



Getting BACK TO SCHOOL Safely



RETURNING TO IN-PERSON SCHOOL:
KEY DIFFERENCES IN THE
STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Overview

- Springfield Public Schools is excited about welcoming students back into school where they will be able to once again be with their teachers and friends.
- Of course, there will be changes to what a school day looks like because of COVID.
- Mask wearing and social-distancing are key differences for students and staff. But there will be others, and this presentation will highlight some of them for you.
- Please review this information carefully as you make the family decision to send your child back to school or to continue with remote learning.



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Distancing of Desks

In the classroom, **student desks will be distanced** from other desks and will not move over the course of the day.



A student will stay at the same desk for the entire day, taking mask and meal breaks as appropriate.





Teachers will travel to their students and students will not move between classes.



Students will remain with the same group of students for the entire day.



Both of these steps are taken to protect student and staff health.

Moving Throughout the School



Most Teachers Will Teach Remotely and In-Person Simultaneously

- Teachers will teach both their remote and in-person students at the same time, but will take turns focusing on remote and in-person learners.
- Teaching in this way allows students to learn with the same teacher they have had all year.

Some Teachers Will Teach Remotely Only

- A small number of teachers will continue to teach remotely
- In these cases, students will participate remotely from their classroom (through video) and another adult will be in the classroom with the students.

Elementary Learning

- Both remote and in-person students will follow the in-person schedule throughout each school day.
- Students will have 30 minutes for lunch and a 15-minute recess break rather than the current one hour and 45-minute break.
- Students in elementary classrooms will use desks spaced at least 6 feet apart and will not gather in common areas such as carpets, reading corners, or classroom libraries.

Remote Learning From the Classroom



Because middle and high school students will not move between classes and will remain with the same group of classmates throughout the day, some classes will be taught remotely even when students are in school.



In those cases, students will remain in their classroom, wear headphones, and join their class online.



At the high school level, students will participate mostly in remote classes even when in school (this is the best way to ensure students can continue taking their current classes with their current teachers)



Learning on Laptops

Students will use their laptops throughout the day, except for those times when their teacher is teaching their class live in the classroom with them.

When middle and high school students are participating remotely from the classroom (meaning their teacher is live but teaching from another classroom) they will be on video and wear headphones



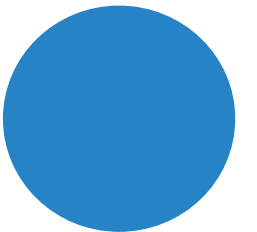
Technology Expectations

- Every night students should charge their laptop or iPad (for preschool)
- Every day students attend school they should bring :
 - Their fully charged laptop computer or iPad in its sleeve or case
 - The power cord for their device
 - Earbuds or headphones

Physical Education and Recess

PE (Physical Education) class and Recess will involve activities where students can be at a social distance, and therefore, not in contact with one another.

When possible, Physical Education and Recess will **take place outside**.



Interventions, Academic Supports, and Counseling

- Most interventions, academic supports, and counseling will be provided in the student's classroom
- In some cases, students will access interventions, academic supports, and counseling from the classroom through video conference and headphones
- Remote students will continue to access interventions, academic supports, and counseling remotely as they have been

Learning Activities

- Group assignments and activities will rely on technology to ensure students maintain social distance and do not share materials.



Schoolwide Events

- Schools will continue to provide schoolwide enrichment and celebratory events remotely

Specials and Electives

- Specials and elective teachers will usually rotate to students' class
- For classes like art and music, students will **not share materials**.
- At this time, due to state health regulations, schools are **not able to offer chorus** or other singing activities in-person.



After School Activities

There will likely be no in-person after-school activities.

Students may have opportunities to participate in remote clubs and activities



Parent Meetings

Parents will continue to have opportunity to meet with educators and school staff remotely

Meals in Classroom

For almost all students, **breakfast and lunch will be in the classroom**, not in the cafeteria.



