

Mars Estates Elementary School's Reopening Information

Arrival: 8:30 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment as we welcome students back to Mars Estates Elementary for hybrid learning.

<p><u>Arrival & Dismissal Procedures:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival time is between 8:30-8:45 am. Each classroom/grade level has a designated arrival door to allow for additional spacing (map provided). • Walking students will arrive and meet staff at the walker drop off zone. They will enter through their designated classroom doors. • Bus riders will sit socially distant on the bus then exit from the bus loop to enter through their classroom assigned door. • Students must walk six-feet apart when entering and exiting. • Staff will be distributed in multiple locations to assist students in staying socially distant and locating arrival doors and classrooms. • Dismissal time is between 3:15 – 3:30 pm. Students will be dismissed to guardians from their classroom doors. Bus riders will wait socially distanced in the gym for their buses to arrive. 	<p><u>Social Distancing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom furniture is arranged to provide 6-foot separation between students. • Congregating of students and staff will be prohibited in any area – (see details for arrival and dismissal procedures and movement in the hallways). • Hallway stickers are placed on the floor to indicate 6 ft. social distancing. Persons will walk on the right side of the hallways. Teachers will assist students in following these guidelines when traveling as a class. • Only one class should be in the hall at a time to the extent possible (lines should be staggered before entering the same area). • Staff will escort student to shared restrooms in order to ensure maximum occupancy limits are met.
<p><u>Face Covering:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings (masks) are required for all persons in a BCPS facility or vehicle as well as on BCPS property. This includes Mars Estates' school grounds. • Face coverings (masks) are required during transportation to/from school on a bus as well as outdoors on campuses. • Each teacher and support staff member will have a supply of disposable face coverings for students (and employees) who forget their face covering or whose face covering becomes soiled or damaged. 	<p><u>Screening & Stay Home When Appropriate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employees and students are expected to screen themselves daily for symptoms of COVID-19. • Remain home if you have Covid-Like symptoms, confirmed COVID-19 illness, had recent contact with a person with COVID-19 and/or awaiting test results. • Parents will receive a screening checklist and magnet with the screening practices.
<p><u>Hand Hygiene:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soap and hand sanitizer will be supplied in classrooms, restrooms, and in common areas for use (i.e. in the main office, outside of the gym, etc.). Handwashing times have been included on daily schedules. • Times for handwashing or use of hand sanitizer include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - upon arrival to school, classrooms, and home - before and after meals - before and after use of any shared items - after use of the restroom - after sneezing/coughing and other time hands are contaminated 	<p><u>Breakfast & Lunch:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and Lunch for students will be eaten in the classroom. Teachers will supervise classes during lunch. • Lunch options for students will be individually bagged and brought to classrooms. • Students may bring a lunch from home. • Students will eat during one of the assigned lunch block times between 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. • Community lunches will continue to be served in the bus loop at Mars Estates at 11:45 am on Mondays and Wednesdays.
<p><u>Supplies & Devices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should bring assigned BCPS devices to and from school each day when they attend in-person. • Student materials will be kept individual to the extent possible and shared materials will be minimized. • Students will be given individual supplies: math manipulatives, notebooks, pencils, crayons, scissors, whiteboard & marker, etc. in a bin or area for individual use for in-person leaning. 	<p><u>Visitors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits for school business will be conducted remotely or outside, whenever possible. • To visit school, visitors must request and schedule an appointment that is approved by an administrator. • The number of people admitted to the building will be limited and closely monitored. • All visitors must sign in and out for contact tracing purposes. The sign in sheet will be in the main office.
<p><u>Restrooms & Water:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If classrooms have individual bathrooms, those should be used to minimize student transitions in the hallway. • Bathroom logs will be used to track when students enter/exit a classroom space. Only one student per cohort at a time should leave the classroom. • Bathroom stalls are marked off every other stall with green face/red face to indicate permitted use for social distancing. • Students may keep an individual water bottle at their desk/space. Common area water fountains will be closed. If a student needs water, support staff will be available to help. 	<p><u>Special Areas & Recess:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When in-person learning occurs, materials used will be limited to individual students and cleaning of shared materials will take place between classes. • All special area classes will take place in the general classroom. The special area teacher will rotate to the students limiting student travel throughout the building. Physical Education may occur in the gym at times.

