



## Brennen Elementary School

### Hybrid Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

As our school prepares for Phase 2 of the Richland One Re-Start Strong Plan, we want to provide you this handout. It will discuss practices, protocols, and steps our school and district is taking to promote health, safety, and instruction during the hybrid phase.

#### 1. What will student arrival and dismissal look like?

- School will open at 7:00 am; Tardy Bell at 7:30 am. And dismissal beginning at 2:15 pm.
- Students will be dismissed to front, or side car based off parent notification to teachers.
- Dismissal will be staggered to promote social distancing
  - Kindergarten will be dismissed at 2:15pm
  - 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grades will be dismissed at 2:20pm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades will be dismissed at 2:25pm
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed at 2:30pm
- Parents will not be able to enter the building to walk students to class.
- Students must wear masks when they are in the building, on the bus, and at the bus stop.
- Students must arrive/depart by car or bus (**no walkers at this time**).
- The back gate on Datura Road will remain locked during the Hybrid Phase.

#### 2. Will students get breakfast and lunch?

Yes. Breakfast will be available for students as they enter the building if they want it. They will then report to their classroom and eat. Lunch will be delivered by staff to classrooms at designated lunch times. Students will eat in the classrooms. Students may bring a lunch box from home if they wish.

#### 3. Can student bring a full water bottle?

Yes. Water fountains are turned off and they will be unable to fill bottles. However, they will be able to fill them in the classrooms.

#### 4. Do students wear PPE? What about staff?

Yes. All students and staff will need to wear appropriate PPE as outlined by the CDC guidelines and our district's re-opening guide state *that ALL students and staff will be required to wear masks/face coverings (in accordance with the district's dress code) at all times*. Teachers will provide mask breaks (outside) in their schedules.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) **does not recommend** using masks for source control if they have an exhalation valve or vent.

#### 5. What if my child arrives to school/bus stop without a mask?

The school/ bus drivers will provide disposable masks and/or cloth masks as needed.

#### 6. Can students bring school supplies?

Yes. Students will be expected to bring their school supplies and laptops with them on their in-person days. Sharing of materials & supplies will not be permitted.

#### 7. What will classrooms look like?

Desk and tables will be positioned to promote social distancing. Each classroom will have plexiglass partitions on student desks and tables.

8. **A. What will the average day look like? B. Will my child receive his/her specialized instruction support on remote learning days?**
- A. Students will receive face to face instruction from their core teachers. Related Arts teachers will conduct classes in the homeroom class. Students receiving other services such as resource, speech, ESOL, intervention, or AAP will transition with those teachers while maintaining social distancing guidelines. Students will also be given brain breaks like normal close to their desks/tables.
  - B. Supplemental support providers will provide instructional and/or intervention through scheduled sessions on remote learning days. (ESOL, special services, AAP and interventionists). Services that cannot be provided through remote learning will be provided on in-person learning days.

**Example Hybrid Schedule (Phase Two)**

| Cohorts | Monday       | Tuesday      | Wednesday | Thursday     | Friday       |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| A       | On Campus    | On Campus    | Flex      | Asynchronous | Asynchronous |
| B       | Asynchronous | Asynchronous | Flex      | On Campus    | On Campus    |

\***Asynchronous learning** does not require real-time interaction, instead all assignments will be provided through various forms of online learning, such as prerecorded video lessons, educational websites, or game-based learning tasks that students complete on their own.

\*During e-learning, our students have been involved in **synchronous learning**. They have been meeting with the teacher and classmates during a set time through Teams or Zoom. During the Hybrid Phase, your student will have synchronous learning and asynchronous learning. Students will receive **synchronous learning two days out of the week**. They will be in the classroom with their teachers and classmates. Three days out of the week, your student will be involved in **asynchronous learning**. They will be completing assignments at their own pace and submitting them by deadlines established by their teachers.

9. **Will there be bathroom breaks?**

Yes. Teachers will coordinate with their students. Classrooms without bathrooms will build in scheduled times for their classrooms. This will be done while promoting social distancing guidelines.

10. **Will the Nurse be full-time?**

Yes. The nurse will bring scheduled student medications to the classroom. The student will be asked to step outside the room to maintain confidentiality as much as possible. An isolation room will be utilized for students who may be displaying possible COVID-19 symptoms. Parents of sick students will be called to pick up their student immediately. Per Richland One/DHEC protocol. "Notification will be made based on privacy regulations (e.g. 'Someone who was in the building on this date, tested positive for COVID-19. Those who were in close contact have been notified directly that they may have been exposed. The school/district will follow all guidelines as outlined by DHEC and CDC.')

11. **What if a member of my immediate family or close contact is diagnosed the COVID-19?**

Your child will need to stay home 14 days from the date of the last exposure. It is highly recommended that the child be tested. Please notify our school nurse ([Theresa.reed@richlandone.org](mailto:Theresa.reed@richlandone.org)) and principal ([mark.shea@richlandone.org](mailto:mark.shea@richlandone.org)) of the results.

12. **What should I do if my child is not feeling well but undiagnosed?**

Notify our database Ms. Hall-Wilson ([Tonja.hall-wilson@richlandone.org](mailto:Tonja.hall-wilson@richlandone.org)) that your child is out. When you take your child to the doctor, notify Nurse Reed ([Theresa.reed@richlandone.org](mailto:Theresa.reed@richlandone.org)).

**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WHEN THEY ARE SICK IN ANY WAY. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO COME TO SCHOOL.**

13. **Will there be recess?**

At this time, playgrounds will remain closed. Once, we are allowed to open, we have put together a very strict recess plan for staff and students to follow. While outside, students will wear masks because of social distancing. Classes will be assigned certain areas and will rotate through these areas. There is no sharing of playground equipment.

**14. Will the school be cleaned daily?**

Yes. There will be a scheduled cleaning for high touch areas such as restrooms, the office, etc. throughout the day. Regular cleaning will happen nightly with priority of touch surfaces in classrooms. One day a week will be reserved for a **deep clean**.

Each classroom, restroom, and highly trafficked areas of the building have been equipped with no touch paper towel dispensers. Also, each classroom has a no touch hand sanitizer station. Highly trafficked areas and community restrooms all have no touch paper towel dispensers.

**15. Will attendance be taken?**

Yes. Attendance will be taken daily. Students are expected to attend school on their assigned A or B days. On asynchronous learning days, attendance is still required. This will be done with the completion of assignments that are turned in to their teacher on either a daily or weekly basis.

**16. What happens if my child is having device issues during asynchronous learning days?**

Please notify the Richland One Technology Help Desk at 803-231-7436. If they are unable to help, please call the school so we can provide assistance with your child's device.

**17. Will there be school visits?**

No. parents and guardians will not be allowed to enter the building to walk their children to their classrooms, for visits or conferences. Conferences will remain virtual.

**18. Can we come in to sign out our students for early dismissal?**

Yes. There are no early dismissals no later than 1:30PM.

