



Back To School Information What Parents Need to Know

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Open House events will not be held at Prairie Schools this year due to health and safety concerns. Your child's school will soon send communication to families with back to school information such as pick-up and drop-off routines and other first day of school details.

HEALTH UPDATE

In our effort to keep everyone healthy CCSD is following quarantine and isolation guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Linn County Public Health (LCPH). Please be aware that beginning August 17th 2020, if your student comes in close contact (within 6ft for 15 minutes or greater) with a positive COVID 19 individual, the 14-day quarantine will affect your student's school start date. Please contact your students' school, so that the appropriate contact persons can be made aware. [Click here](#) for information on when to quarantine.

If you have been told to stay home because of COVID-19, now what? [Click here](#)

FACE MASKS

Employees and students will be required to wear face masks (cloth or disposable), when physical distancing is not possible. There may be times when the task makes wearing a mask not possible. Cloth face coverings are the preferred method for covering your face based on CDC guidance and guidance by Linn County Public Health. Each employee and student will be provided with a reusable cloth mask. Parents are encouraged to send their student with a cloth face mask on the first day of school.

Students who are unable to wear a face covering due to medical reasons, or educational reasons as determined by the administrator, will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. Such accommodations may include being required to wear a face shield. Documentation from a physician will be required if your child has a medical reason not to wear a cloth or disposable face mask. Please call your students school if you have concerns.

The preference for cloth masks over the option of either a mask or shield is a change in our plan based on the most recent CDC and Linn County Public Health Guidance. It is not a state requirement to wear masks but a local decision that we feel is necessary to implement to ensure safe continuation of onsite instruction.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

For students who have selected the Temporary Virtual Learning path:

- Students in grades K-6 will need to pick up their school assigned computer at their building's main entrance on Wednesday August 26th between 10am and 6pm.
- Students in grade 10 will need to come to the High School main entrance on Wednesday August 26th between 10am and 6pm to exchange their old computer for their new one.

For students in Cohort B:

- Students in grades K-6 will need to pick up their school assigned computer at their building's main entrance on Thursday August 27th between 10am and 6pm.
- New students in grades 7-12 will need to pick up their school assigned computer at their building's main entrance on Thursday August 27th between 10am and 6pm.
- Students in Grade 10 will need to come to the High School main entrance on Thursday August 27th between 10am and 6pm to exchange their old computer and their new computer.

For students in Cohort A:

- All students will pick up their computer on Monday August 31 during the school day.

Students in grades 7-12 who have broken devices from over the summer

- Technicians will be available on Wednesday August 26th from 10am to 6pm at Prairie High School Main entrance for quick repairs. For more time intensive repairs, be prepared to leave your device and pick up on Friday August 28th.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Busing information for the upcoming school year will be available in your Campus Portal account on Friday, August 21st. Each student will be allowed one bus per household. Please check your students busing information prior to the first day of school.

New Bus Rules for the 20-21 School Year

- Students must wear a mask while on the bus
- Students must sit in assigned seat every time that they are on the bus
- Students will not be allowed to open/shut windows
- No food or drink allowed on the bus
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are available near the stairwell of the bus
- Drivers will be disinfecting buses after every trip

Please review these rules with your student prior to August 31st.

FOOD & NUTRITION

Grades K-9

All meals will be packed individually for each student. All food items will be individually wrapped or packaged. Students will be handed their meal and will choose their own milk. A la carte snacks and beverages will be available for purchase at Creek and Point, in the meal service line. Students will be seated in every other seat in the cafeterias to maximum physical distance. In buildings where there is not space in the cafeteria, the gym and/or classrooms may be used for lunch as well.

High School

All food items will be individually wrapped or packaged. Students' will place individually wrapped items on their tray. Students' will pick up their own milk choice. A cold ready-made grab and go option will be offered daily too. All students K-12 will have their own lunch card with a **scannable** barcode. Once students have gone through the service line, they will not be able to go back for additional items. Students will be seated in every other seat in the cafeterias to maximum physical distance. In buildings where there is not space in the cafeteria, the gym and/or classrooms may be used for lunch as well.

For students who are learning off campus, we will have a pick up location at Prairie Hill for breakfast/lunch pickup. We will ask families to sign up in advance for planning purposes.

These meals will be charged at the same level as a regular student meal based on student status.

New point of sale system

We have implemented a new point of sale system called Titan- more information coming soon.

New this year: Birthday Treats and classroom snacks can be ordered through Food & Nutrition for Grades K-4. Order here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnnI2iEGrvfgo4LTXMlyZ9gU7wTh381zsXHHMexgEvrSkBQg/viewform?usp=sf_link

UPDATED SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar has been updated. [Click here](#) for an updated Calendar at a Glance.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

Our District is always looking for qualified substitute teachers to serve our students when our teachers need to be absent. With Governor Kim Reynolds' new [proclamation](#) as of July 17, 2020, there is now increased flexibility in the use of substitute teachers during the disaster emergency period.

This flexibility includes the degree requirement that is needed to obtain a substitute authorization. This has changed from a bachelor's degree to an associate's degree **or** 60 semester hours through a [regionally-accredited institution](#). In addition, completion of the Substitute Authorization course is required. Here is the link to [register for the Substitute Authorization course](#).

Our Substitute Teachers are paid at the rate of \$15.50 an hour for any assignment over four (4) hours in length. In addition, a substitute whose assignment is up to and including four (4) hours will be paid at the rate of \$16.00 an hour.

As a Substitute Teacher, you will be able to indicate which schools you would prefer to substitute in whether this is your own students' school or for positions in all of our wonderful school buildings. You are also able to define which days you are available to substitute teach as well!

We truly hope you consider this amazing opportunity to serve in our schools as a substitute teacher. If you meet the new educational requirements and have completed the [substitute authorization course](#), please contact Grant Wood AEA to register as a Substitute Teacher with [SubCentral](#). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Jeri Moritz](#), Executive Director of HR.

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