

Return to In-Person Plan
2021 - 2022 School Year



EastSide Families,

It is our greatest privilege to provide your students the best education they deserve and to keep them safe. We are excited to expand in-person education next year to all of our students. We have missed our kids dearly and are excited for the opportunity to see everyone in-person next year.

The pandemic has improved, but we are not out of the woods yet. We will be offering all students the opportunity of learning in-person next year, but there will be guidelines to ensure the safety of your children and our staff. We will be offering a virtual option for families and students who wish to learn remotely. Remote learning will look different next year as we expect most students to be back in person. Virtual plans will be rolled out in more detail as we get closer to the beginning of the school year.

Going into next year, the school will abide by the following requirements for in-person education.

- Covid testing will **NOT** be offered the same way it was provided during the 2020 - 2021 school year. We are still vetting all potential outcomes, but there are three possibilities.
 - Option 1: No more weekly Covid testing
 - Option 2: Weekly Covid testing, but only a sample of students each week
 - Option 3: Weekly Covid testing for the entire student body
 - **Our ability to offer Covid testing heavily depends on whether we can acquire the necessary tests and staff to conduct them for the entire student population.**
- **All students must wear masks while on the bus.**
- Every student will have an assigned seat on the bus.
- Students will be asked to use **hand sanitizer before boarding the bus.**
- Weather permitting; windows will be open on the bus, so please dress your children accordingly.
- Classroom desks will be spaced 3 feet apart from each other and students will be facing the front of the classroom. All students must stay 3 feet away from another person when walking throughout the building
- When possible, classroom windows will be left open to improve circulation.
- Students will be required to wear masks at all times in school unless they are eating lunch. Masks must cover students' mouths and noses.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom for students to use.
- Routine cleaning of classroom and communal spaces will be done throughout and after school hours to disinfect high-touch surfaces.
- Student classroom furniture will be disinfected daily to include, but not limited to desks, chairs, light switches, countertops, door handles and bathrooms.
- Contact tracing will be completed by the school's team in conjunction with DPH for any students/staff who test positive for Covid. In the event of a positive test result families

will be notified and informed of quarantine requirements for their students. Students will need to receive a negative Covid test before they can return to school.

- The School will install new air conditioning units in all classes and public spaces during the summer of 2022. These improvements will help combat viruses and pathogens in our school.
- All families are encouraged to get the COVID Vaccine. Staff and students are not required to get the vaccine, but EastSide will continue to work with community partners to host and/or share community vaccination events.
- Additional staff will be used to assist students and we will also allow space for students with additional needs to practice social distancing while still accessing the information. This could include teaching classes in the gym or library so that students can social distance and provide accommodations for students that are not able to use the safety plans.

These guidelines are subject to change depending on how the pandemic progresses and will be reviewed every six months at a minimum through September 30, 2023. We at EastSide consider everyone in our community as family and value your feedback. We would like to hear from you regarding our expanded in-person education plans for the 2021- 2022 school year. If any family would like to attend virtual classes you will need to fill out an application which can be found on our website in the Parent Section. Please send any comments, questions or concerns regarding this plan to aaron.bass@escs.k12.de.us by the end of the day on Thursday June 10th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AB' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Aaron Bass
CEO