

West Cottonwood School

Cottonwood Union School District

School Site Plan

School Year 2020-2021
Addressing the Challenges of COVID-19



Home of the Chiefs!

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Introduction

West Cottonwood School's faculty and staff are committed to providing a high quality education and school experience in a caring and supportive community. As we begin the 2020-21 school year, COVID-19 compels us to change many routines, schedules, practices and even programs. Please know that our compassionate and professional faculty and staff will be taking steps to ensure your child has access to a safe and healthy learning environment and a positive school experience.

This plan is meant to supplement the Cottonwood Union School District Plan with site specific information to assist you with preparing and supporting your child through school reentry and in the event of a mandated school closure.

We ask that you remain patient as we implement the necessary procedures to support safe social distancing for students and staff. Bringing our students back to school will require instruction and practice of new routines and it is our hope that by following these protocols, we can keep school open for all of our children. We can do this!

Preparing Your Child for School

Your child may experience strong emotions at the start of school. Many students are excited to get back to school where they have strong connections to school staff and friends. Others may experience anxiety, especially if they have heard a lot about COVID-19 or have had family members impacted by the pandemic. While it is important that we are honest with our children when discussing how things will be different this year, it is also important to ensure the information we are delivering is appropriate to their developmental stage.

Children can develop a sense of safety when they are prepared and know what to expect and do. Parents can support this by practicing a few simple things ahead of time. Wearing masks together for some time each day and rehearsing hand-washing and sanitizer use are examples.

In addition to our academic program, West Cottonwood's staff is here to support your student's social-emotional well being.

In the event that your child is experiencing adjustment difficulties or you have other concerns, please contact our counselor, Brittany Stevenson through the school office.

Arrival at School

Students grades 3rd-8th are required to wear a mask. Due to social distancing guidelines, movement around campus is restricted.

School start time is 8:00am. There is no general supervision available on campus before 7:45am, except for students eating breakfast or riding the bus. Please take measures to find before school care for your child as they may not be dropped off early. Playgrounds are closed before school.

Parent drop off/pick-up is located in the north east parking lot of the campus. Parents should remain in their cars and stay in line. Students must have their masks on before exiting their vehicle.

Teachers will perform a wellness/temperature check on students at the beginning of the day and before lunch recess. Students not feeling well or with specific symptoms will be referred to the school health aide for follow-up.

Tardy Students

Students arriving after 8:00am should proceed directly to their classroom. Attendance will be taken by the classroom teacher and they will input the tardy in the Aeries system.

Independent Study

Parents may elect to register their student(s) for Independent Study. Parents must register their child and sign an Independent Study Agreement which will include provisions for attendance monitoring, work completion and participation. Students will be scheduled to meet with an assigned faculty member on a regular basis either individually or in family groups. The purpose of this conference is to collect and assess work, monitor student progress and to provide academic support and assistance.

Campus Visitors

Campus visitors are strictly limited during PHASE 2. Parents needing to speak with their child's teacher or conduct other in-person business, should call the school office to schedule an appointment. All adults must wear a mask, and observe social distancing while on campus.



Classroom Cohorts

Students will be participating in the school day with their classroom cohorts (Homeroom Classes) and will not be mixing with students in other classrooms to the maximum extent possible for the duration of Phase 2 - School Reopening. We will still utilize our Resource Program. In RSP we will have small group instruction and will social distance to the best of our ability. When possible teachers and instructional aides may work with students from the same class by “pushing-in” or “pulling out” small, same-cohort groups to a separate setting.

Recess

Students will receive a recess daily, with recess in the classrooms on early release days. Play equipment or toys from home are not allowed at school.

Water Bottles

Students will be able to use personal water bottles which can be refilled at the touchless water-filling stations on campus.

Backpacks and Personal Items

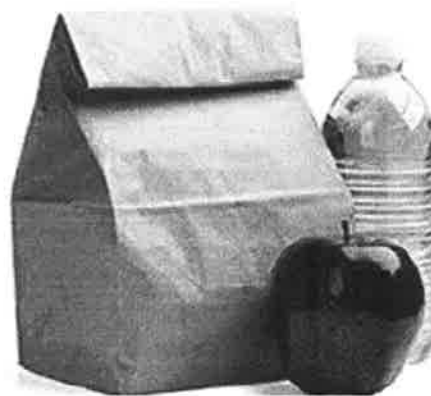
Students are encouraged to minimize the items they bring with them from home. All items should go home to be cleaned regularly.

Chromebooks

Students will be issued a Chromebook for use in school and in the event of a school closure. Parents are responsible for the safe return of this equipment at the end of the checkout period or school year.

Breakfast and Lunch

Pre-packaged meals will be distributed at the cafeteria. Students will clean their hands before and after all meals and will be eating in their classroom. Meals will also be made available for students on Independent Study. For students bringing home lunch, disposable packaging is highly recommended.



Student Wellness

Parents are responsible for monitoring their child's health and temperature daily. Students who are not feeling well, have symptoms of COVID (see appendix) or who have temperatures over 100.4° must stay home.

Students exhibiting concerning symptoms while in school will be separated from other students and will be sent home. Students may return when symptoms have subsided and they are fever-free without medication for 24 hours.

Parents, please notify the school if your child is ill or has been exposed to COVID-19.

If a child requires a mask exemption due to a medical diagnosis or disabling condition, parents must provide written documentation regarding this from the child's doctor.



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School Dismissal

School dismissal is staggered to support social distancing during Phase 2.

Dismissal Schedule:

| <p style="text-align: center;">Homeroom</p> <p>Dismissal Time: 3:00pm</p> <p>*Early Release Days: 12:55pm</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Homeroom</p> <p>Dismissal Time: 3:05pm</p> <p>*Early Release Days: 1:00pm</p> |
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| <p>Walker Beaupre Brees Provence Knowles Doty Boemeke Shepard</p> | <p>Swetland Watson J. Stevens Masters Fuller Hiscock S. Stevens Powers</p> |

Resources:



Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if someone has emergency warning signs of COVID-19.

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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