

Young Elementary School

Back to School Procedures for In-Person Learning



Start Date

All students, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.



Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten families will be receiving a phone call from Young School to schedule the date and time for your screening appointment. We are excited to welcome them to Young Elementary School.



Class Lists

We are still in the process of finalizing staffing. Once this is determined, class placements will be shared. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you through email & with an invite to his/her Google Classroom through your child's gmail account. You can access your child's email by going to www.springfieldspartans.org and clicking on the "Students & Parents" icon. You will then select "Email" and use sp_firstname.lastname@shs.springfieldspartans.org as your child's username. His/her password will be their student ID number PLUS two zeroes. We understand that incoming kindergarten students will not know their ID number. This will be shared with you at kindergarten screening.



Bussing/Transportation

The transportation department is working on routes and will be following recommended procedures from the health departments. Students will be expected to wear masks at the bus stops, unless social distancing can be ensured, and the entire time they are on the bus. There will be no more than two students per seat and students will have assigned seats filling the bus from the rear to the front of the bus. More information on exact route times will be communicated at a later date.



Supply Lists

Supply lists are currently posted on the district website. They have also been shared on the district Facebook page. We understand that some materials may be difficult to find (ex: clorox wipes) and fully understand if you are unable to purchase all the supplies. One important item that we would also like you to purchase for your student is a lanyard that his/her mask can hook to to prevent masks from falling on the floors or in bathrooms.



Open House

We recognize the desire for some families to be able to show their child their new room/school. Our staff does not feel comfortable with that at this time, as no visitors will be entering the buildings. We will be hosting online “meet the teacher” times. More information will be coming soon regarding your specific time to log in for this virtual meeting.



Calamity Days

We recognize that our building has no air-conditioning and tends to get extremely hot when the outside temperatures are high. We also recognize that a mask will make the students/staff even hotter than normal. The superintendent is prepared to adjust the learning to a remote style if the outside temperatures make it unbearable to learn.



Start Times/End Times

We currently do not anticipate a change in our starting and ending times each day. If bus routes dictate that we need to change this, it will be communicated to our families. More information about what drop off and pick-up will look like will be coming as soon as we have exact numbers on how many students will be involved and how many bus routes there will be. We will do our best to create traffic patterns that will flow easily and move quickly. Our local police department has also offered to assist us at the beginning of the school year until we have established a routine.



Temperatures/Symptoms

We are expecting all families to assess their children each morning before determining whether or not to send them to school. Any child with a temperature at or above 100 or who are exhibiting any other COVID symptoms should stay home for the day. We thank you in advance for helping us to keep our environment as safe as possible.



Arrival Procedures

Our students will be exiting the busses in a single file line, while wearing masks, and will go to their classrooms or to breakfast. All students will enter the building without parents.



Traffic Patterns in the Building

We are working on, but have not finalized all the traffic flow patterns in the building. We will make every effort to ensure that students do not cross paths without social distancing with the use of visual cueing and direct lessons/modeling of the specific traffic patterns.



Masks

Masks are required of all individuals in the building. There may be times when your child will be able to remove masks for certain activities, such as when he/she is seated and eating lunch & during physical education class. The Ohio Department of Health currently has an order that requires all students to wear masks, even while outdoors unless 6' social distancing can be guaranteed. This includes recess & bus stops.



Lockers

We recognize that the sharing of lockers should not occur, with the exception of siblings. We will provide a way for your child to store his/her belongings in safe, private locations.



Classroom Environment

The teachers are doing their best to maintain a child-friendly, inviting environment in their classrooms. Rugs have been removed from the rooms and larger items have been moved to the outskirts of the rooms in order to open up a large space for individual student desks. Books will be available to students with procedures in place to ensure safety measures and allotted “hold times” before the book transfers from one child to another.



Lunch

Our current enrollment numbers will allow us to utilize the cafeteria for lunch. We will have one grade level in the cafeteria at a time and we will be able to ensure social distancing. The staff in the cafeteria will be utilizing touchless bar codes to ring in a student’s lunch, as opposed to students putting their student ID into a shared keypad. The students will spend one half hour in the cafeteria allowing them ample time to finish their lunches. We will have assigned seats, but will do our best to sit them within talking distance of friends in order to make this time more enjoyable for them.



Restrooms

Restrooms procedures will be taught, modeled and reinforced at the beginning of the year in an effort to maintain social distancing. Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized at various times throughout the day.



Drinking Fountains

Drinking fountains are currently being converted to bottle fillers. Staff members will teach, model and reinforce how to properly use the bottle fillers at the beginning of the school year. We ask that every student bring a filled water bottle to school each day for their consumption. Water bottles should be labeled with the child’s name and room number and washed each night.



Recess

The students will participate in recess each day with his/her classmates. Each class will have an assigned time to use the playground and will sanitize their hands before and after they go outside. Masks will be required while playing outdoors, per the Ohio Department of Health requirements.



Art Class, Music Class, Library & Physical Education Class

The students will still participate in these special classes. Art and Music class will be held in the student's regular classroom and PE will be held in the gym, as we are able to maintain social distancing in that large space.



The Leader in Me/Leadership Roles

Our leadership culture at Young Elementary School is one that allows our students to take an invested interest in their own learning. This will not change during these times. We will be focusing on what is in our Circle of Control and will create a different, yet still awesome place for students to learn and lead.



Clinic

With the assistance of PSI, we will have an isolation clinic for students who present symptoms related to COVID-19. Parents will be notified immediately and will be asked to pick-up their child from school as quickly as possible. There will be a separate location for students who need miscellaneous medical care, such as bloody nose, medications, etc..



Visitors/Volunteers

At this time, we will be discontinuing the use of volunteers and visitors into the building. Although this deeply saddens us, keeping our students and staff safe and healthy must be our number one priority. When picking your child up from school, for any reason, we ask that you call the building when you arrive and staff will bring your child to you.



Snacks/Birthdays

Your child's teacher will give you more information regarding snacks in the classrooms. They may allow individual snacks that you send from home. At this time, whole classroom snacks will be discontinued, including birthday snacks. Teachers will find other ways to make your child feel special on that day.



Dismissal Procedures

End of the day procedures and traffic patterns are still being finalized and will be communicated to you as soon as we have a final plan. Again, this will be determined once we know final enrollment numbers.



Switch to Remote Setting

Please know that, at any time, the district could decide to switch the leaning to a remote setting to ensure the health and safety of our students and our staff. If that occurs, your child will keep his/her current teacher and will log in daily for each school day. The online procedures document will give you some insight as to what that remote environment will look like.