



School Reopening FAQ

Updated 3/26/2021

1. **When will school reopen?** April 12th.
2. **What will the reopening schedule look like?** Currently, our school and school district are working hard to allow **all** students on campus Mon-Thurs for approx. 6 hours of on campus instruction. Parents may also elect to have their child remain at home and continue with virtual instruction, which will look similar to the online instruction that our students have taken part in since August 2020. *Finalized* school hours will be **8:30am-2:30pm (Mon-Thurs)**. Our TK program is a half day program. TK school hours are 8:30-11:30am.

On Fridays, students will remain at home and will take part in online instruction, involving some synchronous instruction and some asynchronous instruction. Every Friday, teachers will work with students synchronously, collaborate with grade level team members, take part in Professional Development sessions, and attend meetings throughout the day to better support our students. Fridays will be busy days for our staff and we will use that time to become better educators and collaborators.

3. What will instruction look like during the day? Students will be taking part in synchronous (live) instruction as well as asynchronous instruction as they have done all year. In order to support our online learners and provide them with a rigorous academic program, classroom teachers will be on Zoom as they teach their live lessons. On campus learners will have the ability to follow along live or watch the lesson on their computers. Online learners will follow along with Zoom as they normally would. Asynchronous work will look similar to what students have been working on since August. Due to safety procedures, teachers will not be circulating the classroom as they normally would pre-COVID and classroom norms such as sitting on the carpet will not be available but students may obviously raise their hand and ask for support. Students will be seated at a work station (either at a desk or in flexible seating areas) and will be completing most work on their computers (Grades 1-4). Classroom instruction will occur mostly inside the classroom but we will be attempting to get students outside as much as possible throughout the school day.

4. How will students enter campus? Campus will open at 8:15am Mon-Thurs. Our current plan is to have several entryways open. Students in Grades 1-4 will enter campus via the Auditorium gate or the Main Office gate and will line up (socially distanced of course) on the blacktop area. Teachers will meet students there and escort students to class at 8:30am. **Parents will not be permitted to enter campus.** With the exception of Mrs. Jiampa's class, students in TK and Kindergarten will line up outside of our

Kindergarten Gate (on Willow St.). Staff members will meet our TK and Kindergarten students at the gate and will guide them to their teachers who will be waiting for them on the Kindergarten playground area. Again, at this time, parents will not be permitted to enter campus. The complete exit/entry procedure will be shared soon.

5. **How will students exit campus?** Students will be walked to designated locations in front of our school or near the Kindergarten Gate. The complete exit/entry procedure will be shared soon.

6. **Are masks mandatory?** Yes. At all times.

7. **Can I elect to keep my child home?** Yes.

8. **If we elect to keep our child home, will he/she be switched to another teacher?** No. All students will remain with their current teacher until the end of the year.

9. **If I elect to allow my child to return to campus, can I change my mind?** Yes. You may elect to switch your child to “online only” at any time. Once you switch to “online only”, you may not switch back to on campus learning.

10. **If I elect to have my child remain at home, may I change my mind?** We *may* be able to allow your child to return to campus but this will be on a space available basis. No guarantees unfortunately.

11. **How often will restrooms be cleaned during the day?**
As often as possible. Our restrooms will have a maximum of two students at a time and will be cleaned multiple times during the day. Other public spaces will not be utilized. Students will be in their classroom or outdoors only.
12. **Will students need to take their Chromebooks to school?** In Grades 1-4, students will need *FULLY CHARGED* district Chromebooks every day. These will not be necessary for our TK and Kinder students. If you never received a district Chromebook, we highly suggest you request one (we will have one for your child when he/she returns to campus). Other laptops are permitted. Tablets and iPads will not be permitted however.
13. **Will parents/students be able to see the classrooms before school starts, either in person or via pictures?**
Yes. We will be sending out photos/videos of classrooms and other campus locations to help prepare students for returning to campus. Tours will also be scheduled for TK, Kinder, and new students.
14. **Can parents help volunteer when they are fully vaccinated?** No. As of now, volunteer opportunities will be extremely limited. Only ESSENTIAL volunteers will be permitted on campus.
15. **Will the whole district have the same format for returning to campus?** Yes, all elementary schools will have a similar format for reopening.

16. **Will Klassic Kids be reopening?** We are currently working with our district and Klassic Kids to determine if we will be able to invite outside, fee-based services on campus. More details will be shared soon.
17. **Will students have a recess time?** Yes. Students will have an extended 20 minute recess time each morning in order to promote social and emotional well being. Recesses will occur at staggered times to minimize crowds and classes will be kept separate.
18. **Will lunch be served on campus?** Yes. Students may bring their lunch from home or enjoy a “Grab and Stay” bag lunch from our cafeteria. Water fountains will remain off limits (have your child bring a water bottle to school daily).
19. **What will lunchtime look like?** When weather permits, lunch time will be outdoors for a 40 minute timeframe. This is longer than usual to promote the social and emotional well being of our students. Lunchtimes will be broken up by grade level - Kindergarten, Grades 1/2, and Grades 3/4. Students will be seated at least 6’ away from each other and will remain in their classroom groups at all times. Students may not sit with or play with students from other classes throughout the day, which includes lunch and recess. During play time, classroom groups will be assigned a specific area or game to play (i.e. one of the play structures, the turf, basketball courts, etc.). Playground equipment such as hula hoops and jump ropes may be used but they will be

sanitized between groups. Play structures will be on a normal cleaning routine. Masks will be required to be worn as much as possible throughout lunch and talking at lunch tables will be held to a minimum in order to mitigate the spread of germs.

20. What types of safety procedures will our school be following throughout the day?

- Mandatory mask wearing
- Upgraded ventilation system for classrooms (MERV 13 filters....circulate air 5x per hour)
- Multiple air purifiers in classrooms
- 5' distance between students in classrooms, 6' distance between students elsewhere. Dividers/partitions between students WILL NOT be utilized due to current data showing how these dividers actually limit air flow indoors although these will be available upon request.
- Mandatory testing for staff every 2 weeks.
- Students will remain in their stable groups (aka classroom groups) throughout the school day....even during lunch and recess time. They will not have the opportunity to play with students from other classes.
- Students will be screened at home by parents. This includes a temperature check and COVID questionnaire. This will be required **daily**. The daily screening form can be found [HERE](#). Students may not enter campus if any boxes are checked "Yes."
- Site access guide [HERE](#)
- Loma Portal COVID Prevention Plan [HERE](#).
- Click [HERE](#) for our district's Acknowledgment of On-Site School Instruction Option.

*****This Spring a PRIORITY will be placed on Health and Safety. If your child will be returning to campus, he/she MUST be able to keep their mask on independently and they MUST be able to maintain social distancing at all times. We**

will give students plenty of warnings but if a student repeatedly enters other students' personal space, I will be meeting with that child's parents to discuss if being on campus is the best fit for that child at this time.

21. What happens if a child displays symptoms during the school day? The student would be brought to our outdoor screening tent. Our health office staff will determine if the child's symptoms are consistent with those of COVID. If so, the student would be sent home. The student would be able to return when he/she has a **NEGATIVE** COVID test result **OR** after a period of 10 calendar days. The parents of students who came in contact with this symptomatic student would be notified if the child tests positive for COVID.

22. What happens if a child travels outside of the country? Will they be allowed to return to school? The latest CDC travel guidance recommends a self quarantine period of **10 days** before returning to school.