Oak Grove Elementary

The Return to Campus Guide

2020-2021 School Year

Return to Campus Guide

All of the content in this presentation can be found in the <u>Return to Campus: Guide for Families.</u> This guide contains critically important information. It clearly and thoroughly outlines everything we are doing, along with what we need you to do, to maximize a safe and healthy environment for your child.

Plan B Cohort Return Dates

Beginning Oct. 26:

- Pre-K, K, 1, 2, and 3 will rotate in-person for 3 weeks based on cohort assignments
- ECS I and II will rotate in-person for 3 weeks also
- 4th and 5th remain virtual

Beginning Nov. 16:

- Pre-K, K, 1, 2, 3, and ECS I/II (ALL STUDENTS COME IN-PERSON)
- Grades 4 and 5 will rotate in-person until the end of the semester (December 18).

2nd Quarter Calendar Links

- <u>Cohort 1/A Calendar</u>
- <u>Cohort 2/B</u> Calendar
- <u>Cohort 3/C Calendar</u>
- WCPSS Calendar

Student Accountability & Required Health Protocols

WCPSS students, families, and employees have a collective responsibility to create and maintain a safe and healthy learning and work environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this responsibility includes every student and employee taking affirmative steps to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 by strictly adhering to the health safety protocols set forth in the <u>Student Accountability and Required</u> <u>Health Protocols</u> document.

Plan B Families: Please make sure to sign and return the <u>last</u> <u>page</u> to Ms. Dahlhoff (<u>adahlhoff@wcpss.net</u>) or your child's teacher.

Student Health Begins at Home

Please begin to practice healthy habits at home before your child(ren) return to the school building.

If your child exhibits any symptoms of illness, please keep them home until you are able to see a pediatrician or you are able to verify the cause of the symptoms. We need to work together to keep all our students healthy.

Please understand that any symptom could be cause for concern at school. We are asking that families are sure that children are well before sending them to school.

Maintaining Healthy Spaces

These protocols are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), Wake County Public Health, and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI). On the <u>Maintaining Healthy Spaces</u> site you will find the following:

- Cloth Face Coverings
- Handwashing
- Hand-Sanitizing Stations
- Social Distancing
- Cleaning and Disinfecting
- Visitors

- Water Fountains
- Transportation
- Cafeteria
- Athletic and Co-Curricular Activities
- Field Trips

Social Distancing

Schools are taking actions to ensure all campus spaces and buildings support health and safety. These actions include:

- Signage and floor markings to remind students of social-distancing practices
- Strategic furniture placement in classrooms and
- Changing the typical "traffic flow" inside school buildings to promote and facilitate social distancing in hallways, bathrooms, and during times of transition.

Under Plan B, schools are required to limit density in facilities to ensure 6 foot social distancing. At Oak Grove Elementary, we will:

- Discontinue activities that involve bringing together large groups of people or activities that do not allow for social distancing, including assemblies, in-person field trips, large groups using playground equipment simultaneously, etc.
- Keep students and teachers in small groups that stay together as much as possible during the day.
- Limit mixing between groups as much as possible during recess, lunch in the cafeteria, arrival and dismissal, etc.

Health Screenings

Conducting regular screenings for symptoms and ongoing selfmonitoring throughout the school day can help reduce exposure to COVID-19.

- Students and employees who are sick or not feeling well must stay home.
- Students are required to have a health screening at home, before riding school transportation, and when arriving to school.
- If a student begins to not feel well while on campus, shows signs of illness, or becomes sick during the day, they must immediately tell an employee.
- A parent or guardian will be expected to promptly pick them up from school.

Health Screenings

All students should have their temperature taken every day at home before coming to school. Students must stay home if:

- They have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not met the criteria for returning to school;
- They have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 and have not met the criteria for returning to school;
- They have a temperature of 100.4°F or higher.

In addition, students must be free of any symptoms potentially related to COVID-19 to be on a school campus. At this time, these symptoms include one or more of the following:

- Fever or chills
- New cough (unrelated to allergies)
- New shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

Face Coverings

North Carolina **requires** a face covering of your choice for all employees, adult visitors, and K-12 students at all times, even when 6 feet or farther from other individuals, including:

- inside school buildings and anywhere on school grounds, including outside; and
- while traveling on buses or other contract transportation vehicles.

Cloth face coverings remain strongly recommended for pre-K students if appropriate for that child, but are not required for them. A face covering must be secured safely over the nose, mouth, and under the chin.

Face coverings are an additional step to help slow the spread of COVID-19 when combined with everyday preventive actions and social distancing in public settings.

