

English Crossing Elementary School Routines for In-Person Learning

2021-2022

Before School

Parents check their student(s) for symptoms of Covid-19 each morning before school.

Bus Riding

Drivers will keep students as far apart as possible while riding on the bus. Students from the same household will be allowed to sit together on the bus. The driver and all students will wear masks.

Arriving at School

From the bus: Students will remain on their bus until they are dismissed by a staff member.

From drop-off: The building will open for students at 8:20 each morning. Students may not be dropped off before this time. A staff member will meet students at their car to dismiss them to go to breakfast or their classroom.

Breakfast

Students will eat breakfast in the cafeteria. They will go through the line, using the floor markings to maintain social distancing, to pick up their pre-packaged breakfast and their milk. They will sit at tables, which will be spread out throughout the cafeteria, at least six feet apart from each other.

In the Hallway

Students will maintain their three feet of distance while lining up and walking in the hallways.

In the Classroom

The air filtration system of each classroom and common area of the school were recently upgraded. Student desks will be arranged to maintain the required three feet of social distancing. When students are working in small groups, teachers will assign specific spots for them, ensuring that social distancing is maintained. Student supplies will be kept in the classroom in individual boxes. Manipulatives, books, and other paper-based materials are not considered to be high risk for spreading the virus and will still be available for students in the classroom. Students will wash or sanitize their hands before and after using shared materials.

Drinking Water

All water fountains in our building will be shut off. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home and will be allowed to fill them up from our faucets. Small drinking cups will be available for students. Large water jugs will be placed in all of our portable classrooms.

Using the restroom

Teachers will monitor sending one student to the restroom at a time. Students are asked to wash their hands when they finish using the restroom and to use hand-sanitizer when they re-enter the classroom.

Lunch

Students will wash their hands before eating. Students will eat lunch at their desk in their classrooms or in the lunchroom maintaining six feet of social distance. Teachers and staff will supervise lunch. For students who have food allergies, Individual plans will be created under the direction of the school nurse.

Recess

Students will have two recesses each day; a 30-minute recess after lunch and a 15-minute recess at another time during the day. Our playground will be split into separate sections for each class. Playground supervisors will supervise each

location. Students will line up after recess at designated spots and classes will enter the building through different doors and on a staggered schedule in order to maintain social distancing. Students will sanitize their hands as they re-enter the classroom. Masks are recommended but not required in outdoor spaces. Mask storage options will be available for students not wearing masks during recess.

End of Day

Pick-up: Students who are being picked up will wait in socially distanced spaces in our front hallway. Parents/families will park and wait outside the front entrance. A staff member will be outside to meet families. They will confirm which student is being picked up and that the adult picking them up is on the approved list. **Please note that picture ID may be required in order for us to release students.** Once that information is confirmed, the staff member will radio to staff inside and students will exit the building.

Bus riders: Students will go directly from their classrooms onto buses whenever possible. If buses aren't available when students are dismissed, students will wait in their socially distanced lines until they board their bus. Students will sit in their assigned seats and social distancing will be enforced. Masks will be worn by all students as well as the driver.

What if a student becomes sick at school?

If a student starts to feel sick or if a teacher notices that a student shows symptoms of Covid during the course of the school day, the teacher will contact the nurse. The nurse will escort the student out of the classroom and evaluate them for symptoms. If the nurse deems it necessary, the student will be moved into the quarantine room. Parents will be notified and asked to come pick up their child immediately. The quarantine room is a place for the student to rest while they wait for their parent. Ours is located in the main office and direct adult supervision is provided.

What if a student is struggling to wear their mask?

For the safety of all members of our learning community, masks must be worn while indoors. Masks are recommended but not required in outdoor spaces.

We understand that masks are new for students and this will be an adjustment for them. To that end, we will work with students to help them understand the importance of wearing masks, give them reminders to keep them on, and offer breaks in which they will be allowed to take them off. If not wearing a mask becomes an ongoing problem for a student, we will follow the same procedures that we do with other health and safety concerns in the classroom. Steps could include phone calls home, conversations between the student and the counselor or building administrator, and/or having the student move to a different location. If the problem persists, disciplinary consequences could be considered.