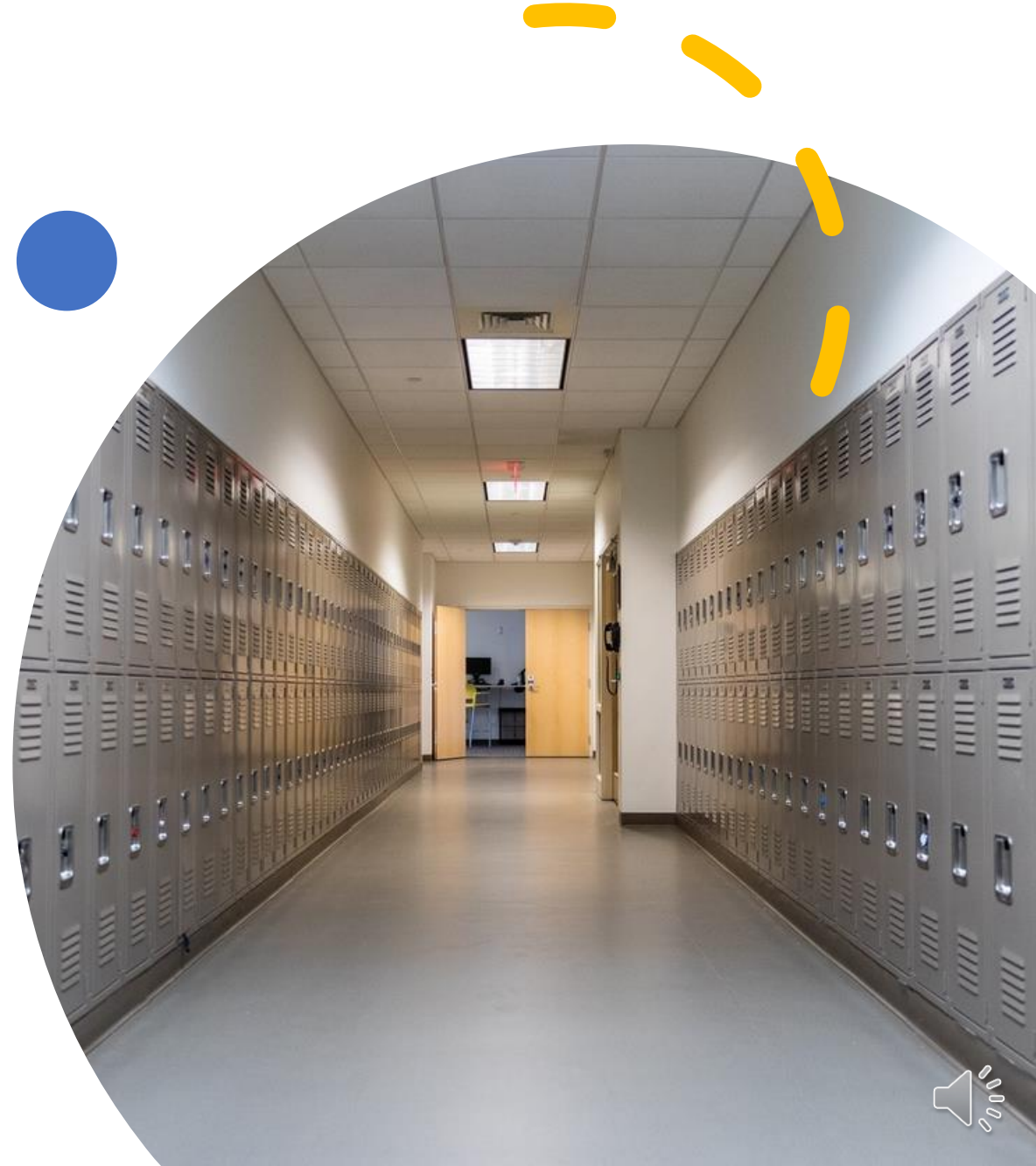


Water Bottle Refilling Stations

- The water bubblers have all been turned off for health reasons. Each school has **water bottle refilling stations**, which can be accessed at limited times during the day.

Lockers

Coats and backpacks will remain with students throughout the day as lockers will **not be permitted** for use.





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