



## Franklin Middle School

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Dear Franklin Middle Hybrid (Cohort A and Cohort B) Students & Families:

Our school community looks forward to welcoming our 5th-12th grade students for hybrid instruction a week for in person instruction in the coming weeks. Our district has adjusted the return date, below is our new timeline for Gr. 5-12 student return in our school:

**Grade 5-12 Hybrid Cohort A: Monday, Tuesday Return 1/4/20**  
**Grade 5-12 Hybrid Cohort B: Thursday, Friday- Return 1/7/20**  
**Self Contained/Entering Emerging ENL (4 days a week) - Return 1/4/20**

Please read the following for important information to ensure a smooth transition to in person learning for your child.

### Cohort Assignments

- **Can be found on your student's schedule in PDF format on the portal.**

### Instruction:

- Students will be following their current schedules in person. On the two days (MT or TH/F) they are not in school they will log onto their class remote from home using Google Meet. All students will continue to have 4 days of instruction a week with their teachers (2 days in person/2 days remote).
- Wednesdays will be remote learning (asynchronous) from home. Students complete assignments in Google classroom.
- Students are expected to attend school as a *full day attendance*.

### Chromebooks:

- Our students' chromebooks are an integral part of their learning. Please ensure they bring them to and from school each day. The devices should be charged overnight so that they are fully charged for the school day. Please bring the power cord and headphones to school with the chromebook.
- Grade 5-12 students who did not receive a chromebook will receive one upon their return to school.



**Schedules for the first days of In-Person Instruction (Jan. 4 and Jan. 7)**

- **Grade 5** will spend most of the morning participating in an orientation program. This will enable them to get to know our building and our safety procedures.
- **Grade 6 and 7 students** will follow the regular bell schedule with a few exceptions. Students in these grades will receive safety tutorials during their first class. They will also participate in a cafeteria safety procedure tutorial prior to their designated lunch periods.

**Transportation & Drop Off**

- You will receive a letter from transportation with your child’s pick up and drop off times and locations.
- We ask that students enter the building in the following manner:

<p><b>Students who eat a school breakfast and ALL Grade 7 students:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>ENTER THROUGH DOOR #1</b> (FRONT AND CENTER OF THE FRANKLIN COMPLEX)</li></ul>	<p><b>Students in Grades 5 and 6 who do not eat a school breakfast:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>ENTER THROUGH DOOR #3</b> (CLOSEST TO THE SIDE PARKING LOT)</li></ul>
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WE WILL HAVE MANY STAFF MEMBERS ON HAND AT EACH DOOR TO SCAN TEMPERATURES AND TO DIRECT STUDENTS TO THE PROPER LOCATIONS.

**Random COVID Testing**

- Secondary students will be tested randomly during the school day by our school nurse.
- Students will only be tested if parent consent is received. Please follow this [Link](#) to be directed to the Consent Form.
- Students will be tested using the Abbott BinexNOW nasal rapid test, which is a quick, simple testing method that is not as invasive as other tests.
- Families will only be contacted if a student tests positive.

**Student Attestation**

- Consistent with our safety procedures, children who are sick or may have been exposed to COVID-19 must stay home.
- Prior to the attendance, parents/students will be asked to attest to the fact that, within the past 14 days, their child has not exhibited symptoms or a fever, tested positive, been in contact with someone who has tested positive, or traveled to an at-risk area.
- Students/Families must complete the district daily ‘attestation’ which will be sent out daily through Remind 101 and Email to confirm they are symptom free.



### Medication

Please schedule an appointment with the school nurse to drop off your child's medication, by calling the school. When dropping off your child's medication, the following items are required:

- Medication needs to be in the original container
- A doctor's order with instructions for giving the medication
- Parent signature on the Medication Form
- If indicated: attestation form for self-carry (e.g. for inhaler)

### Safety

- **Masks:** Please ensure your child wears a facemask to school daily. A mask must be worn throughout the day, including on school district transportation.
  - **Mask Breaks** will be provided as needed.
  - **Social Distancing** will be expected in hallways and common areas. Classrooms are set up to ensure 6 feet of space is provided between desks.
- **Polycarbonate dividers** will be in place in common areas as well as in classrooms where 6 feet of social distancing is not possible.
- **Handwashing and Hand Sanitizer:** Handwashing will be encouraged throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school for student use as needed.
- **Lunch:** Students will be 6 feet apart in our cafeterias during lunch.

We look forward to a successful school year! Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Christopher J. Ginestre in black ink.

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