



A Day in the Life of a Little Ironman

We realize this school year will look very different, but we hope this Q&A concerning our blended learning will provide you with more clarity about how school will operate and how we will keep your students safe while at school. Keep in mind that some of this information is subject to change as we receive guidance from our State and District.

What are the requirements for masks?

- All students and staff will be required to wear a face covering while inside the school building.
- Students will be given five washable cloth masks once they arrive in their classrooms the first day of school. We ask that students wear a mask from home on the first day of school.
- Students should wear a face covering when getting on the bus the first day or 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. We have been informed that students and staff will get mask breaks during the school day when they are socially distant from other students and staff.

What will arrival to school look like?

- **Bus Riders** - Masks will be required before getting on the bus; one student per seat (siblings will be able to sit together). Temperature checks will happen as students exit the bus. 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. *Parents, staff members will not be opening car doors. Please work with your child on this.*
- **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 6 feet apart to show students where to walk and stand.

How will students be assigned Cohorts?

- Parents will receive a Welcome Letter at the beginning of August that will have your child's Teacher Assignment and Cohort (A/B) listed.
- Cohort A students with the last name (A-K), and Cohort B is students with the last name (L-Z).

What will classrooms look like?

- Masks will be required of all students and staff.
- Student desks will be spaced 6 feet apart.
- 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. It's best to leave the charger 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.
- Parents may not bring in food items for staff to take to their children.
- Parents may not bring in cupcakes or other food items for the classroom. We will recognize students on their birthdays within the classroom and over the announcements.

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, Guidance, PE, and Media). Masks will be required.
- Since we share 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.

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 not be able to use the playground equipment.
- 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** will exit the building with teacher assistants to load buses. Students will sit one-to-a seat, unless riding with siblings. Students must wear a mask on the bus.
- **Car riders** 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 and remain socially distanced while in the lobby.
- If child signs in later than 8:00 am, parents will enter the front office after being buzzed in by office staff
- Parents will enter the office when permitted by office staff and use the check-out system to sign out.

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 and during remote learning for cohorts A and B?

- While in class, students will receive direct instruction from their teachers.
- While in class, students will receive individualized instruction and interventions.
- More information will be provided soon on how EC, Tier 3, AIG and ESL students will be served.
- Our school district will be using Schoology as our Learning Management System. Parents will receive information on this Learning Management System at the beginning of the school year in order to help support their child's learning.
- While at home, students will complete assignments that will review previous instruction, giving them opportunities to practice skills. Students will have school-issued chromebooks, so they can complete assignments online.
- Keep in mind that your child's teacher is teaching a different cohort when your child is at home, so he/she will not be able to be "live" during remote instruction.

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 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 on his assigned day for sickness, he should remain at home until the following school week. This guidance is given due to the two-day-a week rotation and in accordance with the expectation that students should be free of fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- 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.