



Carlisle Area School District
COVID-19
PARENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK
2021-22

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

The COVID-19 Pandemic has required educators to develop unique plans to ensure the health and safety of staff and students while maintaining a strong educational program. The purpose of this handbook is to provide information regarding practices and protocols necessary to operate.

Devices/iPads

An iPad, charger, charging block (and earphones, if needed) will be assigned to every student on their first day of in-person school. In the event that the District begins the school year in Tier 1 (fully online), an iPad distribution will be scheduled.

Getting Ready for School

A Back to School Open House will be held on **Thursday, August 19 between 2:00-6:00 p.m.** Families will have the opportunity to meet the teacher, see the classroom, visit with other staff and pick-up information for the school year.

Arrival

Students may not arrive early and wait or visit with one another outside of the building. Groups of students will not be permitted to gather in common areas such as the lobby, cafeteria/gym. Staff will guide students to classrooms upon arrival.

Doors open: 8:20 AM

First bell: 8:30 AM

Late bell: 8:40 AM

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed using a staggered dismissal timeline. Dismissal will occur using the following schedule:

Parent Pick UP- 3:20

Buses- 3:30

To aid in parking and social distancing outside the building, parents/guardians picking up should arrive at the time noted above. Students will remain in classrooms until called for dismissal. Staff will escort students as they are dismissed and when they board the buses.

Attendance

Classroom teachers will take attendance daily for students. Students are expected to be in their classrooms at 8:40 a.m.

Activities

Staggered Start for Kindergarten:

Staggered start will occur on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parents will meet the teacher outside to drop off students. All kindergarten students will attend school together beginning on Thursday and this will be the first date that kindergarten will be transported by bus. Specific information about transportation will be provided via e-mail and on the date that your child is scheduled for their staggered start day.

Back to School Night

All Elementary schools will be holding a Back to School Open House for students and families in lieu of Back to School Night. Families will visit school at their convenience between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 19.

Backpacks/Personal Belongings

Students are asked to limit what they bring to and from school. Ideally students will carry packed lunches (if a school lunch is not purchased) and limited items. Refrain from bringing "show and tell" items.

Supplies

Student supplies needed for this school year will be kept to a minimum. The district will limit or eliminate shared supplies as much as possible. Please do not send the following as the District will supply:

- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Dry Erase Markers
- Pencil boxes
- Whiteboards

A supply list which includes a small list of suggested items that you may want to provide for your student can be accessed through the link below.

[Carlisle Area School District Supply List.pdf](#)

Classroom Organization/Management of Materials

Desks:

Desks will be spaced to maintain distance as practical. Desk cleaning procedures in between classes will continue to be in place.

Collaboration and group work is permitted within the classroom.

Classroom Behavior and Discipline

Developing a strong classroom environment and building a strong classroom community is always of utmost importance Teachers will follow established discipline procedures.

Bathroom Breaks

We will implement a process to ensure there is a limited number of students in the bathroom at any one time.

Water Breaks and Water Fountains

Water fountains will not be available for use.

All building have touchless bottle fillers and students should bring a water bottle each day.

Breakfast/Lunch

Students will eat breakfast in classrooms.

Breakfast:

Breakfast will be grab and go.

Lunch:

Students will eat in the cafeteria.

There will be two lunch choices offered each day.

Breakfast and lunch remain free this year for all students.

Recess/Playground Equipment

Masks can be removed during recess.

Teachers will reinforce physical distancing during playground play to the extent feasible.

Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after being on the playground.

Food Items/Birthday Treats

No birthday treats by parents/guardians will not be permitted.

Assemblies/Large group meetings

Assemblies and large group meetings are allowed for students and staff.

Field Trips

Field trips that support the grade level curriculum will be considered.

No field trips will be scheduled before September 30, 2021.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Events (such as Book Fairs)

Indoor events and activities – to include orientations and extracurricular activities – are permitted outside of the school day. All participants must wear a mask while in school buildings or on school transportation.

Outdoor events and activities are permitted outside of the school day. Masks are optional for outdoor activities.

Visitors/Guests

Visitors/guests will be limited during the school day.

ID procedures will remain in place.

Parents will remain in the vestibule area/office when dropping things off or picking things up.

Parents will not be permitted to eat lunch with students or assist in classrooms.

After School Clubs/Programs

Allowed

iPads/Technology

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Students will not take iPads home daily.

Teachers will send home student's iPad when necessary to support learning.

Specials

Specials will return to a 6-day schedule. Teachers will share the class's specials schedule with families.

Grading

Students will receive standards-based report cards each trimester.

HEALTH/SAFETY PLAN

Face Coverings

Masks are required in the school buildings and on school buses/vans. Masks may be removed when outside for recess, PE or other activities, when playing a musical instrument with a mouth piece or during lunch when eating.

Face shields are not permitted unless paired with a mask.

Face coverings must be appropriate and in compliance with the CASD's dress code.

Movement Around the Classroom

Distancing will be maintained as much as is practical and feasible

Cleaning/Sanitizing

Frequent cleaning of high touch areas throughout the day and daily sanitization of classrooms and other areas.

Each classroom will have disinfectant and cleaning supplies available for use throughout the day.

Wiping and cleaning of desks or tables between groups will continue to be in place.

Handwashing

Students will have several opportunities throughout the day to wash their hands. It will be expected that each student washes their hands before and after eating and when using the restroom.

Isolation Room:

A room has been designated as an isolation room, a location that will allow for a student to rest should he/she exhibit symptoms at school and therefore require a parent/guardian pick-up from school.

The student will be closely monitored by staff until the student is picked up by a parent/guardian.