.
- If the child signs in later than 8:00 am, office staff will come to the door and the parent will sign the student in on the tardy log.

## Will students be issued devices for remote learning?

- All students will be assigned a school Chromebook to take home and bring back to school. Students will be expected to bring these Chromebooks to school already charged. Chargers should stay at home.

## What will instruction look like at school & during remote learning Wednesday?

- While in class, students will receive direct instruction from their teachers.
- While in class, students will receive individualized instruction and interventions..
- **Remote Wednesdays** - Our school district will continue using Schoology as our Learning Management System. Students will participate in a virtual morning meeting on Wednesday and will be assigned iReady remote work in both reading and math.

## Should my child come to school if he/she is sick?

- Students must remain at home if they are symptomatic.
- Students should be fever free, **without fever reducing medication**, for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Symptoms include but are not limited to the following:**
  - Fever of 100.4 or higher
  - Chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- **Students should remain home if:**
  - In the past 14 calendar days your child has been around someone with COVID-19, you have a family member diagnosed with COVID-19, or a family member in your home has been placed under quarantine.

## What is the protocol for sending home sick students?

- We request that students be picked up immediately if they become sick.
- Guidelines from the NCDHHS are followed when determining when students may not attend school.
- The administrative team and school nurse will be notified of all symptomatic students.
- If a child is sent home for sickness, he/she should remain at home until that student is free of fever, **without fever reducing medication**, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours.
- If a child is sent home due to COVID-19, additional guidance will be provided. Every family situation is different, and this is an ever-evolving health event. Please be patient with us and we will provide the best information and recommendations we have from our local health professionals.
- Parents if you decide to keep your child home from school due to sickness, please notify the front office