



Colorado Springs School District 11 Return to Learn FAQs

General Overview Questions

Q: What is the first day of school?

A: We are currently anticipating our return to be August 17, 2020, as proposed in the calendar that was approved by the Board earlier this year. **This date is subject to change, though.** Knowing the rapidly updated guidance and ever-changing health data daily, we will need to be prepared for changes to the in-person and/or hybrid learning environments.

Q: How was the District's Return to Learn plan developed?

A: Several committees made up of students, parents/guardians, teachers, and staff have been working diligently since June to develop the plans, practices, and procedures incorporated into the Return to Learn plan. Reopening school guidance from the El Paso County Public Health, Colorado Public Health Department, and the Colorado Department of Education continue to be resources for the District. Results from the Distance Learning Survey and the Intent to Return surveys sent out to all D11 stakeholders were also taken into consideration.

Q: What will determine how school looks throughout the school year?

A: Our hope is to open school on August 17, 2020...and **remain open.** However, our Return to Learn plan outlines three models of content delivery: fully online, hybrid, and fully face-to-face. The plan also addresses temporary closures due to positive cases. Ultimately, the determining factor will be the level of viral transmission during the school year within our region and within our schools. We plan to use incidence data from the El Paso County Public Health to determine viral spread in our community. We are still working to identify a more rapid way of knowing if a student or staff member has tested positive to determine the viral spread within our buildings.

Online Program Questions

Q: Will there be a fully online option for my child, should I so choose?

A: Yes! The Inspire Online program will be offered to any family choosing to continue full, online learning from home while remaining enrolled in your District 11 school. In addition, District 11 offers the Achieve Online School (grades 6-12) for families who are interested in a fully online school, which also includes a hybrid option for students if they choose to come into the building and meet with their teachers. The Digital School is also an option for high school credit recovery. Both Achieve Online and Digital are located at the Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus.

Q: How may I enroll my child in a fully online program.?

A: Please contact the D11 enrollment office at (719) 520-2297 for Inspire Online. Achieve Online and the Digital School can be reached at (719) 328-2000.

Q: What is the grading process for the online program?

A: We anticipate having additional details regarding the grading process for the Inspire Online program outlined in the coming weeks.

Q: How will students be held accountable for completing work, attendance, and other requirements through Inspire Online?

A: Students are required to complete and submit their online work, just as they are required to do with the in-person environment. Daily attendance will be taken and there will be a required amount of time students will need to be online learning. Online instructors will be assigning and grading work in alignment with the Colorado Department of Education's academic standards.

Q: Can students move between the Inspire Online and in-person learning?

A: We ask that once students are enrolled in the Inspire Online program, they commit to staying with this program until the end of the first quarter.

Q: Will my child be able to participate in middle/high school athletics and extracurriculars if enrolled in Inspire Online?

A: Yes.

Q: If I enroll my student in Inspire Online, will they be provided a device?

A: Yes.

Q: Does my child have to be present for live instruction if they are enrolled in Inspire Online?

A: There will be scheduled times when students participating in the Inspire Online program will need to participate live with their classmates and instructors.

Q: What about AP classes for students enrolled in Inspire Online?

A: AP classes will be offered online, but it is possible not all AP courses offered in person will be offered online.

School Schedules and Lunch Questions

Q: What will my elementary child's school schedule look like at the start of school?

A: An overwhelming majority of students learn better with an in-person teaching model and our youngest learners need constant and consistent face-to-face learning in a physical setting. Not only do our youngest students need in-person support, they are in an age group that require adult supervision all day, every day. Having elementary students in school is not only essential for their academic and emotional growth it also allows for families to support themselves in the best way possible. Elementary students K-5 will begin the year attending school face-to-face, five days per week, unless families choose to enroll their student in the D11 Inspire Online program. To better adhere to best practices for student spacing, we will minimize movement throughout the school. Students will be placed and kept in group cohorts and will spend most of their day within their cohort. We anticipate students having access to specials; however, those classes might not look exactly like they have in the past. An elementary schedule could look like the following:

- 90 minutes literacy for K-3, 70 minutes for 4-5
- 30 minutes intervention for reading
- 30-45 minutes for writing
- 70 minutes for math
- 45 minutes for specials classes
- 30 minutes for science/social studies
- 30 minutes for lunch/recess

- Time specifically set aside for daily SEL learning
- Time specifically set aside for hand washing/health breaks (includes mask breaks outside)
- Time specifically set aside for recess (this can include mask breaks)

Specific school schedules will be released by your student's school prior to the start of the school year.

Q: Will elementary students have recess?

A: Yes! Our elementary students will be able to get outside, play, and burn off some energy at school. Recess will occur in classroom cohorts, where students will be purposely scheduled to use various facility spaces, including playground equipment. Supervised children who are engaged in activities that keep them six feet apart or more during recess will not need to wear a face covering. However, students who are playing within six feet of other children will need to wear a face covering. It is our goal to provide opportunities for play during recess where students do not need to wear their face coverings.

