

Safe Return to Schools



Family Guide for Grades 6-12 at middle and high schools

Starting April 19, students in grades 6-12 will return to our buildings for in-person learning two afternoons a week. The new schedule includes four mornings of live remote instruction. Students can also continue to learn in a 100 percent remote option. All in-person students should bring their SPS laptop or personal device to school daily.



Group A Schedule

Mondays	9 a.m.-11:10 a.m. live remote learning	11:10 a.m.-11:40 a.m. lunch/travel	11:40 a.m.-11:55 a.m. arrival/health screening	11:55 a.m.-3:50 p.m. in-person learning at school
Tuesdays	9 a.m.-11:10 a.m. live remote learning	11:10 a.m.-11:40 a.m. lunch/travel	11:40 a.m.-11:55 a.m. arrival/health screening	11:55 a.m.-3:50 p.m. in-person learning at school
Wednesdays	9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. student check-ins, small group and individual support			
Thursdays	9 a.m.-11:10 a.m. live remote learning			11:55 a.m.-3:50 p.m. remote learning (small group and individual supports)
Fridays	9 a.m.-11:10 a.m. live remote learning			11:55 a.m.-3:50 p.m. remote learning (small group and individual supports)

Group B Schedule

Mondays	9 a.m.-11:10 a.m. live remote learning			11:55 a.m.-3:50 p.m. remote learning (small group and individual supports)
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For information about transportation and meals, visit www.seattleschools.org



Return to In-Person Learning

Top 10 Things 6-12th Grade Families and Students Need To Know

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An electronic required daily health screening must be submitted for students receiving in-person learning. It needs to be submitted prior to 7 a.m. for students in the morning block and prior to 10 a.m. for students in the afternoon block. Families/students will receive an "approved" or "not approved" notice.



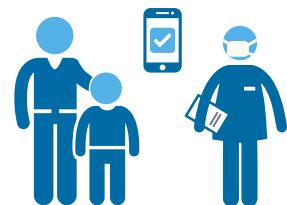
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Students will be required to wear a mask at school. Masks should fit snugly against the sides of the face and under the chin and fully cover the nose and mouth. Masks must also be worn on the bus. If a student doesn't have a mask, one will be provided. Plexiglass barriers have been installed in specialized classrooms for students who can't wear a mask.



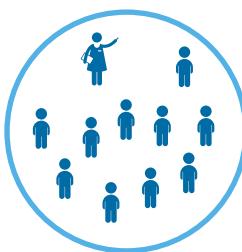
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All students will confirm their required, daily health screening once they arrive at school. If a health screening is not complete, the family or student will attest on site or will be contacted, and the student will remain in a waiting area until complete.



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A cohort is a set group of students and adults. For middle and high school there are two in-person cohorts, A and B, and cohort C is 100% remote. Cohort A attends in-person instruction on Mondays and Tuesdays. Cohort B attends in-person instruction on Thursdays and Fridays. Students attend in-person class with students from their assigned cohort and receive instructional support from their regular teachers. Safe transitions between classrooms will be supported with clear signage and passing time will be organized to minimize risk.



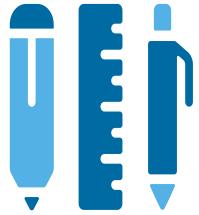
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In 6-12th grade classrooms, students will be assigned to seats that are six feet apart and face the same direction. At least 8 feet is provided for the teacher in the front of the class. Staff will reinforce physical distancing protocols throughout the building, including hallways and common spaces.



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Students will have their own learning materials for daily use and those items will not be shared. Items coming back and forth from school to home will be limited. Lockers won't be used. Students will carry their backpack/binder/bags to class. Students will bring their device to school.



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Meals won't be eaten at school except for in unique circumstances. Students will be able to access 40 meal sites across the district from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., M-F. Grab-and-go meals will be available for 6-12th grade students who are learning in-person.



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Handwashing will be prioritized throughout the day, including but not limited to, on arrival and after using the restroom. Hand washing signage will be posted throughout the building.



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Daily cleaning of common areas will be done in compliance with CDC and DOH recommendations. High touch areas and restrooms will be cleaned three times a day. In-person classrooms will be cleaned nightly. Students and staff will wipe down desks between in-person classes. Additional PPE will be provided in every classroom for daily use. If there is a suspected or confirmed case, SPS will implement CDC, DOH, and Public Health cleaning, contact tracing, and communication recommendations.



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When heading home, students will be supported in maintaining six feet. Students will depart or be picked up from designated outdoor areas.



Throughout the pandemic, our students have come first. SPS remains committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure that every student thrives in any learning environment. Staff have been preparing for a return to in-person learning. We are ready. Health and safety protocols have been implemented, Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) is in place, and the district has prepared for student transportation and meals. While in-person learning may look different, we are committed to ensuring our classrooms remain high-quality and engaging. Learn more about the district's plan at www.seattleschools.org/resources.

Keeping our students and staff safe as we return to in-person learning



- Well ventilated buildings
- Mask wearing
- Physical distancing in buildings
- Frequent hand washing
- Cleaning and disinfecting
- Contact tracing

While SPS is meeting public health guidance to keep our students and staff safe, we need your help to stop the spread of COVID-19.

What if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school?

If a student or staff does test positive for COVID-19, SPS works with public health to identify all close contacts of that person. People identified as close contacts will be instructed to follow Public Health – Seattle & King County guidelines by SPS central COVID contact tracing team.



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If you know of a positive COVID-19 case:

Step 1

Let the school know, call or email the school office.

Step 2

Front office staff will notify the school's COVID Site Supervisor who will notify the central COVID contact tracing team. That team will notify public health and begin the contact tracing process. The contact tracing team will notify anyone who has been in close contact with the person, as determined by public health.

Step 3

Cleaning and Disinfecting. If there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, Seattle Public Schools will follow the Department of Health (DOH), Public Health, and CDC cleaning and disinfecting guidelines.

Step 4

The confirmed case and any close contacts will receive guidance from the contact tracing team and be provided a date to return to school.



Improved Air Quality and Ventilation at Every School

To help keep students and staff safe in our schools, we have taken steps over the past several months to ensure our buildings have air quality that meets public health standards.

Every school building has:

- ✓ Quality air supply that meets or exceeds public health standards.
- ✓ HVAC systems that meet public health recommendations for enhanced air circulation (systems adjusted to provide 25 cubic feet per minute of air circulation per occupant and keep CO₂ at a maximum level of 700 parts per million in classroom spaces).
- ✓ MERV 13 filters – a hospital grade filter -installed as needed to meet or exceed public health and expert guidance and increase air quality intake.
- ✓ Portable HEPA filters used in rooms as needed to increase air quality and meet or exceed air quality requirements.
- ✓ Reduced occupancy to allow for physical distancing.

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