

2021-22 Return to School Operational Guidelines

Keep ASD Symptom Free

Guidelines in Schools, Administrative Buildings, and Buses.



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Academic Models

ASD will have full-length, in-person school days and virtual learning models allowing families to choose the best model for their needs. The full-length school day schedule is as follows:

High 7:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Middle 8:15 a.m.–2:45 p.m. Elementary 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



Cleaning and Disinfecting

Regular cleaning and disinfecting will occur on buses, in schools, and in administrative offices. Classrooms will be cleaned daily. Exceptional disinfection in schools will occur as needed.



Physical Distancing

Physical distancing of 3-6 feet should be observed in all District classrooms and buildings, to the extent possible, but should not exclude students from in-person learning to keep a minimum distance requirement.



Face Coverings

Face coverings are required for all students, staff, and visitors while inside ASD schools and buildings. Some exceptions may apply for educational purposes and for cohorting people who are fully vaccinated. Face coverings are not required for outdoor activities.



Handwashing/Hand Sanitizing

Hand sanitizer will be available in all schools and on buses. Frequent hand washing and/or sanitizing will occur throughout the school day.



Transportation

Face coverings are required for students, bus drivers, and attendants on school buses. Some routes may have assigned seating.



Meals and Water Breaks

Meals will be served to students and consumed in cafeterias and other school settings at school discretion.*



Classrooms

Classrooms will be cleaned daily. Desk barriers or other partitions may be used at school discretion.*



HVAC

School building ventilation systems will be activated two hours before school start and kept running two hours after the school day ends to ensure air exchanges.



Student/Staff Health and Safety

Nurses and trained staff will be on site to screen students and staff showing symptoms of illness. Proper isolation protocols will be followed in the event of suspected cases in schools or administrative buildings.



Recess

Mask wearing will be optional for students during outdoor recess.

*Consistent with CDC guidance



Volunteers and Visitors

School volunteers and visitors are welcome. Volunteers and visitors will be required to follow District procedures and protocols and should not visit any ASD facility if symptomatic, COVID positive, or in quarantine.



Sports/Extracurricular Activities

Indoor and outdoor sports and extracurricular activities such as dances, assemblies, school spirit gatherings, fine arts performances, and club activities may be available to students and spectators. For indoor sports, athletes will wear masks if on the sideline. Spectators will be expected to wear masks during indoor competitions and events. Mask wearing will be optional for all outdoor sports and activities. Consistent with CDC guidance

General Guidelines to Staff and Parents



Symptomatic Students or Staff – KEEP ASD SYMPTOM FREE

Parents and guardians should conduct a symptoms screening of their student and keep their student home if exhibiting symptoms. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to have symptomatic students tested for COVID-19. The same standards apply for symptomatic staff.



Reporting and Communication

Parents are strongly encouraged to notify schools if their student is a confirmed COVID-19 positive or close contact. Schools will report confirmed cases (students and/or staff) using the District's online COVID-19 report format. The District will communicate findings and recommendations to affected staff and students' families. Communications will be specific to individuals or groups.



Testing

ASD will provide testing to symptomatic staff and students either through school nurses or a contracted provider with parent or guardian consent. Municipal sites will continue to provide testing at locations throughout the Municipality.



Vaccination

ASD will provide COVID-19 vaccines to eligible students (with parent or guardian consent), staff, and community members through a contracted provider. The District will also continue to perform vaccination clinics, to include flu and other State-required vaccinations, in schools as needed.



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