

March, 2021 Elementary Reopening FAQs

We tried to compile list of some of the FAQs we received and put them in one place.

With elementary schools opening for in-person instruction four days a week, why is Wednesday still a remote day?

Wednesday is still a remote day across the district because it provides a good opportunity for teachers to check in with remote only students which comprise about 33% of our district. Many of our teachers are teaching in-person students and remote students and Wednesday also gives them time to plan for this. It also allows us to do our voluntary surveillance testing program.

Why does the elementary school still start at 9:30?

We are still starting at 9:30 so that teachers can work directly with all-remote students first thing in the morning at 8:45. We felt it was important to keep some consistency with our remote students.

What do the desk shields look like and will they be used in my child's classroom?



Above is a picture of the desk shields. Once we receive our final numbers for in-person students and remote students we will make a plan for each classroom based on the size of the classroom and the number of students. Classrooms where we are not able to achieve 6 feet of distancing will use barriers and desks. We are also using all of the other mitigation strategies like adding HEPA filters to each classroom and ongoing voluntary surveillance testing.

How will lunch work?

Each school is developing plans for lunch with more students. Each school will be utilizing their spaces a little bit differently but students will be 6ft distanced from each other while eating lunch.

Will my child have to change schools if they opt for in-person instruction?

Most likely not, we are really working on keeping students in their home school. We may have a small number of students who are all-remote who may have to change schools and we will communicate that with parents directly. Again, we are not anticipating this to happen very much and we are working on keeping students at their home school.

Will my child's teacher change?

Some remote students have teachers who only teach remote students, so if they come back to in-person school they will have a new teacher. For the most part we aim to keep students with their teachers and we will communicate with families if there is a change.

When does this start?

We are targeting the change to four days a week in-person instruction happening for Kindergarten students on March 22 and grades 1-5 on April 5 or 6th.