



Quick Guide to Reentry 2021-2022

Safely Returning to In-Person Instruction

Española Public Schools has reviewed the most current guidance as set forth by NMPED and updated our current [Española Public Schools Reentry Plan 2021-2022 to Safely Return to In-Person Instruction](#).

This document contains the essential highlights that Parents, students, families and staff must know for reentry. The complete Reentry Plan is available on our district website at www.k12espanola.org. The plan includes detailed information regarding:

- Health, Safety, Scheduling and Logistics
- Academics
- Equity, Language and Culture
- Special Education
- Student SEL Supports
- Staffing
- Communications
- Budgeting

Student Schedules – In Person Learning

- Española Public Schools is prioritizing a Safe Return to In-Person Learning for **all** students in grades PK-12. All students are scheduled to return to in-person learning. Student schedules will follow traditional, in-person learning with increased health, safety and wellness procedures to support a safe return to in-person learning.
- Española Public Schools will continue to utilize technology resources and prioritize the use of a 1:1 device for all students and staff to continuously develop technological skills and reduce the use of paper resources for submitting assignments. Teachers and students will continue to utilize the Google Suite and other digital resources to support instruction and learning.
- Española Public Schools will implement the **Extended Learning Time Program** for students, this program provides 10 additional days of instruction for students (K-12 only) as well as additional afterschool programs for students to extend learning opportunities.

Remote Learning Accommodations

- Medically fragile student with a documented health concern may be scheduled for remote learning options as an IEP or Section 504 accommodation with a qualifying need. At this time, remote learning options will be evaluated and scheduled on an individualized basis with IEP or 504 team input.
- Española Public Schools may extend remote, learn from home options as part of NMPED's contracted service with outside vendors for students who demonstrate a need in the future; however, this option may be available on a limited basis, and more information regarding this option if unavailable at this time.

Remote Learning Notification

- Should there be a need to quarantine or isolate students, Española Public Schools will follow NMPED's Rapid Response Guidance and evaluate the need to isolate, quarantine and possibly return individual students, classrooms, school sites or the entire district to remote learning if needed.
- EPS will continuously monitor student and staff needs and assess options as the year develops for possible remote learning enhancements and opportunities.

School Calendar & the First Day of School

All [2021-2022 student calendars](#) are available on the district website. The first days of school are as follows:

- All K-12 grade students: **Monday, August 9**
- All Preschool students: **Thursday, August 19**

All [2021-2022 staff calendars](#) are also available on the district website.

School & Teacher Communication

Schools will update and link their revised [Safety Plans](#) and [Welcome Presentations](#) on the district website. Plans will be posted by 8/4/2021.

We will continue to prioritize online/virtual presentation for parents and students. All Back to School Orientation and Family Nights will take place virtually, google meeting links will be posted on school websites as scheduled..

Teachers and support staff will continue to provide open office hours (via their regular prep time) staff contact information and virtual office hour links will be posted on school websites soon.

School Supplies 2021-2022

School Supply lists have been minimized to include essential items for all students. Items will be managed by individual students and will not be shared amongst students. School fees at the secondary level have also been minimized.

School [Dress & Uniform](#) as well as complete [School Supply Lists](#) are available on the district website.

Academic Highlights 2021-2022

- **Curriculum & Instruction** – district adopted curriculum will continue to be used as the primary means of instruction following approved pacing guidance to ensure students receive rigorous, robust learning aligned to New Mexico learning standards.
- **Technology** – 1:1 devices will be issued to promote the ongoing use of technology as a primary means of instruction.
- **Office Hours** – established office hours for teaching and support staff will continue. Office hour schedules and links will be posted.
- **Grading** – Traditional letter grading (A-F) will be utilized for grades 1-12. Developmental grading will be used for Pre-K and Kindergarten students.
- **Attendance** – Students are expected to attend instructional programs daily per their full schedule. EPS will continue to monitor student attendance and comply with **Attendance for Success Act** guidance requiring structured interventions for chronically absent students.

Mask Wearing

- As we start the school year all students, staff and visitors will be required to wear facemasks while on campus/indoors (during regular school hours).
- Masks will be required for all students while on EPS transportation/buses.
- Masks may be removed while students are eating or outdoors and appropriately socially distanced.
- All Elementary school site students, staff and visitors will continue with mask requirements, as a vaccination is not available for this age group.
- Secondary school sites (CFVMS and EVHS) will begin the school year with mask requirements. We will begin collecting vaccination records for all secondary students and if advisable, we may allow vaccinated students and staff to remove masks while in the classroom setting; however, this is still under advisement as the CDC has recently re-instated mask recommendations for all K-12 students/staff, and we are awaiting a possible update from NMPED.

Health and Safety Highlights

- **Limited Campus Accessibility** – school campuses will be open to all students and closed to outside visitors. Limited access by non-students will be enforced. All general assemblies as well as parent meetings and conferences will continue virtually.
- **Temperature Checks & Screening** – point of entry temperature checks for all student and full screenings and temperature checks utilizing [Dr. Owl](#) for all staff and scheduled visitors will continue.
- **Hygiene** – hand washing/sanitization stations set up.
- **Social Distancing** – continue to implement social distancing protocols *to the greatest extent possible*:
 - **Bus Services** – maximum 2 students per seat, masks required for all students, passengers and drivers.
 - **Cafeteria** – students will sit in cohort / classroom seating on only one side of the cafeteria tables
 - **Classroom seating** – student desks will be arranged individually, facing a single direction (no group seating arrangements)
 - **Elementary specials** – teachers will provide instruction in each homeroom to minimize transition and contain cohort grouping to the homeroom classrooms
 - **Locker rooms** – locker room use for sports and PE classes will be limited.
- **Vaccination Opportunities & Tracking** – ongoing opportunities for vaccination will be communicated and student and staff vaccination records maintained. (This may determine future non-mask use for vaccinated individuals at the secondary level).
- **Rapid Response** – continue to designate an isolation area for sick children/staff and contact trace if/when necessary.
- **Surveillance Testing** – will maintain compliance with surveillance testing for non-vaccinated staff and students as required.
- **Ventilation** – ongoing use of high-quality air filters and regular maintenance of filters will continue. Additional precautions may include: run the central air fan continuously; open dampers to increase air flow; open windows and doors; and deploy box fans or other portable fans and air purifiers with high air circulation capacity.
- **Cleaning of School Facilities** – implement standard cleaning procedures and protocols following CDC guidance to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of students, teachers, other school staff, families, and communities.
- **Touchless Water Fountains** – will be installed in all schools to allow a safe water option.