



Eagle Mountain Elementary

Safe Return to School Operational Procedures Plan

Please see EMSISD Learning Plan for district specific guidelines: <https://www.emsisd.com/domain/7428>

General

- Within the first days of school, all students will receive age-appropriate personal hygiene lessons regarding hand washing, social distancing, and physical contact.
- Frequent handwashing reminders / breaks will be built in every class schedule. Every elementary classroom has a classroom sink for this purpose.
- Hand sanitizing products will be available as much as possible.
- Shared equipment and devices will be cleaned between usage.
- Each faculty member or district visitor entering a family classroom will immediately wash hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Every faculty member or district visitor entering a room will wear a face covering.
- Each teacher will have cleaning supplies to clean high contact areas frequently.
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle and latex-free face shield in addition to a personal mask.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Students pre-K through grade 12 are asked to bring a face mask as part of basic school supplies. Masks or cloth face coverings will be required to be worn while at school and will be supplied by the campus if a student does not have them. Students may be allowed to wear face shields in addition to masks, but masks will be required as described below.
- All adults will be required to wear a face covering. When working alone with no one in the same room, adults may temporarily remove the face covering. If someone enters the room, employees should put on their face covering. For employees, face coverings must adhere to Board Policy DGA(LOCAL).
- While transitioning to common areas and to classrooms, all adults and students will wear face coverings.
- Students and staff will use face shields and plastic desk dividers during small group guided reading and phonics lessons. Early reading skills are based on sounds combining to make syllables and words, and it is vital for beginning and developing readers to see the teacher's mouth as he/she forms words and syllables. It is just as important for the teachers to see students' mouths to correct sound errors and formations. For this reason, students and teachers will not wear masks during small group guided reading however, additional safety precautions will be put into place during these lessons.
- Students and staff may use face shields during instruction that necessitates instructional modeling in areas other than guided reading. Students may need practice with articulation, fluency, and modeling on how to make proper sounds. Face shields provide staff and students the opportunity to more accurately demonstrate movement of the lips, mouth, and tongue to make sounds. This also may include delivery of specialized therapies such as speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and dyslexia.

- Students will not be required to wear face coverings at recess or when actively exercising in PE/athletics. Students will be encouraged to maintain social distancing when possible during these activities. Students will wear masks in transition to/from these areas.
- Students will wear face coverings in Music/Art/Fine Arts unless otherwise specified by the teacher according to activity and distancing.
- Lanyards will be provided for elementary students to attach masks when not in use.
- Teachers and staff may wear face shields when outdoors and performing work that would be problematic to accomplish with a face mask, such as greeting students and families during morning drop-off and afternoon pickup. Staff should remain socially distanced from others and should put their mask on before going back inside the building.
- Plastic desk partitions will be used in classrooms to provide additional separation of students. Where partitions are not feasible, additional precautions to maximize distancing will be made.

Arrival and Dismissal

- Students will be dropped off in car lanes, by buses, biking or walking between 7:05 – 7:25.

Vehicle Drop Off Location: *(see arrival map)*

- Kindergarten & First Grade Main Entrance *Door # 1* (front of the school)
- Second & Third Grade *Door # 11* (back of the school)
- Fourth & Fifth Grade *Door # 20* (front of the school)

All children in a family will be dropped off at the designated drop off location of the youngest sibling.

- All students will wear a face covering when arriving and when dismissing.
- Upon arrival, students will be greeted by an employee with hand sanitizer.
- All students will go straight to their classroom rather than congregating in the gym or cafeteria. In the classroom, they will read, eat, complete a warmup activity, work with the teacher, or quietly visit until the 7:30 bell.
- Those eating breakfast will go to cafeteria to pick up a sack breakfast to take to his/her classroom for consumption.

To ensure sanitization of the campus and to mitigate congestion, no parents or family members may walk students to class in the school.

- Students will follow a staggered dismissal schedule to limit the number of students in the hallways:
 - Walkers (walking home) dismiss at 2:30
 - Bus Riders dismiss beginning at 2:30 to bus area (staggered schedule by grade level)
 - Daycare dismiss beginning at 2:30 to bus area (with bus riders)
 - Car Riders dismiss at 2:40.