Face coverings will be provided for students who do not have access to one. If given a reusable face covering, it is the responsibility of the family to wash it when needed and bring it back to reuse it.

Face Coverings

Please also review face covering best practices on the CDC website with your child and help them practice wearing face coverings appropriately for extended periods of time.

Schools may give students a brief face covering break if they can meet all of the following conditions:

- Outside only
- Spaced 8-10 feet from all other individuals, including employees
- Students should remain stationary in the same space
- Students should all face the same direction

Social Story for kids: <u>Face Coverings</u>

Remember, your face covering may protect them. Their face covering may protect you.

What should my child bring to school?

- Mask (wear a clean mask daily)
- Refillable water bottle (labeled with first and last name)
- Towel for lunches outside (we may try sit outside on nice days)
- WCPSS Issued Chromebooks (please send device fully charged)
- Bookbag with quarter 2 supplies (your teacher(s) will supply the list)
- Lunch or money for lunch



Bell Schedule

Our new bell schedule runs from 9:15-4:00 Arrival time begins at 8:45 Instruction begins promptly at 9:15

Late Drop Off

- Park in visitor parking
- Call 919-387-4490
- Wait for a staff member to greet you at your car
- Parent/student will answer health screening questions
- Student will have their temperature checked and escorted to the building

Early Pick Up

- Early pick up should occur BEFORE 3:30
- Park in visitor parking
- Call 919-387-4490
- Wait for a staff member to greet you at your car to check ID. In the meantime another staff member will call for the child(ren)
- Children will be brought to the car after ID is checked.

Bus Rider Information

Parent Attestation Form

We urge parents to screen their children at home and complete the Parent Attestation Form. You are required to submit this form stating that you and your child will abide by all health and safety protocols for bus ridership. Students are not permitted to ride the bus until this form has been submitted. You will need to submit a form for all of your children who plan to ride the bus during the 2020-21 school year.

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Walker Information

- Parents must wait with their child(ren) until all components of the health screening are complete. Students cannot walk alone to the door.
- Proceed to the front entrance where a staff member will complete the on-site screening at the front door. Students walking to school must be screened before entering.

Before/After Care

- The Kraft Family YMCA will offer both Before and Afterschool care onsite at our school starting October 26th. Registration is online at <u>www.ymcatriangle.org</u>.
- Before School (7-8:45 am)
- 4-days per week
- \$31 (Y Members) \$37 (Program Participants)
- Afterschool (3:45-6 pm)
- 4-days per week
- \$45 (Y Members) \$54 (Program Participants)

YMCA Safety Protocols

- The Y program will follow the same guidelines as the school.
- Temperature checks and Covid-19 screening questions upon arrival
- All participants and staff required to wear a mask
- Frequent hand washing and hand sanitizer usage encouraged
- Only students and staff may enter the school. Parents will call upon arrival.
- Activities and interactions will keep social distancing as a priority
- Frequent cleaning of high touch spaces and equipment after each use
- YMCA Contact: Katherine Vance (Katherine.Vance@YMCATriangle.org)

Student Arrival

All students will be required to have a daily health screening and temperature check when they arrive at school.

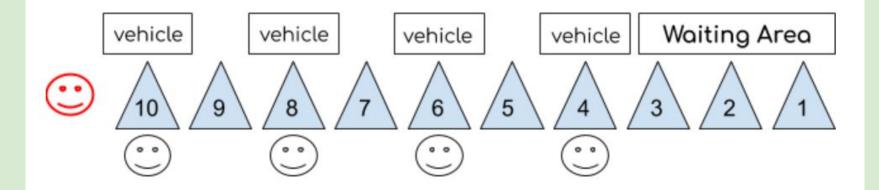
- Buses/Daycare
 - Students will remain seated while an OGES trained employee completes the daily health screening and temperature check for individual students as they exit the vehicle

Carpool

- Trained OGES employees will ask the symptom screening checklist questions while students are still in their vehicle, allowing the person dropping off the student to answer the questions, if needed.
- If the student passes the symptom screening questions, employees should take their temperature
- Students will step out of the vehicle as employees take their temperature. If they pass, the car door will be shut and the person dropping off the student can leave

Morning Carpool

As you enter the carpool loop, a staff member (red) will greet you and direct you to a specific cone. Please stop at the cone so that your child can be screened and receive a temperature check. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, we will ask you to pull into the waiting area to receive another temperature check in 5 minutes.



