

January 29, 2021

Hello Walter Long Elementary School Community,

Upon the news release that hybrid instruction will begin on March 1, we understand you have a lot of questions, and we want to ensure all information is accurately presented to you. We recognize that parents would prefer to have all the specifics prior to making a final determination, unfortunately that is not possible currently as there are too many unknowns at this time. Many of the questions I have received in the last few days are answered below.

This information is being provided to assist you in completing the CCSD survey by Friday, 1/29/2021. If you have already completed the survey, but would like to change your response, you may do so one time by the end of the day on 1/29/2021. Again, this survey is only for students in grades Prek through grade 3 at this time. Anyone who does not complete the survey by today will automatically be placed in cohort C.

**What does a day look like for distance learning in cohort C?**

- Students may follow the same plan that they currently have been following if at all possible.
- Students may or may not be in the same Meet with students that are in the physical classroom.
- Once cohorts have started, students may NOT be able to change cohorts.

**What does a day look like for students back in the building for cohort A or B?**

- Students are required to wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) ALL day long while on campus, except for when eating breakfast/lunch.
- Six-feet social distancing will be followed.
- There are about 24 days of in person instruction that will be on campus as there are about 60 days of school. (2 days a week of instruction in person)
- Student's chromebook/laptop (fully charged) will travel back and forth to school and home for a possible pivot back to full distance learning (ie. COVID case).
- Students will eat breakfast at their desk in the classroom.
- Students will eat lunch at their desk in the classroom.
- There will be no morning recess.
- Recess playground equipment will not be utilized.
- Brain-breaks will be utilized to give students wiggle breaks.
- Any outside time will be structured.
- Parents/guardians will not be permitted on campus, except by appointment or for scheduled meetings.
- Dismissal and arrival may or may not be staggered dependent on the number of students in each cohort.
- Parents volunteers will not be utilized at this time.
- Once cohorts have started, students may NOT be able to change cohorts.
- If a COVID case is confirmed in the classroom or school, it is possible that in person learning would discontinue. Please see COVID info below.
- Siblings will be placed in the same cohort, unless you request otherwise.

**Questions we are unable to answer at this time. These apply to BOTH Cohort**

**Options:**

- **Will my child have the same teacher?** We will not be able to determine this until we know how many students will be attending in-person or distance learning. Our goal is to minimize teacher changes as much as possible, but it is not guaranteed.
- **What will my child's schedule look like?** The schedule we have used all year is still what we are hoping to follow, but there may have to be adjustments to account for in-person supervision and lunch times, etc.
- **What do specials look like?** This has not been determined at this time.
- **Will my child receive related services in-person?** This will depend on staff availability while trying to service students in all cohorts.

**Ultimately, we ask that you consider the information below when making a decision for the CCSD survey to help guide you:**

1. If your only priority is your child will sit in a classroom physically, then please select "hybrid." They will have 24 days in person instruction this year.
2. If your preference is to have your child continue with distance learning, then please select "distance learning."

**COVID concerns and things that may impact in person learning.**

1. Approved masks will be required at all times while students are on campus, even when students are 6 ft from others. Approved masks must cover the face from the bridge of the nose and fit snugly under the chin at all times. Face coverings with exhalation vents, those that are open at the top or bottom (such as bandanas or clear plastic face shields without an approved face covering underneath), or those that do not cover the face from the bridge of the nose to under the chin may not be worn. (Medical exceptions to allow face shields are possible, but doctor's orders and documented disability are required)
2. If a student or staff member is exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual, they may be required to quarantine for a minimum of 14 days after last exposure regardless of any negative test results. If one person in a classroom tests positive, all students and staff in that classroom may be quarantined for 14 days.
3. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, they may be required to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days and until symptoms are resolved or resolving.
4. If a student is symptomatic for any symptom of COVID-19 (chills, repeated shaking with chills, fatigue, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, increasing congestion, runny nose, new cough, new shortness of breath, or new loss of taste or smell), they may not attend school in person. Return to school will be determined in conjunction with school staff following CCSD health protocol.

Prior to any implementation and after sharing some more specifics, we will check parent preferences one last time to ensure you are placed in the hybrid or distance learning model you prefer.

At your service,

Rigel Painter, Principal