Q: How will my elementary child eat lunch?

A: Food Services will be able to provide 2-3 entrée choices for students to select from. An offering bar will still be an option for students to select choices of fruits and vegetables; however, all items will be pre-packaged for safety. My understanding is that students will walk down to the cafeteria by class and pick up lunch. They will then return to the classroom to eat their meal.

Q: If my child rides the bus, what will that look like?

A: Bus transportation will be available for eligible students with new protocols including mandatory face coverings for all bus riders and drivers, and reduced capacity of riders. Windows on the bus will be open at all times to best ventilate the bus. Students will be assigned seats and family members will be asked to share seats. Single riders will be seated individually. Buses will be loaded from the back to the front to prevent students from passing other students inside the bus. Hand sanitizer will be available in every bus. Drivers will clean and sanitize the buses after every run.

Q: What will my secondary child's school schedule look like?

A: We anticipate all middle school students will return to in-person learning, five days per week, on a block schedule consisting of four classes per day. High school students will return to in-person learning using a hybrid model.

Q: What is the school schedule for students with IEPs?

A: Students with IEPs will follow the same school schedule as all students, except in the following cases:

- Scheduling related to service needs identified in the IEP
- Services developed in response to modified scheduling due to health and safety needs. Services that may differ from those identified in the IEP will be determined as a team, with parent/guardian input, and documented in an Interim Service Plan.

Q: At the high school level, will I be able to choose which schedule (A/B) my child will follow?

A: Please contact your student's school.

Q: Will my child be provided with a device to use (if they enroll in the online program AND/OR if schools need to close for remote learning)?

A: If the need for a device is determined, the District may provide a device. The D11 IT department will begin working with schools on a device deployment plan in the coming weeks.

Q: How will my secondary child eat lunch?

A: Students will come to the cafeteria and select their meal options either from the main serving area or from remote stations. Offering Bar items will be pre-packaged for safety.

Q: Will school activities (field trips, assemblies, evening events, etc.) still occur?

A: At this time, large gatherings are discouraged, and many events will likely be postponed or rescheduled. Please check with your child's school for details.

Q: Will my child have access to breakfast?

A: Yes! Breakfast will be available for students. Those schools that have the Breakfast in the Classroom model will still have that meal service. School sites that have the traditional breakfast prior to school opening, Food Service is prepared to continue that process. This will necessitate the cooperation (as in the past) from the Building Manager to set up tables.

Q: Is the school schedule subject to change?

A: Depending on El Paso County's health data, cohorts or entire schools may move from in-person, to hybrid, to online learning for the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. Schools will stick to the outlined schedules as much as possible, though.

Q: When will I hear from my child's school about their schedules?

A: Schools will be sending schedules to enrolled families before the start of school on August 17 (this start date is subject to change).

Q: How will I learn if my child's school needs to move to an online platform due to an outbreak?

A: The school may communicate plans to move to the online platform using the D11 Loop (email, app push, text, phone call), their school website, and via teacher communication with classes/cohorts.

Face Coverings, Health Concerns, and Daily Cleaning Questions

Q: Will my child be required to wear a face covering?

A: All students and staff are required to facial coverings whenever and wherever possible inside. Regular mask breaks will be scheduled into the in-person learning days.

Q: Will breaks from wearing face coverings be in my child's schedule?

A: Yes.

Q: What if a student cannot wear a face covering?

A: Please discuss the health reasons with your student's school.

Q: Will my child be prescreened for symptoms?

A: Students will need to be prescreened for symptoms at home. It is imperative to keeping our schools open that students are kept home if they are not feeling well.

Q: If I need to prescreen my child before school each day, what is the process I follow?

A: More details on prescreening recommendations will follow in the coming weeks.

Q: What if my child becomes symptomatic at school?

A: Any students who show symptoms while at school will be quarantined in a designated space. The parent/guardian will be asked to pick up their student immediately.

Q: What are the daily cleaning procedures?

- Students will be responsible for cleaning their own spaces with provided soap and water.
- Students will be encouraged to not share materials (i.e. crayons, scissors, etc.). If materials are shared, they will be cleaned between use
- The D11 facilities team is currently updating our District 11 cleaning standards. These standards will be published on the www.d11.org/returntolearn website after August 10.
- Custodial staff will continue to use a variety of techniques and supplies to ensure that our schools are as clean and sanitized as possible. Most of this work will take place after students are dismissed for the day. Please see the District 11 Cleaning Procedures mentioned above after they are posted for specific procedures.
- Building managers and other school staff, to include teachers, will clean heavily trafficked areas using a Stabilized Aqueous Ozone (SAO), when available, or simple soap and water. SAO is non-toxic to humans and its byproduct is water. Chemical disinfectants will not be used when students are present.