

Ashland Independent Elementary Student Return Procedures and Requirements

Beginning September 28th, those students that chose in-person learning on 9/17 will be permitted to return to campus for in-person instruction. While in-person instruction will offer our students some added access to teachers, it WILL NOT look like the traditional instruction that they were accustomed to in the past. Below offers you a list of procedures and protocols that will be in place for IN PERSON STUDENTS.

BEFORE ARRIVING TO CAMPUS:

Before leaving home, parents are asked to screen their child for COVID-19 symptoms. When you enter campus, parents and students will be asked to confirm that they don't have any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature greater than 100.4
- Cough
- GI (vomiting/diarrhea)
- New Rash
- Exposure to a COVID-19 case during a 48 hour period

If any of these symptoms are present, CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. After calling the school, guidance will be given to you as what your next steps are. Reminder: Parents are REQUIRED to notify the school if their child has had an exposure to COVID-19 or has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL:

Elementary arrival will begin at 7:15- NO EARLIER. You may not leave your child at the school unless their temperature is taken. Entrance times are from 7:15-7:50.

WALKERS:

Once you arrive at school, make your way to the front door for a temperature check. If your temperature is below 100.4, you will be permitted to enter the school. Once in, you will make your way to your homeroom. Breakfast will be delivered to each homeroom. There will need to be a parent/ guardian available by phone in the event the child's temperature is above 100.4

BUS RIDERS:

If you ride a bus, you will wear a mask the entire time. You will have your temperature checked before boarding the bus to confirm that it is less than 100.4. Once admitted to the bus you will have an assigned seat that you must remain in. You will be taken to a specific drop off location at your school. Students will walk through a single designated door and make their way directly to their homeroom.

DROP OFF:

Once in the drop off line, continue to move forward. Please do not use your cell phone and continue to be vigilant. Once you are pulled up to the adults, children will remain in your car. Your child needs to be in the back seat on the passenger side. Please roll down the window so the adult can take your child's temperature. All students and adults will need to have their mask on appropriately. Once your child's temperature is taken and it is not 100.4 or higher, your child will be allowed to exit the car and make their way to the appropriate entrance.

As students enter the school, they will report directly to their homeroom class. Once in their homeroom, breakfast will be delivered.

REMEMBER: Social distancing guidelines and mask wearing will be followed.

CLASSROOM/ MASK PROCEDURES:

Students are required to wear masks the entire day (with exception of times they are actively eating/drinking). At the elementary level, homerooms will take “mask breaks” where students are socially distanced.

Masks MUST cover the nose, mouth, and chin. Masks are required by the Ashland Independent School System, The Boyd County Health Department, and the State of Kentucky in order to return to school. Mask exemptions must come from a medical professional and MUST be turned in prior to your child’s attendance at school. Those exempted students will be asked to wear a face shield.

In order to limit exposure, students will have an assigned seat throughout the day as well as when they eat in the cafeteria. Teachers will travel to the students for instruction, including itinerantes, in order to minimize student travel.

LUNCH:

Due to protocol, students will have an assigned eat. Some lunches will occur in the classroom. Cafeterias have limited capacity due to social distancing guidelines.

SCHOOL ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

School electronic devices must be returned with each in-person learner. Devices will be used daily in the classroom for instruction. These devices will remain at school unless there is an extended school closure.

WATER FOUNTAINS:

Water fountains will be closed for safety. We ask that you bring your own water bottles. Students will be allowed to refill water bottles in our water refilling stations.

RECESS:

Recess will be scheduled and assigned to specific areas in order to reduce student congregation.

DISMISSAL:

Exact dismissal procedures will look different at each school. However, the following will remain the same: A variety of doors will be used to exit the building, in order to reduce congregation. Once you receive your child, please exit our campus area to ensure social distancing guidelines are followed.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are virtual students allowed to visit campus during lunch times?
No, visitors on campus of any kind are not permitted without express consent of the principal.
2. Are parents allowed to drop off lunch or other things in the office for pickup?

No, no student deliveries, including lunch, are permitted during the school day. If you are an in-person student and forgot lunch, one will be provided to you.

3. What if I don't want to wear my mask during the school day?
You will be required to be a virtual student if you refuse to wear your mask.
4. If I'm sick (NOT COVID) and need to stay home, can I just log into my classes?
No, you will follow the school make-up policy. Extended absences will be addressed on a case by case basis.
5. Can I still participate in extracurricular activities if I am a virtual student?
Yes, you may continue to participate in extracurricular activities if you are a virtual student.
6. If I'm an in person student and I change my mind, can I switch to virtual?
Yes, you may switch to virtual at any time. In order to switch from virtual to in- person, you MUST give the principal a 1 week notice.