



A Return to In-Person Learning

Rainier School District

Announcement to Parents

February 15, 2021

2021 is off to a bumpy start!



- ❖ Last Thursday & Friday were scheduled to be no-school and preparation day for staff.
- ❖ Due to snow, tomorrow will need to be a preparation day for staff and the last no-school day for students.
- ❖ County officials have warned that it is unlikely that the roads throughout our district will be cleared by tomorrow morning for transportation.
- ❖ Slight modification to hybrid start but only by a day.

COHORT SCHEDULE

**HYBRID BEGINS
2/18 for Cohort B**

COHORT A		
	Hybrid (In-person & CDL)	
	First Day of In-person	CDL
PreK-3	2/22/21	Thursday/Friday
4-8	2/22/21	Thursday/Friday
9-10	3/1/21	Thursday/Friday
Juniors & Seniors	2/22/21	Thursday/Friday

COHORT B		
	Hybrid (In-person & CDL)	
	First Day of In-person	CDL
PreK-3	2/18/21	Monday/Tuesday
4-8	2/25/21	Monday/Tuesday
9-10	3/4/21	Monday/Tuesday
Juniors & Seniors	2/18/21	Monday/Tuesday

To safely reopen, we designated two non-instruction days to prepare. Due to the snow, school will be closed on 2/16 to students.



Learning Options

Hybrid

Schedule:

Pre-K-6; 8AM-12:45PM

Middle/High School; 8AM-1:00PM

Cohorts:

	Cohort A	Cohort B
M/T	In-person	Self-Directed CDL with office hour support
Wed	At-home Make-up work	At-home Make-up work
Th/F	Self-Directed CDL with office hour support	In-person

Comprehensive Distance Learning

- ❖ Paper-based learning OR online Google Classrooms
- ❖ Those wishing to receive a paper packet will need to pick up at the school on Friday or Monday.
- ❖ Free meals can be picked up or delivered on Wednesdays.
- ❖ Office hours offered daily by teacher.
- ❖ Help desk available to all students from 9-3 M, T, Th, F

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

School will look and feel different

- Masks
- Physical Distance
- Follow directional signs in the hallway
- Limit restrooms to one person at a time.
- Increased hand washing and sanitation.
- Morning screening at home and upon arrival.
- If your child is not feeling well we ask:
“When in doubt, keep them out”.
- Students with symptoms will be sent to the symptom check center (SCC) and sent home to avoid outbreak/exposure.



Students who choose to not adhere to safety protocols will be permitted to participate in Comprehensive distance learning ONLY.

SAFETY IS CRUCIAL

All students, staff, and parents required to wear masks while on campus.



Rainier School District Parent/Student Contract for Hybrid In-Person Instruction For Health and Safety Guidelines During COVID-19

Given the extraordinary circumstances in which we have returned to school this fall, it is critical that health and safety protocols, district guidelines and expectations are clear. After reviewing this document, and with your child (age appropriately), you must acknowledge and agree to the following contents of this form in order for your child to return to in-person learning. Please read and initial each section, sign and date the document, and send it back to your child's teacher before the first day of in-person instruction.

Face Masks or Coverings

All students are required to wear face masks or an appropriate face covering at all times upon entering any part of our school campuses and transportation with the exceptions of individual mask breaks and snack or lunch. Students may use one of their own face coverings or the district will provide one. Compliance with the districts' masking policy is mandatory unless there is a medical exception and release from a doctor. Students must comply or in-person learning will not be allowed. ____initial

If a student is willfully and blatantly not wearing a mask, and a staff member has instructed them to do so, this will be considered a violation of the in person learning contract. Parent will be notified and a parent conference will be required before your child may return to in person learning. The conference will be conducted to determine how we can work together to support your child in complying with the guideline. If your child willfully and blatantly does not wear a face mask or face covering a second time, in-person learning will no longer be an option due to health and safety, and your child will need to return to comprehensive distance learning until the next grading period. ____initial

Physical Distancing

Students are expected to maintain 6' of distance from one another both in the classroom and outside on campus. Students will be sure to stay in their designated outside space during outside recess, lunch, or outside learning opportunities. When this is not possible, students will maintain the maximum distance possible. Students will comply with staff directions in regard to physical distancing. ____initial

