



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Danita Ishibashi, Assistant Superintendent Ext. 1402
dishibashi@ewingboe.org

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
2099 Pennington Road, Ewing NJ 08618
Phone 609-538-9800 Fax 609-538-0041
www.ewing.k12.nj.us

A Typical Day for an Elementary School Student in our Reopened Schools

As you know from our earlier correspondences and our “Return to School Plan”, the Ewing Public Schools’ elementary schools have developed an innovative elementary school schedule to open the 2020-2021 school year in as safe a way as possible during this public health crisis.

While it is not the “traditional” schedule, our new design supports the academic and social emotional needs of students as they return to school. The plan calls for our students who have decided to attend our in-school program to be with us for the full school day. It is based upon students staying with a small group of students in what is called an instructional pod. This instructional pod will then stay together for the day through two distinct educational cycles, an Academic Cycle and an Enrichment Cycle.

We envision a school day where students experience technology-infused learning inside the classroom with their instructional pod during the Academic Cycle and with recess and enrichment classes taking place in larger spaces in the school and quite often outside, possibly under tents.

Let’s travel through an elementary-age student’s day, beginning at home.

Before departing for school, Parents/Guardians will take their child’s temperature and complete the district’s required COVID-19 screening form. The district is currently finalizing the certification/attestation process for this screening.

We are encouraging all students to be dropped off at school if possible. If so, students must have their masks on prior to entering the building.

If taking the bus, all students must have on a mask prior to entering the bus. Social distancing procedures will be implemented on the bus to the greatest extent possible. Only siblings or household family members should sit together.

Students will arrive at school and proceed to their designated point of entry. Students will follow the social distancing floor and wall signage to the assigned location for their instructional pod.

All students will begin their day with a Morning Meeting before commencing their Academic or Enrichment Cycle with their instructional pod. Half the students will begin their day with Academics, the other half with Enrichment. Mid-day, students will have lunch with their instructional pod before switching to the opposite Cycle. As stated before, lunch will be eaten with their pods and will consist of a “grab and go” approach.

The Ewing Public Schools

Providing a Foundation for Life



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

At the end of the day, students will prepare for dismissal following the social distancing floor and wall signage to their departure areas.

Below is a hypothetical schedule that an elementary school student may follow during the school day. Given the changes that are happening on the state and district level each day, students’ actual schedules may differ once they are distributed prior to the start of school.

	Students with Academic Cycle in the Morning	Students with Enrichment Cycle in the Morning
At Home	Take Student’s Temperature Parent completes health screening/attestation Send student with mask, water bottle, sunscreen, school materials (If student shows any symptoms, do not send to school!)	
8:50 AM	Arrive to School Students enter designated door for their Grade/Instructional Pod	
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Morning Meeting (social emotional learning/student health)	
Morning Session	Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies instruction with one teacher, in a small group (pod) in the classroom	(music, art, PE, SEL, recess, tech, humanities) Enrichment #1 Enrichment #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrichment classes will be held outside or socially distanced in a large facility space (weather dependent)
Student Lunches	Some students will eat before the switch from either Academic/Enrichment Cycle to the other.	
	Students will be escorted to their “Enrichment Pod” and handwashing	Students will be escorted to their “Academic Pod” and handwashing
	Other students will eat after they switch from either Academic/Enrichment Cycle to the other.	
Afternoon Session	(music, art, PE, SEL, recess, tech, humanities) Enrichment #1 Enrichment #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrichment classes will be held outside or socially distanced in a large facility space (weather dependent) 	Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies instruction with one teacher, in a small group (pod) in the classroom
3:30 – 3:40 PM	Prepare for dismissal Students proceed to the designated area of departure.	

The Ewing Public Schools

Providing a Foundation for Life