



In-Person Learning Frequently Asked Questions

Does my PreK-4th grade student have to attend in-person learning? No, families may opt-in at the start of each quarter. A survey will be sent leading up to the start of the quarter giving you the option to remain in distance learning should you feel that is the best option for your family. Please complete this survey as soon as you receive it (and please only complete it once) so that we can ensure that we are planning for your student to attend the way you intend!

Are parents/guardians allowed to enter school buildings? No. Per NOLA-Public Schools guidelines, only students, staff, and vendors essential to school operations will have access to school buildings at this time. Parents and guardians may call or buzz the front office and someone will come and assist you. Parent meetings will be mainly conducted virtually or via phone.

How many kids will be in the classroom? In accordance with NOLA Public Schools guidelines, 25 people are allowed in one room. This means 24 students and one teacher or 23 students and two teachers.

How far apart will desks be in each classroom? It depends on the classroom. Following NOLA-PS guidelines, we have adopted a static group model (up to 25 people in the classroom) and will separate desks as much as possible.

How will in-class materials be handled? Books, workbooks, laptops etc. Will they be sanitized prior to use for each student? Will the student be responsible for sanitizing these items or will a teacher do this? All FirstLine buildings are regularly cleaned with proper disinfectant and high touch surfaces are being cleaned at least once every two hours, in accordance with NOLA-PS guidelines. All buildings are fully cleaned each night and all classrooms have disinfectant for immediate cleaning. As much as possible, students will have their own items to limit sharing of materials. Every classroom is also equipped with cleaning supplies to ensure proper sanitation as needed.

Will each child receive a separate set of books/workbooks to use in school?

Please confirm with your child's school if the books your child will use will go back and forth from home to school in their book sack or if separate books will be available at school.

How many times a day will temperature checks be performed? An initial temperature check will take place in the morning.

Will someone be monitoring the hallways to ensure social distance is being followed when kids are walking to and from the restroom? Hallways will be one-directional, and floors will be marked to ensure students maintain a six-foot distance from each other. Adults will, as always, be present for transitions to remind students about social distancing.

Will the kids be participating in PE utilizing balls or equipment? If so will this equipment be sanitized prior to use and will the equipment be maintained one child at a time? Movement and outdoor activities are important for all of us! Students will still enjoy their recess and PE time, but physical activities will be modified to follow social distancing practices. All equipment will be sanitized before use.

What's the plan in the morning to ensure social distancing is being followed when the kids arrive at school? We will be releasing the buses in a slower way, to ensure social distancing when departing the buses, in addition to keeping to one-directional hallways with six-foot markers on the floor. Car riders and walkers will also be asked to maintain six feet of social distancing. We expect car rider lines to be longer than in the past and likely take a bit longer, as we work to maintain the highest level of safety possible.

What's the plan for dismissal in the afternoon to ensure social distancing is being followed when the kids leave school? We will follow the same procedures as we use upon arrival.

Will all parents be notified if a child in the classroom becomes ill whether tested or not? Will parents be notified that a teacher or member of the staff is ill with COVID symptoms whether tested or not? In the event your student has potentially been exposed to someone that has presented symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted by a member of your student's school.

Are the kids allowed to play on the playground equipment outside? If so how will this equipment be sanitized and how will kids be separated while playing on the equipment? Per NOLA-PS guidelines, we are able to utilize playground equipment, but it must be sanitized between static group use. Each school is deciding if and when to use their playground equipment.