

Elementary School Practices -School District of La Crosse

What Will School Look Like When Students Return to School Face-to-Face?

The following is a list of changes we are implementing to keep students and staff as safe as possible when we return to school in October. Some of these may change but we wanted to give you some idea of what school will look like when students return.

- Masks will be required for staff and for any child 5 years of age or older. The district will supply two masks for every student and one will be kept at school each day. One of these will be cleaned daily and returned to each classroom. Each student will only wear their personally identifiable mask. Students will be allowed to wear masks from home as long as they are clean.
- Specific entrances and exits for daily arrival and dismissal (See Below)
- Parents will not be allowed in the building except in the school office when necessary. Students other than bus riders will need to be dropped off from vehicles or at the door.
- Families will be asked to complete a screener at home daily prior to sending students to school. If students exhibit any COVID-19 related symptoms or have a temperature of 100 or higher they will need to stay home.
- Bussing- Students and driver will wear masks. Load back to front and unload front to back. Siblings allowed to sit together on the same seat and limited seating per seat.
- Classrooms- set up to social distance with all seats 6 feet apart. Hand sanitizers in rooms or sinks for hand washing. No sharing of materials. Scheduled disinfecting and daily hydrostatic cleaning. Scheduled bathroom times 3 times a day for each classroom so no two classrooms are in a bathroom or hallway at any one time.
- PK4 & Kindergarten Classrooms will have tables with plexiglass separating students. Students in these programs will be allowed to interact with one another and participate in learning centers in small groups within the classroom.
- Art, Music, & PE Instruction – will take place in homerooms or outside, no shared materials. These teachers will travel to homerooms/students will not be going to the Art, Music or Gym for classes initially.
- Lunch & Breakfast will be in homeroom classrooms or outside but not in the lunchroom.
- Outside recess will be allowed each day unless inclement weather. Classrooms will need to stay in their assigned spaces and no co-mingling of students. Students will remain in their homerooms for recess during inclement weather. Students will be required to wear a mask outside during recess.
- Small groups of students will be allowed but groups must stay together for two 6-Day cycles. Mitigation strategies will be utilized appropriately. When possible, students from the same classroom and the same pods within the classroom will remain together. Some exceptions to this for students with IEPs. English Language Learners and Title I students can be pulled out for small group work following the same guidelines. Recommended not longer than 15 minutes at a time.
- No after school elementary clubs to start the year.
- Lockers and Coat Hooks are allowed to be used but teachers will organize students to and from these areas so only a few students at a time are in the hallways.
- Books assigned to students when returned, will be quarantined for 72 hours before being reissued.
- Visitors to the office are limited to 2 at any time. We encourage parents making appointments are doing as much as possible through the phone or e-mail.

Grade 4 – All students enter through Door I
Grade 3- All students enter through Door L
Grades 1, 2 & 5 Bus Riders enter through Door G
Grades 1, 2 & 5- Walkers enter through Door A
PK & KD – Bus Riders enter through Door F
PK & KD – Walkers enter through Door B

This is a general list of practices we are currently planning for when students are back face-to-face. Some of these most likely will change as things progress. We plan to keep you well informed throughout the month of September with any updates/changes to this list.