

Welcome Back!

Some Guidelines and Important Information as you return to school

[Supply List](#)



Daily Routines for School

[Health and Safety](#)

Who is monitoring the daily student symptom reporting system?

Parents must sign an attestation agreeing to complete the daily screening.

[Arrival/Dismissal](#)

What is the procedure for student arrival and dismissal?

Now that large spaces cannot be used for students to congregate, student arrival/dismissal will be staggered and each grade level and/or team will have a designated door they are assigned to enter and exit.

When students arrive at school they will go directly to their homeroom.

- **Grade 6** students will enter/exit through the doors at the front of the building. Arrival is from 7:35-7:45 a.m. dismissal is from 2:20-2:30 p.m.
- **Teams 7B and 8A** will enter/exit through the cafe doors and use the staircase in the main lobby. Arrival is from 7:35-7:45 a.m. dismissal is from 2:20-2:30 p.m.
- **Teams 7A and 8B** will enter/exit through the doors by the ramp and use the ramp to access the second floor. Arrival is from 7:35-7:45 a.m. dismissal is from 2:20-2:30 p.m.

What if my child is late for school?

Students arriving later than 7:45 a.m. should enter from the front door and go to the main office.

What if my child forgets something at home?

There will be no visitors permitted into the school. Forgotten items therefore may **NOT** be dropped off at school. The *only exception* is for medication which requires prior communication with the school nurse and a scheduled time for the nurse to meet a parent outside of the front door.

What if my child needs to be dismissed from school?

Students needing to be dismissed early from school **must** bring a note informing the office that includes the time of dismissal. When a parent arrives to dismiss, a photo id must be presented to the camera at the front door and a staff person will escort the student out of the building.

What if a student is sick and needs to be dismissed?

If a student is sick and needs to be dismissed, the school nurse will contact the family to pick up the student. When a parent arrives to dismiss, a photo id must be presented to the camera at the front door and a staff person will escort the student out of the building. *Please see the district website for health information and protocol if there is a Covid illness at school.*

How do we navigate the hallways and staircases?

Arrows and signage will be throughout the building for everyone to follow at all times. The stairwells are over 6 feet wide and will be marked to denote which side of the staircase is to be used to travel up/down. Everyone must wear a mask when using the staircase.

What are the guidelines for students with regard to masks?[Health and Safety](#)

All students must wear a face mask or suitable face covering that covers the mouth and nose before entering the school building; and throughout the school day (*bandannas, scarves and gators are not acceptable*). There will be at least two mask breaks each day. Lunch does count as a mask break.

What are the guidelines for mask breaks?

Ideally mask breaks would happen outdoors, and be at a six foot distance.

How do we manage hand washing/sanitizing and how often each day?

Given the importance of maximizing hand washing and sanitizing stations, it may be permissible to have students within 3 feet of distance for a brief period of time (20 seconds) during hand washing as long as masks are worn and students are not directly facing one another. Students should wash/sanitize hands when they enter in the morning, before and after snack, before and after lunch and prior to dismissal.

Backpacks, no lockers

Students will carry all of their items in their backpack from class to class. There is no locker use at this time.

How do we manage student materials in our classrooms?

Students should have their own materials and **an assigned seat** in each of their classrooms. Students will keep materials in their backpacks at their desk.

Can students still purchase lunch?

Yes, students may pre-order a lunch online using Meal Magic. More information will be sent from food services regarding the process. Purchased lunches will be bagged with student names and placed on the student's assigned desk in the cafeteria.

Where will students have lunch?

Students will have lunch in the lunchroom and adjoining classroom. Students will receive an assigned location and seat within the space.

What is the procedure for cleaning up lunches?

There will be no recycling or composting following lunch. Students will be responsible for cleaning their desk after their lunch and provided with the materials to do so.

How are we managing student bathrooms?

Each student will be provided an individual bathroom tag to hang outside the bathroom to show occupancy. There will be signs on the floor outside the bathroom if there are two tags and the bathroom is at maximum capacity.

What is the plan for water throughout the day?

Students are being asked to bring their own water bottles to school each day. The water filling stations will be functioning.

What happens on Hybrid-Home days?

School hours remain the same on the hybrid-home days and they will follow their schedule of classes. Students will log into their Schoology account* and complete the work assigned. Work will be largely asynchronous as teachers will be working with students in the classroom, but may include some small group work with an instructional assistant.

*teachers will use Google Classroom until students are more familiar with Schoology

Technology**Digital Citizenship Expectations**

We ask all community members, at home and at school, to develop daily technology routines. Students will be taking their devices home each night and it is important that they develop habits to charge their device each evening. Students must come to school each day with a fully charged device. A very small number of spares will be available at each school.

As a reminder, while students are in school and using the school network, we take extensive measures to protect them from inappropriate content. While students are at home and using their personal network, it is a family's responsibility to determine what content the student sees in accordance with their family's standards. More information on technology can be found [here](#).

Will students get devices?

Technology is BYOD for students in Middle School. This year all new students must bring a Chromebook. Students already using a Windows or MacOS device may continue to use that device if it is already purchased.

- Middle school Chromebooks will be managed. This is necessary to control applications and allow for use of these devices during MCAS. If asked, you may direct families to <https://www.aps1.net/2133/Chromebook-Management> for further instructions.
- Students who have ordered devices through the new rental program will receive their devices on Monday, September 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. front steps of Doherty.

Will there be after school clubs and activities?

TBD - if there are any after school clubs, they will likely be remote.