

Dear East Senior Students and Families,

We are very excited to welcome back those of you who are returning to East for the hybrid learning model. Upon your return, you will find that we have had to make some significant changes to our previously established procedures. Please understand that the safety of our students, faculty and staff is our top priority.

Transportation

- Students should have received letters from the transportation department detailing their bus number and pickup time/location.
- Based on NYSDOH & NYSED guidance, buses will have to be approximately 1/3 capacity:
 - Generally, 22 students on a full size bus (siblings or children living in the same home can sit in same seat, which may increase capacity);
 - One student per seat and students are required to wear masks on school buses.
- Students who are driving themselves to school should park in the rear student parking lot or the auxiliary parking lot and remain in their vehicles until 7:20 as the doors to the school **will not** be opened prior to that time.
- Parents who chose to drive their children to/from school please follow the NEW procedures as detailed later in this letter.

Safety Procedures

- Masks will be **required** while on school transportation and while on campus.
- Students need to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from one another while on school transportation and while on campus.
- Traffic flow patterns are clearly marked on all floors and foot traffic should be single file. *Be polite and stay to the right.*
- Lockers will not be used. Students should only bring materials with them that they will need for that day.
- Social distancing will be followed in the building.

Health Screen

- Students/Families will be expected to screen their student(s) daily. Parents will conduct health screenings, including temperature checks at home each morning.
- Any COVID-19 like symptoms will result in the child not attending school. Parents are to call the school nurse and their pediatrician for guidance.

Masks

- Masks **must** be worn throughout the day.

- Refusal to wear a mask will be treated as insubordination. *Only students or staff with medical notes will be given appropriate accommodations.*
- Mask Breaks:
 - At lunch.
 - Face coverings will not be worn during breakfast/lunch while eating in the cafeteria.
 - Outdoor learning/activities to provide more breaks from face coverings may be utilized.

What Students NEED to Bring to School

- Mask
- **Fully Charged** Chromebook
- Headphones or earbuds
- Back pack (Lockers will NOT be used.)
- Message from the District: When possible, staff are encouraged to increase ventilation in classrooms by opening windows and doors.
- Weather appropriate clothing:
 - Dress warm and in layers.
 - In order to increase air circulation, air vents are required to be open 100% and classroom windows may be open.
 - Teachers may also take their classes outside.
- Bring a water bottle. (Water fountains will NOT be used. Filling stations will be on and available.)

Cafeteria

- Breakfast and Lunch are available to all students free of charge.
- Students choosing to get breakfast should proceed directly to the cafeteria for their meal, eat it at one of the desks in the cafeteria and then proceed directly to Block 1.
- When arriving at lunch, students should take their seats and wait to be directed to the serving lines by a lunch monitor. When in line, students must maintain social distancing as indicated by the markers on the floor.
- Students should wait to throw out their garbage until cleared to do so by a monitor.
- Masks may be removed only while seated and eating in the cafeteria.
- Students should remain seated until dismissed at the end of the lunch period.

Schedule

- The week of January 4-8 - The Remote Schedule will continue as it has all year.
- Starting the Week of January 11: This marks the return of In Person Instruction for those who selected this option. Those who selected to remain fully virtual will continue as they have all year.
- The Bell Schedule for all students is attached and applies to all students, whether hybrid or remote, on all school days, Monday-Friday.
- The cohort attendance calendar is attached to this letter.
 - Cohort A - Last Names A-K
 - Cohort B - Last Names L-Z
 - Cohort D - Specific Special Education Program Students (Meets Daily)
 - Cohort F - Fully Remote Students
- All students must exit the building at 1:07 dismissal time, unless waiting for an athletic practice to begin. Those students must report to Cafeteria 143 right after dismissal from Block 4, sit at a desk and remain seated while they wait for their coach to arrive.

Travelers to West Senior

- Transportation will be provided by the District for students who are in person on their travel cohort day.

Please read through the letter about the District COVID-19 information from the office of J. Fowler, Assistant Superintendent. We attached it to the same email as this document.

The teachers will be reviewing additional procedures with students that may apply to their specific classes.

We greatly appreciate the patience and support that all of our East families gave throughout the fall and now as we transition to our hybrid model. We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your children and wish you all a safe, healthy 2021.

Sincerely,

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Mary Beth Sweeney, Assistant Principal