

Powers Elementary School Restart Guidelines - Fall 2020

In accordance with restart guidelines established by the Amherst Exempted Village School District, Powers Elementary School has developed the following procedures for the 2020-2021 school year. These procedures are intended to minimize and mitigate the risk while providing a safe learning environment for all students and staff. All procedures are subject to change as health alerts and the health of students and staff change.

Powers Elementary Schedule:

For the 2020-2021 school year, Powers Elementary School will continue to run on a quarter schedule. Students will receive core instruction in their assigned homeroom and will continue to receive instruction in Library, PE, Spanish, Music and Art. The majority of instruction will take place in the homeroom setting to reduce student movement and exposure.

Dates	Grading Periods	Daily Schedule	
August 27 - October 16	1st Quarter	8:50/9:00am	Doors Open/Class Starts
October 19 - December 18	2nd Quarter	10:50am - 1:45pm	Staggered Lunch & Recess
January 5 - Mar 12	3rd Quarter	Daily	Gross Motor & Snack Breaks
March 15 - May 27	4th Quarter	3:45pm	Dismissal Starts

Extended Campus (eCampus):

Families opting into the eCampus option can expect a robust learning experience. Teachers will interact with students via Google Hangouts at specific times during the day. Students will have the same level of engagement and accountability as onCampus classes and will be required to log in at specific times during the day to attend class. Daily attendance policies and procedures apply to eCampus students. All eCampus classes will follow the same grading as onCampus classes. Online instruction may have limitations in the courses offered due to student enrollment and the availability of staffing and resources.

Face Coverings:

Students will be required to have masks, buffs, or face shields that wrap around the face, cover the nose and mouth completely, and extend below the chin available for the school day where social distancing cannot be guaranteed. Teachers will build time into their schedules for students to have breaks from wearing face coverings when and where it is safe to do so. Disposable face coverings will be provided for emergency situations when a student forgets to bring one to school or on the bus.

Student Arrival:

- Students will have multiple doors to enter the building in order to promote social distancing and expedite the entry process.
- Upon entering the building, students will have the opportunity to use hand sanitizer prior to traveling to their homeroom.

- Students will go straight to their classrooms after sanitizing hands and will wash hands after going to their cubbies.
- Students who want breakfast will still travel to their homeroom where breakfast will be available.

Breakfast:

- Breakfast will be delivered to the classroom for those wanting to purchase.

Specials (Art, Music, PE, Spanish, and Library):

- Art, Music, Spanish and Library teachers will provide instruction in the homeroom.
- The gymnasium has enough space for students to social distance for Physical Education instruction.
- Art, Music, Spanish, and Library will have modified instructional materials based on space and social distancing.

Hallways:

- Staff members will escort groups of students traveling in the halls to ensure social distancing.
- We will have an established traffic flow for the whole building with a specific entry and exit flow.
- Students should stay to the right in halls with two-way traffic. Directional arrows and signage will be utilized throughout the building.

Classrooms:

- Upon entry into a classroom, students will use the provided hand sanitizer placed by the entry door or wash their hands in the classroom sink.
- Students will have assigned seats for the entire quarter.
- Student work areas will be spaced out as much as possible throughout the classroom.
- Students will not share materials.
- Student work area will be cleaned throughout the day as activities require (ie. before eating snacks/lunch).
- Upon exiting the classroom, students will be required to wash or sanitize their hands.

Restrooms:

- Students will be offered scheduled restroom breaks as part of classroom routines in order to limit students congregating in the bathrooms.
- During these times, all students will be required to wash their hands.
- Bathroom passes will be limited to urgent or emergent needs.
- Restrooms will be intermittently cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day.

Lunch and Recess:

- Students will eat in their classrooms.
- Students who buy lunch will have them delivered to the classrooms.
- Some classes will eat lunch and then go to recess. Other classes will go to recess and then eat lunch.
- Students will wash and/or sanitize hands before and after lunch.

Common Areas:

- Students will not be allowed to congregate in common areas such as lobbies or hallways during the school day. Before and after school, students will not congregate at any entryways. Students will remain in their vehicles or in busses until invited into the building by staff.

Visitors:

- No visitors will be permitted in the building during the school day.
- If a parent/guardian has an emergency or needs to enter the building for a pre-planned meeting, they should call the main office at (440) 988-8670 to coordinate entry.

Tardy and/or Early Release:

- If a student is tardy, the adult bringing them to school will call (440) 988-8670 upon arrival, and the student will walk to the front door where a staff member will let them in. Parents will provide a reason for their tardiness over the phone as they will not physically sign them in.
- If a student is having an early release, the adult picking them up will phone (440) 988-8670 upon arrival and walk to the door with their ID. The adult will wait outside by the main office for their student. Please call upon arrival to the building to expedite your student's dismissal.

Dismissal:

- Dismissal will start at 3:45 pm.
- Car riders and bus riders will be escorted to vehicles by staff.
- Students who walk home will be escorted to the light at the South Lake entrance. Everyone should model social distancing.
- Powers will continue to utilize PikMyKid. For those that are new to PikMyKid, you can find more information @ <https://www.pikmykid.com/>. We use this program to coordinate an orderly dismissal. Every family will need to have an account to determine dismissal routines and changes for your child. Additionally, any adults picking up students are asked to download the app to expedite the dismissal process.

Other Safety Procedures:

- A room separate from the school clinic has been designated for students or staff who begin to show symptoms of COVID-19 or have a temperature above 100°F while at school.
- Opportunities for handwashing will be provided to students throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in high-traffic areas and students will be encouraged to sanitize hands.
- Teachers will build handwashing time into their classroom routines.
- High-touch surfaces will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles as drinking directly from fountains will be closed. Refilling personal water bottles at touchless stations, if available, will be allowed.