

Welcome Back!

Some Guidelines and Important Information as you return to school



Daily Routines for School

NEW School Hours: 8:15-2:50

Health and Safety

Masks

All students, staff and visitors must wear a face mask *covering the mouth and nose* before entering the school building; and throughout the school day. This is regardless of vaccination status and applies to all grade levels (PreK-12). Mask breaks will occur periodically throughout the day.

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.

Absent from School

Please call the attendance line to report your student's absence; 978-247-9401. Automated calls are made to the homes of students whose absence is not reported.

Arrival/Dismissal

The inner circle driveway in the front of the building is for buses and vans only. NO student drop off is permitted in this area.

Students RIDING the bus: Arrival to school is 8:05 a.m., dismissal is at 2:50 p.m.

Bus students will enter/exit through the front doors of the school. Please note: Masks are to be worn at all times while on the bus.

Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up: Arrival to school is 8:05 a.m. - 8:15 a.m., dismissal is at 2:50 p.m.

- o **Grade 6** will enter/exit through door #10 in the back of the building (clearly marked).
- o **Grade 7 & 8** students will enter/exit through the cafeteria, along the Youth Center side of the building.

Students Walking or Riding a Bike: Arrival is 8:05 a.m. - 8:15 a.m., dismissal is at 2:50 p.m.

- **All grade levels** may enter/exit through their grade doors (listed above) OR the main entrance.
- **Students that WALK home** may exit the building from the gym door OR main entrance.

****Please note: In order to get the buses off the campus and for safety reasons, we strongly discourage cars waiting for students along Bartlet Street in front of the school.**

What if my child is late for school?

Students arriving later than 8:15 a.m. should enter school through the main entrance of the school and check in at the office.

What if my child forgets something at home?

There is a table outside at the front of the building for forgotten items. Items should include a note with the student's name and grade. If dropping off an item we ask that you ring the doorbell or call the office to inform us that an item was dropped off. 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.

Other Important Information

Backpacks, No Lockers....*until coat season*

Students will continue to carry all of their items in their backpack from class to class. Lockers will be assigned to hold coats and boots.

Lunch

We will continue to use two spaces for lunch. Students will have a 30 minute lunch time and opportunity to go outside when they are finished eating.

Lunches remain free of charge, however to help expedite getting lunches, **students should pre-order a lunch online using Meal Magic.**

Snacks

Snack time will remain the same and is decided by the team. Snack time will take place outside weather permitting. All students are encouraged to bring a snack to school.

Water Refilling Stations

Students should plan to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. The water filling stations are functioning.

Technology

Middle school students use Chromebooks as part of the learning experience at school. Guidelines for how students engage learning through devices or more information about the district program can be found on the website <https://aps1.net/2320/Your-Students-Devices>.

Digital Citizenship Expectations

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.

After School Clubs and Activities

We offer a variety of after school experiences for students. A full list of activities will be provided later in September.