

Highland Elementary 21-22 Parent FAQ

Q: What time does school begin and end at Highland?

A: School begins at 8:05am and ends at 3:25pm.

Q: Do all students arrive and leave at the same time?

A: Bus riders will be dropped off at 7:55am and will load buses at 3:25pm. Students who are being dropped off or who are walking should arrive between 7:55am and 8:05am (no earlier please as we will not have supervision prior to buses arriving). Walkers and students being picked up will be released at 3:30pm after buses depart.

Q: Will I be able to walk my student into the building?

A: With the exception of kindergarten parents on the first day of their "Soft Start" day, families will not be able to walk students into the building at this time.

Q: Will you be providing any online options if I do not want to enroll my child for in person instruction?

A: We currently do not have an online option for your child.

Q: Will my child have to wear a mask during outside recess?

A: Your child will not be required to wear a mask outside unless they are playing contact games; football/basketball. Gov. Brown has recently issued a mandate for masks to be worn outside, but this does not apply to K-12 schools.

Q: Does my child have to wear a mask on the bus?

A: Yes. All students and drivers are required to wear a mask. Students and adults are expected to wear a mask in the "transportation hub/loading zone" as well.

Q: What if my student is not feeling well and they need to stay home. Can my child join a class remotely?

A: No. If your child is out sick, they will be counted absent and will be able to access the classroom content in a teacher's Google Classroom or when they return to the classroom.

Q: I am concerned about my child wearing a mask to school. When will my child have a break so don't have to have it on?

A: Students aren't required to wear masks during, breakfast, snack time, lunch, drinking, and outside recess. Your student will have several opportunities to not have a mask on throughout the day.

Q: Will visitors and volunteers be allowed in the building?

A: Highland is not allowing parent visitors or volunteers at this time.

Q: Where should I drop off/pickup my child?

A: Highland will have a very similar parent pickup/drop off routine to last year. After Buses arrive or depart, parents will be allowed to drive through the bus lane and exit near the pool exit.

Q: Is my child going to be eating in the classroom this year?

A: Students will grab a bagged breakfast at the door and eat breakfast in the classroom. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria. Students will have a bagged snack to take home on their way out of the building.

Q: When will my child be getting a Chromebook?

A: Teachers will be distributing Chromebooks to students during the first week of school and will be reviewing computer use expectations.

Q: Am I required to pay the \$25 insurance for my child's Chromebook?

A: The Chromebook insurance is optional. Families are required to pay the insurance no later than September 3rd or the date when their child receives a chromebook if that occurs later.

Q: Do kids have to stay 6 ft away from each other?

A: In accordance with ODE and CDC, it is recommended that students stay 3 ft apart when properly masked.

Q: If I need to meet with someone at the school (office staff, teacher, etc.) will I be able to attend in person?

A: At this time, all parent meetings (teacher, IEPs, etc.) will be virtual. If a family needs to use a computer station to have a virtual meeting, computer stations will be available to use at the district office.

Q: What does cohorting look like this year?

A: Students will be part of their bus, class, recess, and small group instruction cohort this year. Staff will be contact tracing and taking attendance when your child leaves the room.

Q: Is my child allowed to drink from the water fountain?

A: We will have our drinking fountain closed, but our water bottle filling station will be open for students. Please encourage them to have their own water bottle!

Q: Will my child be able to ride more than one bus or switch buses this year?

A: No. If your child is a bus rider, they will ride the same bus to/from school unless you make arrangements and you provide alternate transportation for your child.

Q: Will my child get to see their friends at recess?

A: Each recess is a "grade level" recess, so both classrooms at each grade level will be out on the playground at a time.

Q: Is the school having swimming class this year and is it required?

A: Swimming is scheduled for all K-6 students once per week. This is a required class as the swimming time is part of students' required PE minutes.