Transitions

- Traffic flow and transitions in the hallways and classrooms have greatly been reduced
- Students will walk around the perimeter of the hallway
- Students will maintain 6 feet apart
- Additional staff members will be positioned in the hallway to maintain supervision

Restrooms

Classroom Restrooms

- Social distancing must be maintained
 - No more than 1 student may be in the restroom at a time.

Community Restrooms

- Social distancing must be maintained
 - Max Capacity signs will be posted outside each bathroom to show the allotted amount of students per bathroom at a time.

Hand Washing Station

• One student at each sink (may need to be staggered in classroom and in bathroom)

Breakfast/Lunch

Through December 31, breakfast and lunch will be available at no cost for all students.

- Breakfast will be available for purchase daily. Students will go to the cafeteria to pick up their breakfast.
- Under staff supervision, students will pick up lunch from the cafeteria and will return to eat in their classrooms.
- On nice days we will take students outside to enjoy lunch.
- Students will remove mask to eat/drink and then put the mask back on.
- Staff members will clean desks after students eat.

Water Fountains

- Students cannot drink directly from a water fountain.
- All students are encouraged to bring their own bottled water or reusable water bottles. All water bottles should be clearly labeled with the user's name. It is the students' responsibility to keep track of their water bottles and take them home for regular cleaning.
- Our water fountains were upgraded in the spring to be touchless water bottle stations.
- If students needs water and do not have a water bottle, they may ask an employee for a disposable cup to get water from the water station.

Student Dismissal

- Students will remain in classrooms for dismissal.
- Bus Numbers will be posted in the classroom.
 - As students leave rooms they will:
 - Utilize hand sanitizer
 - Be reminded to wear the mask in the hall and on the bus
 - Be reminded of social distance in the hallway.
 - Students must walk directly to their bus and board
 - Late bus students will remain in classrooms until the bus arrives.
- All bus riders will have a bus tag

Cleaning & Disinfecting

Custodial Services during and after school:

- Sweep and mop hard surface floors
- Vacuum carpets
- Clean and disinfect countertops, sinks and other flat surfaces
- Clean and disinfect touch points such as door handles and light switches
- Disinfect all desks, touch points, and surfaces with Virex Plus after school each day
- Hand sanitizer, soap, and paper towel dispensers will be checked nightly and replenished as needed.

Cleaning & Disinfecting



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- Disinfecting supplies will be provided to each classroom to support the cleaning of desks and other high touch surfaces between classes, after lunch, and the cleaning of shared program materials/equipment.
- High touch points and restrooms are cleaned at least 4 times daily.

Technology

- Students with WCPSS devices should plan to bring their device to and from school. Be sure to read <u>Technology Guidance for Families</u> <u>Fall 2020</u>
- Students who are using a personal device can choose to bring their device to school or not.
- All students who bring a personal device to school are required to have a signed copy of the <u>BYOD Consent Form</u> on record.
- Review Board Policy 3225: Technology Responsible Use. Read the section titled "Use of Personal Technology on School Board Property."
- Students will NOT share devices.

Visitors

Volunteers

• No volunteers at this time.

Visitors

- All visitors to Oak Grove will need to state their reason for visiting school campus at the door.
- All visitors must go through the health screening process and receive a temperature check before entering our building.
- No visitors are allowed to roam the hallways, attend classes, or eat lunch with students at this time.

Recess

- Students will participate in daily recess.
- Students are not allowed to play with shared recess equipment.
- Students will wash/sanitize their hands before and after recess.
- Students are required to wear a face covering during recess.
- Face covering breaks will occur at the end of recess.

Confirmed COVID

All areas used by the individual will be temporarily closed until they have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected

What <u>happens</u> when there is a confirmed COVID-19 case on campus?

Confirmed COVID (cont.)

- WCPSS is required to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to Wake County Public Health and work with them for follow-up and contact tracing.
- If a person with COVID-19 was in a WCPSS facility while infectious, WCPSS will coordinate with local health officials to notify anyone who was in close contact with the infected person, while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with FERPA, NCGS 130A-143, and all other state and federal laws.
- Wake County Public Health will determine through contact tracing who, if anyone, will need to quarantine.
- Close contact is defined as being within six feet of someone confirmed to have COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes within two days of the infected person experiencing symptoms or testing positive.
- WCPSS and Wake County Public Health will work together to ensure that individuals believed to have been exposed to COVID-19 are notified.

WCPSS Return Guides

Return to School Guide (<u>link</u>) Students / Families WCPSS Back to School 2020-21 <u>https://www.wcpss.net/returntocompus</u>