

Fiddlehead School

SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN – AUGUST 26, 2021

Students will attend school in person Monday through Friday. There will be no HYBRID PROGRAMS or FULL REMOTE PROGRAMMING.

The SIX Requirements for Safely Opening Schools has been included in this plan. Please also see the up to date Board Approved COVID Health Policy, as well as the POOLED Testing Policy & Procedures.

<p>Health & Safety Considerations (Physical Distancing, Hand Hygiene, PPE & Isolation Room)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RE-teach standard precautions procedures such as hand hygiene, social distancing, mask etiquette, etc.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scheduled times for and reinforce hand hygiene, space and material cleaning.• Students may interact between PODS in outdoor spaces only, still maintaining social distancing guidelines.• 3' social distancing for students in place, 6' for Adults remain intact.• Sneeze guards per student no longer required, but used if available.• Current face coverings procedures will remain in effect. A universal masking policy exists.• POOLED TESTING is in effect for all students and staff.• A dedicated medical Isolation room is available for students/staff who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms during the school day.• Personal Protective Equipment – Additional safety precautions is in place for our school nurse and/or any staff supporting symptomatic students in close proximity, when distance is not possible, or when students require physical assistance.• Proper hand hygiene training is in place for all staff and in turn, all students.
<p>Pick Up & Dismissal: (Symptom Screening at Home Before Coming to School - for all Staff and Students)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival and dismissal times will be staggered to accommodate traffic flow.• 2 lanes for grades Pre – K to 2nd Grade drop off and pick up will be developed.• Daily health check must be filled out, but only 1 per family needed – i.e. The Cotton Family.
<p>Facilities & Operations Considerations (Masks/Face Coverings)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch will be eaten in classrooms if a 6' space or sneeze guards can be maintained/used. When not possible, lunch space will be available in the courtyard. Outdoor eating will be encouraged when weather is good.• Masks are worn in all classrooms and common areas inside. A universal masking policy is in effect.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limiting parents/family and other visitors in the school and classrooms remains in effect. Emergencies only apply. • Ventilation continues to be at a high level with Merv 13 filters installed last Fall in all HVAC units – and air purifiers in each classroom. • Window replacement is recommended under the American Recovery Plan – Grant.
Curricular & Instructional Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop the whole child and focus the last six weeks on the social and emotional well-being of the child. • Connect with nature utilizing established and new outdoor classrooms. THE SAME POLICIES & SAFETY PROCEDURES AT SCHOOL APPLY OFF SITE. • Embed health and safety considerations in daily lessons and instruction. • Continue our communication plan for two-way communication to share information about schedules, curriculum, learning goals and student progress as we again stay focused on the whole child.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students & bus driver will wear masks on the bus. • Buses will continue to be sanitized after morning and afternoon runs • Parents will conduct health screening of children prior to boarding the bus. • We will be encouraging bus usage. No more distancing needed on buses – but preferred if available.
COVID Cases: (Return to School after Illness)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School administrators will notify health officials, staff, and families immediately of a positive case while maintaining confidentiality and other applicable federal and state privacy laws. • Return to School after Illness – Sick staff members and students must use home isolation until they meet criteria for returning to school.
PBIS Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PBIS team will provide training to staff and support to staff and students to recognize and support the range of unique needs and abilities of all as related to maintaining safety & school-wide protocols.
Social, Emotional, Behavioral & Mental Health Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide lessons to address social and emotional curricular needs. • Incorporate daily check-ins, mindfulness activities and stress breaks. • Identify/support students with needs in this area through counseling and outreach to local agencies. • Provide frequent wellness checks for staff members.

