

LAKEHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REOPENING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-FAQS

(July 31, 2020)

**As additional guidance is provided these questions will be updated and plans may change.*

SCHEDULING

What is a Blended Learning Model?

A Blended Learning Model will allow students to participate in virtual and in-person learning.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A In-Person	A In-Person	Staff & Students: Remote Learning from Home	B In-Person	B In-Person
B Remote Learning from Home	B Remote Learning from Home		A Remote Learning from Home	A Remote Learning from Home

This schedule allows us to follow all of the recommended health and safety measures in place. Students will go to school 2 days a week and participate in Remote Learning 3 days a week. **Group A**: Students with last names beginning with letters A-L. **Group B**: Students with last names beginning with letters M-Z

How will students be dismissed at the end of the day?

We will follow an altered Abbreviated Day Schedule 8:00 AM-12:25 PM. Students will be dismissed on a staggered schedule.

- Pre-K and K will dismiss at 12:00 PM
- Grades 1, 2 will dismiss at 12:10 PM
- Grades 3, 4, 5 will dismiss at 12:20 PM
- Grades 6, 7, 8 will dismiss at 12:25 PM

Which learning models are available for my child attending the preschool program?

All Preschool students will have the following two options: 1) Attend 4 days of in-person instruction (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and 1 day of Whole School Remote Learning from home (Wednesday) or 2) Remote Learning Only

How will food services be provided within the building?

Students will eat breakfast and snacks in their classrooms. The lunch plan will be determined as we receive more information from the U.S Department of Agriculture, NJDOE and our Food Service provider.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Will my child and the staff at Lakehurst Elementary School be required to take a COVID-19 test before school starts?

No. There is no requirement indicated by the CDC that a COVID-19 test should be completed before returning to school.

How are you maintaining social distancing within the building? (updated 8/4/20)

The ratio of students in classrooms has been reduced. Seating arrangements will be prearranged and re-configured to ensure social distancing guidelines. During transitions in the classrooms and hallways, students will be instructed on how to wear a mask. Our general rule is: You move, you mask.. only when they cannot be socially distanced, but this may change if further guidelines are provided. All staff will be required to wear masks. Specific traffic patterns will limit the amount of students transitioning throughout the building. **Based on current guidance from the NJDOE, students will be required to wear face coverings at all times while inside the school building regardless of social distancing guidelines.**

What precautions is the school taking for arrival and dismissal procedures?

All students must wear a mask upon arrival in their line up area. All students will wear their masks at the time of their scheduled dismissal. New line up areas have been created to ensure health and safety guidelines and procedures, and social distancing requirements are being followed. In collaboration with the Lakehurst Police Department, it has been decided to close Orchard Street to all vehicles for the purpose of arrival and dismissal of students, in order to use the space for line up areas to ensure social distancing. More information will follow.

If I choose to have my child wear a mask at all times in school, will this be allowed? (updated 8/4/20)

Yes. Please be sure to contact your child's teachers and make them aware of your decision. **On August 3, 2020, Governor Murphy stated that all children will be required to wear face coverings at all times inside the building regardless of social distancing guidelines, unless doing so would inhibit one's health. Based on this information, the NJDOE has included several exceptions to this standard including an exception for certain students with disabilities.**

How will schools be cleaned and sanitized?

Our daily cleaning procedures will continue and include the disinfection on all common areas and the classrooms (this includes but are not limited to: door handles, light switches, pencil sharpeners, desk and table, counter tops, water fountains, soap/sanitizer dispensers, hand dryers and paper towel dispensers, bathrooms and bathroom fixtures, railings). Our custodial staff will be following a Covid-19 cleaning protocol as recommended by the CDC, NJDOE, NJDOH, as well as the manufacturer and supplier of our disinfectants and cleaning agents. evaluate the efficacy of the overall cleaning and disinfection program, increase routine inspections, quality control efforts, and focus on providing safe and clean facilities.

What precautions are taken to make sure the facility is well ventilated as well as being sanitized?

We are following the recommendations published by the CDC and NJDOE regarding ventilation and sanitation. Our Reopening Committee is currently updating our cleaning procedures and protocols and HVAC maintenance/filter schedules.

If a student or staff member gets sick while they are in school, will they be required to be seen by the school nurse and is there a place for them to isolate until they can be picked up or sent home?

Yes. We will have designated isolation areas for students who are ill. These isolation areas will not be in the nurse's office, so that any other student needing services can remain in the nurse's office safely.

Will students be required to provide their own face coverings and other PPE?

Yes. Students will be expected to wear their own face covering. The district will have additional PPE to issue to students if they do not have an appropriate face covering or if they do not have access to PPE. All face coverings must follow our student dress code policy (Any clothing with or implying suggestive comments or inappropriate pictures/language, and/or clothing promoting drugs, tobacco or alcohol is not permitted).

How will students' social emotional health be supported?

The social emotional well-being of our students and staff is always our top priority. Supports are integrated into lessons in a variety of ways and resources will be available for staff, students, and parents. Mental health screening procedures will be implemented as needed.

How are you going to ensure that you meet the requirement of IEPs for students with special needs?

The Curriculum and Instruction committee consisting of general and special education teachers, administration and CST members will continue to meet to ensure that special accommodations are available for all students within the instructional plan. Self-contained special needs students will attend in person instruction four days per week. Related services will be provided in person and also remotely.

What protocols will be followed if a teacher or classmate of my child tests positive for COVID-19?

Lakehurst Elementary School will be working collaboratively with the Ocean County Health Department based on Contract Tracing and all health and safety protocols to determine what actions will be necessary if any student or staff member tests positive with COVID-19. There could likely be a chance that your child may need to quarantine at home and continue with Remote Learning during this time.

PROGRAMS

What will Physical Education classes look like?

Guidelines from the NJDOE establish that equipment cannot be shared between students and middle school students will not change their clothes because locker rooms will remain closed. Our Reopening Committee discussed the necessary procedures and protocols that will be implemented in order for students to participate in grade level standards/activities all while social distancing.

If I choose Remote Learning Only for my child who has an IEP, will a special education teacher be instructing remotely?

Instruction will be provided using a virtual platform and instructional assignments will be available through Google Classroom. Student IEPs will be implemented to the maximum extent possible in the context of current NJ State guidelines for reopening schools. Students' accommodations and modifications will be implemented during remote learning.

Will there be recess?

The NJDOE currently has not changed the requirements for recess. We will incorporate the required amount of time for recess, based on our abbreviated day schedule, while students are in school for in-person instruction.

Will grading be different depending on the model we choose?

Academic expectations and grading will be the same for all students, regardless of which learning model was chosen. We will continue to utilize Realtime- Parent Portal for grading, progress reports and report cards. Please be sure to check your child's grade at least once a week in order to help your child stay current with his or her assignment due dates.