

February 26, 2021

Dear Freshwater Families,

We are excited to begin our Hybrid Learning Schedule for Grades TK-1 and 7-8 the week of March 8-12. **Hybrid Learning will begin for Grades 2-6 the week of March 29.** Additional information regarding your child's learning schedule for either In-person instruction or Distance Learning will be provided by your child's teacher.

Below you will find important information regarding our Hybrid Learning Schedule and related protocols. Masks will be worn at all times (except for snack break outside) by all who are on campus, hand washing will be done often, social distancing will be maintained, and we will be following all cleaning/disinfecting recommendations. We have installed hand sanitizers and air purifiers in every classroom, and students will have their own supply tubs and work areas. Your help is needed to provide a safe reopening of our school, so please review and discuss the following information with your child. It is imperative that all guidelines are followed for us to continue offering an on-campus learning option to our Freshwater Families. Keep in mind that all plans are subject to change based on evolving COVID-19 conditions and updated recommendations and guidance from Public Health. We are prepared to transition cohorts, classrooms, or the entire school to Distance Learning in the event of a local outbreak. Thank you for partnering with us to support our students safely on campus!

Weekly Schedule for Grades TK-1 & 7-8 starting 3/8/21:

Distance Learning for all students on Monday

Cohort A: Attends school Tuesday and Thursday

Cohort B: Attends school Wednesday and Friday

Students not attending In-person on campus will participate in both synchronous and asynchronous learning every day.

Grades 2-6 Will start the Hybrid Learning Schedule on 3/29/21.

Daily Schedule:

8:10-8:30 Student Arrival

8:30 Class Begins

11:45 Primary Dismissal (TK-3)

12:00 Dismissal (4-8)

Please review the following safety measures that need to be followed when your child is on campus:

SYMPTOM CHECKING

A Daily Symptom Checker health-screening form must be completed and signed each day by a parent/guardian in order for a student to enter campus. It is crucial for the well being of our students and staff that all questions are answered honestly. Your child(ren) will need to show this sheet to the adult stationed at their assigned entrance point. This form will then be handed to your child(ren's) teacher and your child(ren's) temperature will be checked prior to entering the classroom. If a student has a 100.4 or higher temperature, the student will be sent home. A few [Daily Symptom Checker](#) forms have been mailed to you, the teachers will distribute them to students, and there are extras located on the table in the breezeway where weekly materials are distributed.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please review the attached campus [map](#) with identified drop off locations and paths of ingress identified for each grade level. Pickup will be at the same location. **If your family has multiple children, please drop all of your children off at the youngest student's entry point.** Students will follow their grade level entrance path back out at dismissal to ensure social distancing of cohorts. If you have children in both primary and upper grades (when all students are in session on 3/30), you will need to pick up your youngest child at 11:45 at the gym and then circle around to the flagpole to pick up your upper grader at 12:00. When picking up your student, please pull forward to the appropriate location and idle in your vehicle until a staff member escorts your child to you. Please exercise caution when entering and exiting our parking lots and be courteous to staff members directing traffic.

**Note: Our safety guidelines prohibit visitors, including parents, on campus at this time. In consideration of this, please plan to stay in your vehicle when you drop off or pick up your child(ren). Our parking lots will be monitored by school staff during drop-off and pick-up times to ensure student safety, and your cooperation is appreciated!*

FACIAL COVERINGS

Staff members and students of all ages are required to wear a properly fitting face mask covering their mouth and nose at all times. Gators, scarves, handkerchiefs, etc. are not acceptable face coverings. Masks will be provided if needed. Please have your child practice wearing a mask prior to coming on campus. Masks will be worn at all times except when students are eating outside. Students must wear masks while walking to and away from campus entrances. Please send at least one extra mask to school for your child enclosed in a resealable plastic bag.

SNACK

Students will have the opportunity to take a break and eat a snack each day. Please send a snack with your child keeping in mind that the snack should be nutritious and easy to eat in a short time. Students will eat their snacks outdoors to avoid unmasked time indoors.

WATER BOTTLES/BACKPACKS

Drinking fountains are not available for students. It is important that your child(ren) bring their own water bottles to school daily. Students will need a backpack to transport their items between home and school. Backpacks will stay with the students indoors.

STUDENT MEALS

For students ordering lunch that are attending school In-person, lunches will be delivered to their classrooms prior to dismissal time. Grab-n-Go lunch will continue to be available to all of our Distance Learning families from 12:00-12:15 from our cafeteria.

FAMILY TRAVEL

At this time Humboldt County Department of Public Health recommends that families quarantine for 14 days anytime they travel outside of the area. Freshwater School District requests that you follow this guidance.

We appreciate your support in following best practices outlined by Public Health regarding masking, distancing, and traveling to further prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If we all do our part to continue following these safety precautions, we will be able to sustain the In-person education that has been greatly missed this year.

Thank you for your patience as we implement our phased reopening. We appreciate the support, flexibility, and understanding we have received from our families.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

Guiding Documents

In confronting COVID-19, Freshwater School endeavors to base our decision-making on data about the status of the pandemic and guidance from public health authorities.

- CDC Guidance: How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask [LINK](#)
- Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools [LINK](#)
- California Department of Public Health's Directive for Reopening Schools [LINK](#)
- Humboldt County Office of Education COVID-19 Resources [LINK](#)
- Humboldt County DHHS Returning Travel Guidance [LINK](#)

