



COVID Protocols Fall Term 2021

All procedures and practices related to COVID will be re-evaluated at the end of the fall term after consideration of local infection rates, vaccination rates and availability, and all relevant local, state, and CDC guidelines.

School Hours: School begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 3:15 PM. Drop off occurs between 8:15 and 8:30 AM. Dismissal occurs between 3:15 and 3:30. Infant and Toddler rooms open at 8:00 AM.

Masking: Masks will be required for all people age 3 and older while inside the facilities EXCEPT while eating, drinking, or napping. Masks will NOT be required while outdoors.

Social Distancing: A space of three feet should be maintained between people when masks are not on.

Pods: Students will be required to stay within their assigned classroom groups/pods for the duration of the school day. EXCEPTIONS will be the Kindergarten students, who will form their own group/pod for Kindergarten exclusive activities.

Group Size: Classroom group size will return to the typical, pre-COVID numbers. Plexiglas dividers will not be in place.

Specials: Classroom groups will travel to their Specials classes as appropriate.

Continent Study: The African Continent Study will take place during the fall term culminating in displays, projects, presentations, etc. within each separate classroom.

Handwashing: All must wash hands for at least 30 seconds before and after handling shared materials, eating, and visiting the bathroom. Washing hands is also required upon arrival at school, returning to a classroom from another location, and after sneezing, coughing, or wiping your nose. This will help prevent the spread of all kinds of germs!

Student Wellness Screener App: Before entering the building, all students are required to have completed the SWS questions. If any answers indicate illness, a person may not be allowed to enter the building.

Temperature Screening: Before entering the building, all students are required to have their temperatures taken. A student who registers a reading of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above will not be permitted to enter the building at that time. Temperature logs will not be required, nor will midday temperature screenings.

Parents and Visitors: During school hours only students, faculty, and staff will be permitted to enter the building.

Extended Day: Rise and Shine will not be offered. Stay and Play will be offered between 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Infants and toddlers will remain in their own classrooms. Any students in Children's House through Middle School will gather in the great room and/or outdoors, but each group will remain separated into their classroom pods within those areas.

Arrival: Infant and toddler parents will park in the front of the building and walk to their respective classroom doors. Families with students in CH and/or LE will remain in their cars in the front of the building and students will enter the main front doors. Families with students in UE and MS will remain in their cars and students will enter the side door to the main building. Families with students in HS will remain in their cars and students will enter the building through the main front door. Driving students will park in designated spots behind the high school building

Dismissal: Infant and toddler parents will park and receive their children at their respective classroom doors. CH students will be dismissed from the toddler porch. LE students will be dismissed from the front porch. UE, MS, and HS students will be dismissed from their classrooms or adjacent outdoor spaces.

Busing: Students will be permitted to be transported by school bus to and from WHS.

Snacks: There will be no group/shared snacks.

Lunch: Students will remain in their classroom groups for lunch.

Recess/Playground Equipment: Students will remain in their classroom groups during recess. There will be a rotating schedule for all playground areas and equipment to be shared among any groups who have the same designated recess time.

Remote Learning: All students will be required to attend in person this year. If a student is required to quarantine due to possible COVID exposure, a remote learning option must be made available for the length of the quarantine.

Large group/Community Gatherings: There will be no indoor gathering of groups larger than one classroom pod. Outdoor gatherings of multiple groups may take place if proper distance can be maintained between pods.

Quarantine: Any person who is required to quarantine due to COVID exposure and/or high risk activities (such as travel to high risk locations, participation in group activities that involve more than 10 people, etc.) must quarantine for ten days. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test result three days after exposure may allow a return to school before the ten day period expires.