Hand Washing and Sanitizing

Students are expected to comply with frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing routines. Hand sanitizer will be easily available in supervised areas throughout the schools. ____initial

Assigned Seating

When seats are assigned on the bus or in the classroom, students are expected to adhere to their seating assignment. ____initial

Classroom Behavior

All classroom and school rules still apply. Students are expected to follow all classroom health and safety guidelines and classroom and school rules. Desks are spaced as necessary to maintain social distancing and students are required to remain in their seats during classroom instruction and follow teacher and staff direction. If a student continues to not follow directions, a parent will be notified and a parent conference will be required before your child may return to in person learning. The conference will be to determine how we can work together to support your child to comply with the guideline. If your child continues to not follow guidelines, school rules or staff direction, in-person learning will no longer be an option due to health and safety and your child will need to return to full distance learning until the next grading period. ____initial

No Visitors

Unfortunately, at this time during COVID-19 and the hybrid model, there will be no visitors or parent volunteers on campus. Please call ahead if a need arises to come to the school grounds. Drop off and dismissal procedures will be highly structured at each school campus. ____initial

All necessary meetings will be held virtually (e.g. Student Study Teams, 504 and IEP meetings, parent conferences). ____initial

Student-Drop Off and Pick-Up

Parents will not send or drop off students earlier than 7:45 AM. ____initial

Students will enter through the assigned school entrance and will use the hand sanitizing station, will be visually screened for symptoms and will go directly to their classroom. ____initial

Parents agree to pick-up students no later than 1:15 PM. All parents using parent pickup will use the appropriate car pick-up line:

- ☐ RJRSR - parking lot
- ☐ HPE - Lower Parking lot. ____initial

Symptom Screener

Parents will do their best to health screen their children before sending them to school. If the following criteria are present for your child, you commit to not sending your child to school. Please call the attendance line to notify us of the in-person absence. Distance learning will be available if your child is up to participating ____initial

- ☐ Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills.
- ☐ Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.
- ☐ New loss of taste or smell.
- ☐ Headache when in combination with other symptoms.
- ☐ Muscle aches or body aches.
- ☐ Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- ☐ Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms.
- ☐ Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms.

Illness

As noted above, students with any COVID-like symptoms should not attend school until you can provide the school office with a negative COVID test or a medical doctor's note with an alternate diagnosis, or can meet all of the three criteria: at least 10 days since symptoms appeared, at least 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication, and symptoms have improved. If you do not want to get your child tested, we will follow the protocol for if a student tests positive for COVID-19 ____initial

Students testing positive for COVID-19 will comply with the Oregon Health Authority, local Public Health Department requirements, and district guidelines for school re-entry. Students identified as close contacts will comply with all health and safety protocols ____initial

Students who become symptomatic at school or identified with COVID-like symptoms will be immediately sent to the Symptom Check Center on campus. A parent will be immediately notified and required to pick up the child or will send someone to pick up your child as soon as possible. If your child is a bus rider, they will not be able to be dismissed from campus until a parent or someone you have designated for pick-up. ____initial

Rainier School District will follow the CDC Flowchart for Students Who Are Ill --Updated as of September 1, 2020

