



East Palestine City Schools

Educational Plan: Reset & Restart

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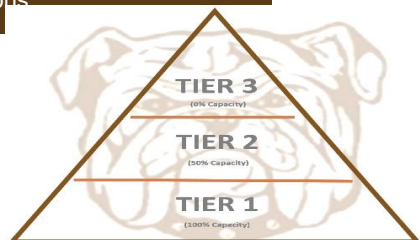
Guiding Principles and Goals

- Care for all students and adults
- Prioritize student learning
- Ensure effective teaching
- Operate efficiently, effectively, and responsibly

Action Steps

- ✓ **Social Distancing** - Strict adherence to a specific size of student groups will be discouraged in favor of other risk mitigation strategies. Our schools will try whenever possible to maintain a 3-6-foot social distance among students and staff in all school environments, including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeteria, playground, drop-off and pick-up locations, and school buses.
- ✓ **Symptom Checks** - Since COVID-19 spreads so rapidly, it is essential that students, parents, and staff conduct daily health checks prior to going to school, which should include taking a student's temperature and assessing their symptoms. Anyone with symptoms should stay home. Our schools will take the temperatures of students and staff as they enter the building. If a student, staff, or volunteer begins to show symptoms at school, they will immediately be separated from others and monitored by a staff member while maintaining physical distance when possible. The space where an individual waits before going home will be separate from areas students are likely to visit.
- ✓ **Face Coverings** - It is **strongly recommended, not mandated**, that masks be worn indoors by students and staff members, especially those that remain unvaccinated. The federal mandate that masks be worn on public transportation, including school busses, still exists. The wearing of masks by staff and students on school busses will be mandatory. A limited amount of disposable face masks will be made available for those who do not have one.
- ✓ **Extracurricular/Co-curricular Activities** - Participation in each activity will be determined based upon guidance from Ohio Department of Health, local health department, Ohio Department of Education, and Ohio High School Athletic Association. Participation in school activities is voluntary and every individual will need to evaluate the risk versus the benefits of extracurricular and co-curricular activity participation.
- ✓ **Cafeteria** - Students will use the cafeteria and gyms (as needed) for lunch to maintain safe distancing. Breakfast will be served in a grab and go format.
- ✓ **Transportation** - All students and bus drivers must wear a face covering while riding the school bus. Bus drivers will follow cleaning protocols at the end of each trip. This includes disinfecting all seats, handles, and other surfaces. Assigned seats and coordinating loading and unloading will be implemented.
- ✓ **Custodial and Maintenance** - Specific cleaning protocols will continue this year and will be reviewed periodically.

Educational Plans and Options



TIER 3 (0%)

ALL STUDENTS WORK FROM HOME DAILY
WITH SUPPORT FROM TEACHERS
INCLUDING BULLDOG ONLINE & REMOTE LEARNING IF
THE DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO CLOSE

TIER 2 (50%)

DESIGNATED ALPHABETICALLY BY LAST NAME & USING AN
ALTERNATING SCHEDULE - HALF OF ALL STUDENTS REPORT TO SCHOOL
WHILE HALF OF ALL STUDENTS REMAIN WORKING FROM HOME

TIER 1 (100%)

ALL STUDENTS IN-PERSON AND IN-BUILDINGS DAILY
WITH SAFETY PROTOCOLS

EPCSD Online Academy

This online academy will look very different than last year. Students will maintain their status as East Palestine students, but their classes will not be taught by East Palestine staff. We have contracted with Jefferson County VLA to provide an online education. Students are required by state law to provide evidence of 910 educational work hours for the school year. The students will also be required to attend a weekly progress check at their assigned building and time. While this online learning will meet the same Ohio learning standards as our East Palestine Schools' curriculum, it will not necessarily mirror the same pacing or activities that are delivered in the brick and mortar school classrooms. A student may only commit to attending the EPCSD Online Academy at the beginning of a new semester or school year. Additionally, after students commit to attending the EPCSD Online Academy, they must complete the entire semester

before returning to face-to-face learning. Parents must submit an application and meet with their school's principal in advance to be considered for this learning option.