

Pembroke Pines Elementary School
Campus Reopening
Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Below are some of the most frequently asked questions that we have been getting as we work to reopen our campus to those students whose parents elect to send them. It is important to note that at any time some of these answers may change due to a change in conditions.

Below is a link to a more detailed FAQ, put out by BCPS. Here you may find answers to additional questions you may have.

<https://www.browardschools.com/BackToSchoolFAQ>

1. Will School hours change:

Answer: No, our school hours will not change. Student hours will remain 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and school operational hours will remain 7:30 am – 3:00 pm.

2. Will there be a change in curriculum/instruction for students who return to campus?

Answer: No, there will not be a change to curriculum or instruction for those students who return to campus. All students will continue to receive the same curriculum and instruction will not vary. Teachers will be using the same lesson plan for all students. All curriculum resources, textbooks, instructional materials, demonstrations, assignments, and assessments will be delivered using distance learning technology. The primary resources are the student's courses in Canvas, the student's Launchpad on Clever, and their specific Microsoft Teams memberships.

3. Will students who are participating in eLearning at home still be taught at the same time as the students who are on campus?

Answer: Yes, students at home and on campus will still be taught at the same time. School will still at 8:00 am for ALL students with Morning Announcements. Students who are still at home will then report to their teachers after morning announcements. Students will ALL receive the same whole group instruction at the same time. Teachers may have small group instruction, and this will take place on TEAMS (if there are students who are on campus and home in the same group). Students at home and at school will have access to the same materials as they did when everyone was at home.

4. If my child receives services from a support facilitator, resource teacher or related service provider, will that continue if they return to campus?

Answer: Yes, support facilitation, resource teacher pull outs and related service providers will be providing services to students in classroom settings or other school-based locations. It is best practice for students in the building to continue engaging in eLearning and limit physical engagement to the greatest extent possible while continuing to provide FAPE.

5. What will my child's classroom look like?

Answer: Classroom capacity for each classroom has been modified to allow for less individuals to occupy the space according to the CDC guideline. This includes the number of students each classroom will be able to accommodate. Student desks have been placed 6 feet apart. The number of students each classroom can accommodate will depend upon the classroom capacity for each classroom.

6. What will arrival and dismissal look like:

Answer: Students who are car riders and walkers will be assigned to a specific hallway for entering and leaving school. We will be using more entrances and exits than we traditionally use. Bus riders will enter and leave through specific hallways which are different from the hallways car riders and walkers enter and leave through. Parents will not be allowed to leave their cars. Parents who walk their students will not be allowed to enter the campus beyond the bike rack. Parents will not be allowed inside the building. A detailed plan detailing what entrance and exit each teacher will utilize, will be sent to each parent who has chosen to have their child return to our campus. Staff will be outside to assist students as they enter and exit the building. Students will be held inside the building during dismissal and only allowed to exit the building when their mode of dismissal is in the appropriate spot for the student to be picked up. Patience will need to be exercised during this process, especially in the first few days.

7. Will my child keep their same teacher?

Answer: Students will be assigned to the same teacher, however, due to specific circumstances, some teachers may not be able to return to the classroom under the working conditions required during the pandemic. School administrators will inform parents and guardians on any changes to the assigned teacher, if such a transition is required.

8. What will the day look like for my child if they return to campus?

Answer: Students who return to campus will:

- **Be allowed to enter campus starting at 7:30 am each day**
- **Students will be assigned to specific locations in the morning by teacher and supervised by an adult.**
- **Students will be able to get a grab and go breakfast each morning.**
- **Students will enter the classroom at 7:55 am each morning.**
- **Morning announcements will commence at 8:00 am and class with ALL students begin after.**
- **Students on campus will have lunch either in the cafeteria or classroom. The goal is to have students eat lunch in the cafeteria with the appropriate physical distancing.**
- **Students on campus will have 30 min of recess daily. The goal is for these students to have outdoor recess. The playground will NOT be used for recess. There will be NO equipment used at recess. Additional guidance with regards to recess will be provided to schools from the district.**
- **Students on campus will participate in Specials. ALL students will continue to participate in specials.**

9. What will lunch look like?

Answer: The plan is to serve lunch in the cafeteria. If this is the case, physical distancing measures will be in place when students line up for lunch and are seated at tables. All tables will be in the same direction. Students must wear their mask entering and exiting the cafeteria as well as while they are in line for food. Masks may be removed while students are eating and drinking ONLY. Tables and benches will be sanitized after each lunch rotation. If lunch is served in the classroom, lunch will be brought to the classroom for those students who are having school lunch.

