

Highland Elementary 22-23 Parent FAQ

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

A: School begins at 8:10am and ends at 3:25pm.

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

A: Bus riders will be dropped off at 7:50am and will load buses at 3:40pm. 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). This year, we have our "supper" program back onsite. This means students will have access to a snack at 3:25pm. This is technically when school ends, but students who are bus riders or who want to stay for snack will be at Highland until 3:40pm.

Q: Does my child have to stay until 3:40pm and eat the school provided snack?

A: No. If your child does not want the "supper," they can be dismissed at 3:25pm. Walkers may walk home, but parents wanting to pick up will need to park and escort their child to their car. Parents will not be allowed to drive into the bus lane until after buses have left at 3:45pm.

Q: If my child is a bus rider do they have to eat the snack?

A: No child is required to eat the snack. All of our students are required to have the option of having "supper." All bus riders won't be dismissed until 3:40pm after all students have had access to "supper."

Q: Where do students go when they arrive to school?

A: All students will enter the main office entrance and go straight to the cafeteria. We will have a quick (7:50am-8:00am) morning meeting and then students will be escorted to their classrooms.

Q: Will I be able to walk my student to class?

A: No. All students will be going straight to the cafeteria, and we do not have space for families to be with their students. Kindergarten

parents may walk their child to class on the first day of their “Soft Start” day and then on their first day assigned to a teacher.

Q: What should I know about how COVID is impacting my child’s classroom/school?

A: At this time, our state department issues recommendations for social distancing, masking, and hygiene protocols. Our school district will follow best practices, but there are no requirements for masking. All outbreak information will be determined by the Douglas County Health Authority. For more information, you can go to:

https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/Planning-for-the-2022-23-School-Year.aspx?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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

A: Yes, Highland is allowing parent visitors and volunteers. Visitors and volunteers will be required to complete a background check form and supply their COVID-19 vaccine documents. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer but do not have a COVID-19 vaccine, you can schedule a meeting to see if you qualify for a medical or religious exception. You can contact Sharmen Tipton (541-271-3656) at the District Office if you’d like to schedule a meeting.

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 (8:00am) or depart (3:40pm), 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 eat breakfast, snack, and “supper” in the classroom. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria, and have an additional 5 minutes added to their lunch schedule this year.

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 when your child takes possession of the computer or by September 1st, whichever comes first.

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

A: Yes. Please make sure you notify the office and/or the individual you are meeting with. All IEPs will remain virtual unless the team determines meeting onsite is necessary.

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.

Q: Am I allowed to come and watch my child during their swimming time?

A: The pool is allowing families to come in the last week of each month to observe swimming.