Vehicle Pick Up Location: *(see dismissal map)*

- Kindergarten and First Grade Main Entrance *Door #1* (front of the school)
- Second & Third Grade *Door # 11* (back of school)
- Fourth & Fifth Grade *Door # 20* (front of the school)

All children in a family will be picked up at the designated pick up location of the youngest sibling.

To encourage social distancing and mitigate congestions, no parent or family member may do a walk-up student pick up at the campus.

Classrooms

- Students will be grouped in homeroom classes called “families”.
- Teachers should remove unneeded furniture and rugs to allow for maximum distance between students seating. Personal items should be taken home to allow for thorough cleaning of classrooms.
- Students are assigned a desk or table area in the classroom for at least one week.
- Students will sit in their assigned space while in the classroom.
- Students will remain in the classroom for all academic content areas. For students with two or more teachers (ELA/SS and Math/Science), the teachers will rotate into the homeroom classrooms while the students stay in place.
- Students will not share supplies but will use their own supply box/pouch and school supplies. (manila paper and construction paper will be merged into the classroom supply.)
- Students will have recess with their “families” in separate outdoor areas.
- When working in groups or in close proximity, all students will be required to wear a face covering.
- Teachers are encouraged to use outdoors for instruction as much as weather and scheduling permits.
- Teachers will have cleaning supplies for use in the classroom. Cleaning supplies should be kept out of reach of children.

Common Areas

- Students will eat with their “families” in the cafeteria with distancing between “families” as much as possible.
- “Families” will take recess breaks outside as weather permits. “Families” will be assigned to an outdoor area for each recess to ensure distancing between families. Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer when reentering the building.
- Playgrounds may be used if governmental guidelines allow usage.
- While transitioning to common areas and to classrooms, all adults and students will wear a face covering.
- All adults and students must wear a face covering in common areas.
- Students will not wear masks at recess, in PE, or when not appropriate in Music/Art.
- Lanyards will be provided for students to attach masks when not in use.
- The library will be used only when adequate time is allowed between classes for thorough table and surface cleaning.
- Teachers may store lunches in lounge refrigerators or heat up food in lounge area but should eat in an area that allows social distancing between colleagues.
- Scheduling and routes will be coordinated to minimize the number of students in the hallway transitioning to common areas.
- Water Fountains Will be used to refill water bottles only. Students without a water bottle will be provided a cup by an EME staff member. *Staff members will supervise the refilling of water bottles.*
- Lost and found items will be taken to the Lost and Found throughout the day by a staff member. The custodian will place items in a large plastic bag marked "Lost and Found" after school each day. Every three weeks, the lost and found items will be displayed and available for the next week. After this time, items not claimed will be donated to a charitable organization and the next lost and found items will be available.

Specials/Block

- Maker Space areas will be used when adequate time is allowed between classes for thorough equipment sanitization. When possible, Maker Space activities may be done in homeroom classes.
- Students will not be required to wear a face covering at recess, in PE, or when not appropriate in Music/Art.
- Gyms will be used for PE with social distancing as much as possible. Outdoor areas may be used for PE when weather permits. Activities chosen for PE should use little shared equipment. If equipment is used, it should be sanitized between “family” usage.
- Music/Art classes may be in the Music/Art room or may be in the classrooms. Music classes will focus on music theory, use of percussion instruments, listening, and music memory with limited singing or use of wind instruments.
- The library will be used only when adequate time is allowed between classes for thorough table and surface cleaning. When possible, the librarian should conduct lessons and take check out books to homeroom classes.
- Scheduling and routes will be coordinated to minimize the number of students in the hallway transitioning to specials/block areas.

Visitors and Deliveries

- To maintain the cleanliness and sanitation procedures on our campus, at this time there are no parents, volunteers, tutors, or outside vendors (assemblies, programs, etc.) allowed in the school, cafeteria, or classrooms.
- In the case of a school required meeting, parents may attend in-person meetings while wearing a face covering. At this time, all ARD meetings, and 504 meetings will be held virtually.
- PTA Board meetings will be held via TEAMS set up by the principal and PTA president.
- To avoid large gatherings, we will plan alternate celebrations and special days to encourage parental involvement.
- For school related deliveries, items will be delivered to the front office while wearing a face covering and maintaining social distancing.
- The delivery of outside food and drink is strongly discouraged.
- If a student has a medical appointment or needs to be signed out early, parents/guardians will come to front office while wearing a face covering and maintaining social distancing to check out their student.

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