(Update 9/29) Lunch will be a hot Grab and Go. There will be no student selection. Everyone will get the same meal. On Fridays ALL students who are on campus will receive a Saturday "food bag" to bring home with them. They will get this bag as they are being dismissed. Once students return to our campus, Grab and Go meals will still be available to students who are NOT on campus. This still will happen on Tuesdays and Thursdays (this will include the Saturday meal) but will now only be ONCE PER DAY. That time is still being determined.

10. Am I required to do a self-check of my child before bringing them to school?

Answer: Parents will be expected to do a temperature and symptom check each morning. If a student is sick, they must stay home. Check for common COVID-19 symptoms among children:

- ***Fever over 100.4 degrees without fever-reducing medication***
- ***Headache***
- ***Sore throat***
- ***Cough***
- ***Fatigues***
- ***Nausea/vomiting***
- ***Diarrhea***

Students who present COVID-19 symptoms must stay home until they have seen their healthcare provider to seek a medical evaluation and obtain a COVID test, if appropriate.

11. What if my student gets sick at school?

Answer: Students will be escorted to the clinic by an adult (there will no buddy system utilized) to be seen by the School Nurse. If a student starts to present COVID-19 symptoms at school, that student will be placed in a designated isolation room and must be picked up within the hour of the school's request that the child be sent home due to illness. Teachers will be informed of the student's dismissal for illness. Students presenting COVID-19-like symptoms who have an alternate diagnosis, will follow the routine school health practices, including staying home until the student is fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Students who test positive for COVID-19 must stay away from the school campus and self-quarantine for the appropriate period required by public health officials. The necessary contact tracing will take place to determine the level of exposure on our campus. Pembroke Pines Elementary will generally not identify an infected student (disclose the name of the student) to school employees or other students or their parents, although public health guidance will guide the school's communications. It may be necessary to alert others in the community who were in certain areas or at certain times that exposure could have occurred. Pembroke Pines Elementary will comply with all federal and state laws regarding confidentiality and privacy requirements.

12. What steps will be taken if a staff member of student tests positive for COVID 19.

Answer: In the event that a student or staff member is suspected of having COVID-19 and referred for testing/quarantine by the Florida Department of Health in Broward County (FDOH), the principal will notify those individuals who may have had direct exposure to the suspected case (no names included) and recommend they monitor for symptoms, consult with healthcare provider, and get tested. The areas of the school where the student or staff member visited will undergo emergency cleaning. In the event the individual receives positive test results, all family and direct exposures must continue to follow quarantine protocols. After testing positive, students may continue to participate in e-learning at home if they are able to. Teachers may continue teaching their classes virtually depending on the severity of their symptoms (the school will provide proper supervision in the classroom) – although this is strictly the employee's decision to continue to teach or not. Once symptoms worsen or the teacher feels that the stress or lack of rest is not allowing their condition to improve, the District will immediately hire a trained substitute to continue face to face eLearning or have someone else in the District, who is certified, step in to continue face to face eLearning e.g., school instructional coaches, District staff, etc. If none of the above options can be done, then the school may have to divide up the students to other teachers in the school. The individual's family will need to schedule testing again once he or she has stopped showing symptoms. Once the individual and his or her family members receive negative results that individual may return in-person after his or her quarantine/isolation is completed.

13. Will my child be required to wear a face mask on while on campus?

Answer: School Board Policy dictates that students wear a face mask while on campus. For more detail on the policy please visit <https://web01.browardschools.com/sbbcpolicies/docs/Face%20Covering%20Policy.pdf>

14. Will I be able to visit the campus?

Answer: All visitors will be restricted to the front office lobby only. Upon arriving, they must wear a mask, sanitize their hands, and practice social distancing measures. The capacity of the front lobby is limited to 2 visitors. There will be no on campus birthday party celebrations at this time.

15. Will Aftercare be available?

Answer: Yes, aftercare will be available. Details on registration is forthcoming. Afterschool Programs (ASP) is our provider.

16. Will my child have to bring their device to and from school?

Answer: Yes, students who are reporting to campus, will have to transport their device to and from campus. They should also bring their chargers.

17. Will my child be able to use the water fountains at school?

Answer: Community water fountains will not be accessible to students due to health restrictions. Students are encouraged to bring a bottle filled with water daily. Please ensure the bottle has the student's first and last name to avoid cross contamination. Water will be available to students, when appropriate.

18. What are the cleaning and sanitation protocols?

Answer: Pembroke Pines Elementary will be cleaned and sanitized daily after the end of each school day. Restrooms and door handles will be spot cleaned and sanitized frequently throughout the day. Disinfectant and wipes will be in every classroom. Every classroom will be equipped with student masks for those students in need (Students are expected to bring their own mask to school daily). Each classroom will also have hand sanitizer available. Teachers have also all received PPE "kits" to ensure that they have the adequate PPE needed for themselves and their classroom.

****** The District has also provided us with and we have created signage to aid with physical distancing protocols while students are on our campus******