1. If a student is sick at school:
 - a. Student(s) displays signs of infectious illness consistent with COVID-19.
 - b. Teacher or staff excuses student(s) from classroom, cohort/pod or area within the school and notifies COVID-19 Response Team.
 - c. COVID-19 Response Team takes student(s) to designated isolation room/Symptom Check Center until transportation can be arranged to send student(s) home or to seek emergency medical attention. AND Note: If multiple ill students must be placed in the same isolation room/area, ensure mask use and that they maintain at least 6 feet of distance between them.
 - d. COVID-19 Response Team will notify parent(s), guardians, or caregiver(s) of ill student(s).
 - e. Parent(s), guardians, or caregiver(s) pick up student(s) as soon as possible.
 - f. Parent(s), guardians, or caregiver(s) should consult with their healthcare provider for evaluation and determination if testing is recommended.
2. If a student is tested and has a negative COVID-19 test result.**
 - a. Student(s) return to school following existing school illness management policies. If the student has a fever, they may not return until they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.
3. If a student has a positive COVID-19 test result.
 - a. A student(s) is newly identified as having COVID-19.
 - b. COVID-19 Response Team initiates list of close contacts of the ill student and communicates the possible exposure to teacher(s), staff, and parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s) of student(s) in the school.
 - c. Exposed area(s) (e.g., classroom) closed off for up to 24 hours. Cleaning and disinfection of area performed by appropriate staff.
 - d. Administrators work with local health officials to assess transmission levels and support contact tracing efforts.
 - e. Close contacts* are notified, advised to stay home (quarantine for 14 days), and to consult with their healthcare provider for evaluation and determination, if testing is recommended.
 - f. Administrators or COVID-19 Response Team communicate with teacher(s), staff, and parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s) the importance of COVID-19 mitigation strategies (e.g., staying home when sick, washing hands, wearing masks, social distancing).
 - g. Members of the student(s)' household are requested to quarantine for 14 days.
 - h. Student(s) returns to school after meeting criteria for ending home isolation**.

Footnotes:

*Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset, regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask.

**Student can end home isolation after meeting all of the following three criteria: at least 10 days since symptoms appeared, at least 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication, and symptoms have improved.

I have read and agree to the district guidelines and expectations for hybrid in-person learning during this time of COVID-19.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Other Resources

***Effective 2/16, school will begin @ 8:00 for all students in Rainier School District.**

Hybrid Learning

Daily Schedule

GRADES PreK-6: 8:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

GRADES 7-12: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 pm

[RJSHS Bell Schedule](#)

[NCA Bell Schedule](#)

Hybrid Start Dates

February 16: Grades PreK, 1, 2, 3, 11, 12

February 22: Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

March 1: Grades 9, 10

COHORT A*

Monday/Tuesday: In-person

Wednesday: At home make-up work

Thursday/Friday: Self-directed CDL with office hour support

COHORT B*

Monday/Tuesday: Self-directed CDL with office hour support

Wednesday: At home make-up work

Thursday/Friday: In-person

***Students will be assigned to Cohort A or Cohort B.**

Important Health Guidelines! Please read the guidelines to help all students stay healthy and ready to learn. **Do not send an ill student to school!**

Transportation

Children riding the bus need to always ride the same bus due to cohort requirements. **No bus changes and no bus notes allowed.**

PreK & HPE Families, please use the HPE **parent parking lot** only between 7:40-8:15 a.m. & 12:40-1:15 p.m.
The HPE teacher parking lot is open for buses only during those times.

Arrival/Dismissal Locations *Masks are required for adults when dropping off and picking up students.

School	Arrival	Dismissal
Preschool	Outside portable classrooms	
HPE	Meet classroom teacher under the covered playground between 7:45-8:00 and 12:45-1:00. If arrive after 8:00, check-in at HPE office window.	
RJSHS	Designated front entrances based on 1st period class location	Designated exits based on 4th period class location
NCA	Airlock	Bus students @ RJSHS. Parent p/u & student drivers @ NCA.
COMMONS CLASSROOMS K-12	Airlock	@ your school

Comprehensive Distance Learning (Online Only)

Daily Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

Self-directed learning via Google classroom

Wednesday: Make-up work

Comprehensive Distance Learning (Paper-Based Learning & Rainier Virtual Academy)

Daily Schedule

Self-directed learning via paper packet

Packet Pick-Up Schedule

Pick-up: Monday or Friday at school office pick-up window

Office Hours & Small Groups

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: By appointment.

Preparing Your Student for In-Person Learning

Students will be required to wash and sanitize their hands more often, maintain 6 feet of distance from others, and wear a mask inside and outside.

Free Meals

Days on Campus

Breakfast: Will be sent home with students and consumed before arriving at school

Lunch: Will be provided at school PreK-12th grades for all students who want a meal

Off Campus Days (Includes all cohorts, CDL, & community youth 1-18 years)

Delivery: Wednesdays using the current meal delivery routes. For more information about meals, e-mail food@rsd.k12.or.us.

This institute is an equal opportunity provider.



Questions?

Hudson Park Elementary: 503.556.0196

Rainier Junior Senior High School: 503.556.4215

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Thank You.



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