



2020-2021
Back-to-School Questions & Answers



Q: As a parent, what are my choices?

A: You will need to decide whether your child(ren) will follow the District’s chosen format of an Alternating A/B Schedule, or if you want your child(ren) to be instructed virtually. Parents choosing virtual instruction have two options: with the classroom teacher or with the Everett Cyber Academy.

Q: What if I want to have my child(ren) continue with their classroom teacher and participate in face/face instruction to the maximum extent the school District is able to provide?

A: You do not have to make any specific contact with the school. Your child(ren) will be assigned to a class and also assigned to Group A or B. The District will likely open the school year with a Group A/B model that permits only 50% of the student population to attend school, at any given time. Your child(ren)’s group assignment and further details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Q: What should I do if I want my child(ren) to stay in their current class with their current teacher, but I am not sure if I want to send them to school for any face/face learning?

A: Contact your child(ren)’s Building Principal to let them know your child(ren) will opt to stay with the classroom teacher, but online schooling is preferred for now.

Q: If I am interested in a full semester or full year of online education in the Everett Cyber Academy, who should I contact?

A: Contact your child(ren)’s Building Principal or Mr. Tom Brambley, our Cyber School Facilitator, to access the Everett Cyber Academy. (ELEM. - Mr. Hillegas: 652-9114 x 3111, MS -Mrs. Criswell - 652-9114 x 1015, HS - Mr. Burd - 652-9114 x 1027, Mr. Brambley - 652-9114 x 1040)

Q: What does a Group A or B student attendance rotation look like?

A: It is an alternating school week schedule that allows each Friday to be utilized for deep cleaning of all school facilities.

Week #	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	GROUP A: In School & GROUP B: Remote Learning	GROUPS A & B Remote Learning			
2	GROUP B: In School & GROUP A: Remote Learning	GROUPS A & B Remote Learning			

Q: What if I don’t have internet or my child(ren) can’t learn online for various reasons?

A: Contact your child(ren)’s Building Principal to discuss your concerns. In certain cases, students will attend school daily with limited or no remote learning options.

Q: Will my child(ren) be required to wear a mask, if I choose face/face instruction?

A: Students will be required to wear face coverings on school buses and in areas where the District is unable to secure social distancing. Examples would be: upon entering the building, class changes and on buses. A Group A/B schedule will allow adequate social distancing within classrooms, so that face coverings are not required.

Q: If there is a medical reason for which a student is unable to wear a mask, what will happen?

A: Any student with a medically designated health issue that prevents him/her from wearing a mask will be provided a face shield.

Q: Will the District provide a face mask for my child?

A: The District will provide each student with a washable mask.

Q: Can my child wear a home-provided face mask?

A: Yes. Students will be permitted to wear a home-provided mask, as long as the mask does not display inappropriate language or images.

Q: Will extracurricular activities and sports happen this fall?

A: As of now, the PIAA has stated sports will occur as normal, as long as the State takes no further action. At the present time, spectators are not permitted. Further guidance is expected on this topic before school starts.

Q: Since all K-12 students will have their school iPad or Chromebook at home and school, will I be asked to purchase device insurance?

A: It is strongly recommended that parents take advantage of the low cost insurance plan provided through the District for their child(ren)'s technology device(s). The cost is \$20/year, and this insurance will be made available upon device pickup.

Q: How will I go about getting my child(ren)'s iPad or Chromebook?

A: Prior to the first day of school, Building Principals will schedule device pick up times for families.

Q: On an A/B alternating schedule, will the District make sure families with multiple children are in the same group?

A: Yes. The District will work with families to ensure all members of a family are on the same group rotation.

Q: If there is a situation where a student or family needs to switch from Group A to B or vice versa to ensure child care, can that happen?

A: The District will look at each of these situations on a case-by-case basis. There should be room to allow for some moves, while ultimately adhering to proper enrollment numbers for social distancing compliance.

Q: How often with the District's Group A/B schedule and the school plan be reviewed.

A: The Group A/B schedule and the school plan will be reviewed every four weeks.
