

Distance Learning and COVID Protocols in Effect for ES

Distance Learning

Distance learning students will be assigned to a class and a teacher. Whether in person or distanced, the student's work will be overseen by that teacher or those teachers (3rd-5th).

In general, elementary students will select in person or distance learning by the grading period. However, since there are so many variables in play, parents may request a change in status by sending an email to the principal. Situations will be handled to accommodate the need and request as much as is feasible.

All ES classrooms will use a webcam and broadcast live lessons each day via Zoom. The time(s) of day and subject(s) taught will be communicated by that teacher. Students can participate in the class during those times. Those lessons will be recorded and uploaded for later access as needed. The webcam will not be streaming all day.

Pre-K3 and PreK4

There is no distance learning option currently. Mrs. Bain and Mrs. Lewis will send information directly to parents of PreK students about procedures that are specific to Pre-K.

K-1st

Whether in person or distance learning, K-1st grade students and their parents will use SeeSaw. This includes assignments for all students, a digital turn in tray for student work and teacher/parent communication. The goal is for everyone to be comfortable and competent with how it works so that if anyone ever has to be off campus for a period of time, learning can continue. K-1st graders will use iPads in the classroom, but not have one assigned to them individually.

2nd-5th

Whether in person or distance learning, 2nd-5th grade students will use Google Classroom. All students will practice and learn and use the platform. The goal is for everyone to be comfortable and competent with how it works so that if anyone ever must be off campus for a period, learning can continue.

Google Classroom includes the ability for teachers to post assignments, a digital turn in tray for completed work and teacher/parent/student communication. It has many other features like an integration into Renweb/FACTS SIS that make it user friendly.

Each 2nd-5th grade student will be assigned an iPad for use for the school year. A \$25 per student warranty fee will be charged through FACTS to provide for repair should breakage or damage occur.

COVID Protocols in effect for ES

The doctors on our re-opening committee have reiterated that the younger the child, the less risk there is for infection. The risk is less, but not none. The risk is higher for the faculty and staff.

These protocols reflect this information. They have been written tighter to begin with and in hope that we can relax them as the year progresses.

Arrival on campus

Students may arrive any time after 7:30. Please arrive on campus with face covering on.

Each student will be checked in with a temperature check and symptom check prior to entering the building. Once cleared, students should keep face coverings on while in the hallways.

Elementary students will not gather in the chapel room at the beginning of the day. They will go directly to their classroom. Inside the classroom, at their desk, their face covering may be removed.

Any student who does not pass the temperature or symptom check will need to stay home.

PreK students will be checked prior to entering the ES chapel door.

K-3rd grade students will be checked prior to entering the Main School/Flagpole entrance.

4th-5th graders will be checked prior to entering the ES chapel door.

More specific information will be given at Meet the Teacher.

Dismissal from campus

ES will walk out of school with face coverings on and in cohort groups.

Siblings will be able to stand together socially distanced from the cohorts.

Information specific to each grade level and their dismissal spots will be given at Meet the Teacher.

Parents or other visitors on campus

We love the parents of our elementary students. We sincerely do. We enjoy our partnership. We are a family-based community and we like it.

For the time being, *the LCCS campus will be limited to staff and students only during the school day. Campus will be closed to parents and other visitors.* This is at the recommendation of the Re-Opening Committee and reduces the risk to those inside the campus during the school day.

We hope that this will change at some point during the school year.

Cohorts

Students will be placed in class groups called cohorts. Those cohorts will remain together all day. Cohorts will not be mixed for specials, recess, lunch, or other planned activities.

The purpose of cohorting students is to minimize the risk of exposure across the elementary school. If a student in one cohort tests positive for COVID, then that student's cohort is affected (along with that student's siblings) and not the entirety of the ES. Limited exposure grants us greater opportunities to keep all our elementary students at school.

Desks will be socially distanced as much as possible within the classroom. Students will not wear masks when at their desks.

In grades 3-5, students will stay in the same classroom for academic instruction. With the exception of "specials", The teachers will move to the students rather than the students changing classrooms.

Spacing and Distancing During the School day

While we will do our best to implement social distancing, we will not promote social isolation. The joy of being on campus is the opportunity to socialize and renew friendships and relationships with fellow students and staff.

Elementary school teachers are masters at teaching procedures and providing routines that foster feelings of security and peace. Every year, it is what is taught at the beginning of the school year and reinforced routinely.

We all also know that children are unpredictable and wonderful and impulsive and enthusiastic. We love these attributes of childhood. Because of this, the school cannot guarantee non-exposure or 100% social distancing.

Teachers and Face Coverings

Teachers and staff members will wear face coverings most of the time. Face coverings can be lowered within the classroom if social distancing is in place.

Students and Face Coverings

Students are expected to bring a face covering with them to school. The school will have disposable face coverings available for students if they forget. Acceptable face coverings do not include masks with exhalation valves—through which the wearer freely breathes droplets of into the air.

Students will use a face covering at some time during the day. Younger students (3rd grade and younger) will wear face coverings less often than older students (4th-5th grade).

In general, students will wear face coverings in common areas outside of their "cohorted" classroom. This includes but is not limited to arrival and dismissal from school, halls, walkways and bathrooms. Students will wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible.

Face covering designs may be reflective of aspects of Eagle DNA and may not be distracting or “scary” to others. Be kind and be helpful. There are all kinds of creative ways (lanyards, badge holders, etc.) for students to keep up with their face coverings. Find one that works for your child.

Chapel

For now, large indoor gatherings of students are prohibited. Our goal is to gather in our K-2 and 3-5 chapel groups as much as and as soon as possible. Mrs. Jones and I are exploring options that will allow us to have chapel outside. If necessary, we can begin the year with chapel livestreamed to the classrooms or via pre-recorded video. Mrs. Jones created meaningful chapel services for ES last spring that were excellent. Also, ES will continue to raise funds to support Mission India.

Specials

Students will go to the “specials” classrooms in their cohort/class group.

Music will be held in a large room (the Orange Room next to the LCC sanctuary). This will allow for additional spacing of students who will be singing and has added ventilation. Disinfecting will occur after each class.

Art- the ES art room is large. Students will be socially distanced within it and have individualized supplies. Disinfecting will occur after each class.

Eagle Lab and Science Lab will be set up for social distancing. Students may be required to wear face coverings, so that students can collaborate effectively.

PE will be held in the Byers Center by cohort groups. Disinfecting will occur after each class.

*Disinfecting protocols will be different for each of these spaces based on the materials, equipment and furniture used.

Recess

The amazing Mrs. Jones has designed 9 outdoor play zones for recess. Each zone has different games, equipment, and activities unique to that zone. Each cohort will have two recess times each day. Teachers will pre-schedule which class cohort plays in which zones on what days and times. There will be variety and fun! Lots of fun!

Lunch

Lunch will be held in the classroom. Lunches ordered by students will be brought to the classrooms using contactless means.

Snacks

For Pre-K3 & Pre-K4, individually packaged snacks will be served.

Field Trips

None have been scheduled at this time. It is our hope that conditions will change and allow elementary field trips to occur. This includes the 4th grade trips to Austin/Sky Ranch, the 5th grade trip to NASA and other commonly scheduled grade level field trips.