



Ohio Elementary School

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Ohio Elementary Frequently asked Questions

Please review the following information for the 2020-2021 School Year. This process is fluid and some items are subject to change. For additional questions, please contact the main office at 807-3800.

- **When does my child start school for the 20-21 school year?** Thursday, September 10th for children with the last names L-Z and Monday September 14th for children with the last names A-K.
- **Will remote students and hybrid students with last names A-K have virtual instruction on September 10 & 11?** There will not be any specific assignments posted but students who are able and have a device should log into Seesaw to explore and get comfortable with the app.
- **Will breakfast and lunch be provided for remote only and hybrid students on days they are not in school?** There will be meals provided but the district is still working on distribution process. More information will be forthcoming.
- **What time will the doors be open for students?** Students can enter the building at 9:15. All walkers/drop offs (K-3) will enter the building through the main door – Door 1. All bus students will enter the building through Door 2. No students will be permitted in the building before 9:15.
- **What time is dismissal and where will my student exit the building?** Dismissal will begin with bus students. Walkers/pickups will be dismissed at approximately 3:45. Dismissal will be staggered to reduce density. Children in grades K & 1 will be dismissed out of the primary door (Door 6). Children in grades 2&3 will be dismissed out of the main door (Door 1). Children will wear masks throughout the dismissal process as well as on buses. Please maintain social distancing while waiting for your children.



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- **Will parents be allowed to enter the building?** Parents and visitors will be encouraged to NOT enter the building.
- **Can my child come early for breakfast?** Students cannot come early for breakfast. There will be grab and go breakfasts available for students when they enter the building at 9:15. Students will eat the breakfast in the classroom.
- **Will my child’s temperature be taken?** Yes. Staff members will be taking each child’s temperature when they enter the building. Any child with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be sent home.
- **Where will my child be eating lunch?** Due to space and social distancing, the classes will be alternating between eating in the classroom and eating in the cafeteria. Any student with a food allergy will be eating in the cafeteria every day at a food safe table.
- **Will my child change classrooms for specials?** Children will stay in their classroom for art, music, and library. Physical education classes will be held in the gym and teachers will maintain safe social distancing.
- **Will my child need to wear a mask all day?** Yes. All children are required to have a mask on to enter the building. They will need to wear the mask throughout the day. Mask breaks will be provided at the discretion of the teacher. They will not be wearing masks during lunch.
- **Should my child bring a snack and water bottle to school?** Children should not bring snacks to school but they should bring their own water bottle to have throughout the day.
- **How many kids are in my child’s class?** In order to maintain social distancing, we are striving for a maximum of 12 students in a classroom at a time. In many cases, there are fewer than 12.
- **What happens if my child shows symptoms while at school?** Children showing any possible symptoms of COVID-19 will be evaluated by our school nurse. If it is determined that the child needs to be sent home, the child will be placed in the wellness room until they can be picked up.
- **How do I know who my child’s teacher is?** Students in grades 1-3 can find the teacher’s name on last year’s report card. Kindergarten students will get their teacher’s name at Kindergarten Orientation. If a teacher assignment has



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changed for any reason, you should have received a call from the school. If you do not have last year's report card or want to confirm the teacher, please call the office at 807-3800.

- **Will there be a Kindergarten Orientation?** Yes! Kindergarteners will be welcomed at school for a short orientation on Tuesday, September 8. Students whose last names start with A-K should come from 10-11am. Students whose last names start with L-Z should come from 11am-12pm.
- **What is being done to keep my child safe?** We are doing everything we can at Ohio to keep children safe. We will be temperature checking all students and staff upon building entrance. We will be making sure all students and staff maintain a safe distance of at least 6 feet throughout the day. We will be providing PPE, including masks, to all students and staff. We will be encouraging frequent hand washing and have installed hand sanitizer stations in each classroom. We have also installed water dispensers for children to safely fill their water bottles. We have a wellness room specially designated for any student with symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Will my child be getting an ipad?** Yes. The district is providing iPads to any student who needs one.
- **When will my child be getting an ipad?** REMOTE ONLY students can pickup iPads at Ohio on September 9 from 12-2. Hybrid students will be getting their iPads the first week of school.
- **What apps do I need for my child to do virtual learning?** All K-3 students in the district will be using Seesaw and Microsoft Teams.
- **How long will it be until school is back to normal?** We are starting with 10 weeks of the Hybrid model. After 5 weeks we will reevaluate the system and see what needs to change or be added. It is important to note that if NY state regulations require social distancing this model may continue well after 10 weeks.
- **Once a person gets a positive test result to COVID what happens?** The department of health (DOH) is notified first to start contact tracing. Once the DOH or the parent or the staff member notifies the district we will be doing a general global call letting you know which buildings have a positive COVID case. The DOH will identify next steps including quarantine.



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- **What is Pre-K doing?** They will be following a hybrid model that mirrors the district. Parents can also opt for full remote learning as well. They are currently working on class lists and will be contacting parents on the option that works best for them by the end of August.
- **What supplies does my child need and is there a supply drop off?** A full supply list for each grade K-3 is on the district web page at www.ntschoools.org. Teachers have made lists of supplies students will need for the month of September. **This can be found at the end of this FAQ page.** Children do not need to bring all of the supplies for the year. Kindergarten students can bring supplies to Kindergarten Orientation and students in grades 1-3 can bring supplies on the first day of in person learning.



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Kindergarten September Supplies

The following supplies are recommended for the first month of school:

- 1 box of crayons
- Scissors
- 3 glue sticks
- 6 pencils
- 1 binder
- A rest rug or towel
- A change of clothes in a Zip-lock bag, labeled with the student's name
- A water bottle

1st Grade September Supplies

The following supplies are recommended for the first month of school:

- 1 box of crayons
- 5 sharpened pencils
- Scissors
- 2 dry erase markers
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 large pink eraser
- 2 highlighters
- 2 pocket folders
- 1 ½ inch binder
- 1 pencil box
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 box of Zip-lock bags



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2nd Grade September Supplies

The following supplies are recommended for the first month of school:

- 12 pencils
- 1 box of crayons
- Scissors
- 2-3 glue sticks
- 1 highlighter
- 2 notebooks
- 4 folders
- 2 dry erase markers
- 1 individual pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of headphones
- 1 box of gallon sized Zip-lock bags
- 2 individual boxes of tissues

3rd Grade September Supplies

The following supplies are recommended for the first month of school:

- Backpack
- 3 plain folders in: red, blue, yellow
- 2 heavy duty folders
- 4 marbled composition notebooks
- 1 pencil bag
- 1 ½ inch binder
- Colored pencils
- 1 box of Crayola Crayons
- 1 pack of 12 #2 pencils
- Scissors
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 large pink eraser
- 4 individual packs of facial tissues
- 1 box of zip type storage bags (quart or gallon size)