



State Street Elementary Center

This document provides guidance regarding the State Street Elementary Center Plan for the April 12, 2021 return to five day per week traditional school. The State Street Plan may change as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves due to the guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and other governmental agencies. Throughout the planning process, the district has remained committed to the safety, welfare and education of all the students and staff. The building procedures are as follows:

1. ENHANCED FOCUS ON SAFETY AND HYGIENE

- All staff and parents/students **must** perform a **daily self-check** (found on Skyward) prior to coming to school. The expectation of individuals with elevated temperatures or **symptoms** of COVID-19 or any other illnesses is to stay home. Students/staff returning to school after an absence of 3 days or more are required to provide verification from a medical provider of fitness to return to the school setting.
- Daily hand-washing and hand-sanitizing protocols have been instituted. Daily routines include frequent reminders about hygienic practices.
- Ventilation and air-handling protocols are in place to ensure adequate air circulation.
- **Students and staff are required to wear masks during the entire school day. Students are expected to bring their own masks to school.**
- A designated Quarantine/Isolation Area for students who become ill or symptomatic during the school day has been established.

2. TRANSPORTATION

- The Wyoming Valley West School District Transportation Plan was reviewed in order to provide the safest possible environment to transport students to and from school. Designated seating and other precautions will help to ensure the safety of your child.
- All students are required to wear a mask while on the bus and to sit in their assigned seat.

3. REVISED BUILDING ENTRY & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

State Street has specific protocols for the arrival and dismissal of students. The intent of the design is to eliminate any congregation of students and/or parents outside the building.

- **Masks are required to be worn by students and staff in order to be admitted into the building.**
- **ENTRY/ARRIVAL:**
 - Students are not permitted to “line up” outside the building prior to entry.
 - Students arriving at school by bus will be released 2 buses at a time, no earlier than 8:40AM, and enter the school directly from the bus.
 - Students sanitize their hands upon exiting the bus.

APRIL 2021 TRADITIONAL LEARNING

- Students dropped off at the school or walking to school will be admitted through the designated door beginning at 8:40AM and their arrival at school should be timed accordingly.
 - Students sanitize their hands upon entering the building.
- Students entering the buildings will report directly to their classrooms. (Breakfast will be eaten in the classroom.)
- **DISMISSAL:**
 - Students will be dismissed on a staggered basis beginning at 3:30 PM to reduce the simultaneous exit of large groups of students into hallways and outside of the building. Walkers will be released at the same time as bus riders to their designated door.

4. DISTANCING/OPERATIONAL PROTOCOLS

- Classroom organization will include appropriate distancing according to PDE, CDC and WHO guidelines.
 - All desks are placed to the maximum extent possible facing the same direction.
 - Safety shield barriers are used where appropriate.
 - All students and staff will use PPE as appropriate, including masks, shields, disposable gloves, and other equipment.
 - Students will have their own school supplies such as crayons, scissors, erasers, glue sticks etc. where possible to minimize sharing of materials.
- During transition times to the bathrooms, recess, and lunch as well as entry and dismissal times, students must walk to the right in the hallways and stairways.
- Lunches for the remainder of the school year will be “grab-and-go” bag lunches to reduce lunch lines where students congregate. Distanced seating will be assigned in the cafeteria and gymnasium.
- Mask breaks will be held at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Mask breaks may take place in the classroom or preferably outdoors for 10 minutes or less per break. While unmasked students will maintain a 6 foot separation.
- The district is opening in a traditional five days per week in-person student learning mode. All students have the opportunity to attend school five days per week or may choose to remain on Goggle Classroom (or receive remote packet learning with a Google Classroom supplement for grades K-2) for the remainder of the school year. The choice is between five day in-person learning or five day fully remote learning.