



# Northgate School District

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Dear Northgate Families,

At the February 16th school board meeting, the Board of Directors voted on an updated Health & Safety Plan that reflects the most recent guidance issued from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Department of Health to begin a return to school.

**Grades 5-6** will continue to receive instruction online following their current schedule and will return in the elementary hybrid format on March 8, 2021. More information will be sent home prior to the start date.

**Grades 3-4** will return to in-person learning on **Monday, February 22nd**. Students electing to return will attend a half day of in-person instruction every day. The other half of the day, 3rd and 4th grade students will remotely participate in their specials classes. These courses will be taught live at their scheduled times (see below).

**Grades 3-6 who elect to remain online** will also have a half-day of live instruction with their regular teachers. They will follow the schedule for Cohort B. These students will complete their lessons during the afternoon session (12:40-3 pm) and will participate in live streamed specials classes in the morning.

**Grades PreK-2** will continue their current schedules.

The "Grab and Go" meal program will move to Fridays starting March 5th. The last Wednesday meal pick up will be Wednesday, February 24th and will include 7 days of food. Starting Friday, February 26th, the meal order form will open Fridays at 2 pm and close on Wednesdays at noon.

**Health and Safety:** Students and staff must wear a mask at all times when in the buildings. All classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between cohorts. Students and staff will maintain 6 feet of distance at all times.

As a reminder, it is imperative that our families let us know immediately if there is an exposure to someone with COVID-19 and/or a person in the household has a confirmed or presumed case of COVID-19.

**Additional information for families:**

On Monday, February 22nd we will begin to offer in-person instruction for our students in Prek-4. If a family is opting to remain virtual, please notify your building principal ASAP.

**Daily Schedule:**

**Students in Cohort A**

8:50-9:10 Student Arrival

9:10-11:30 In-Person Instruction

11:30 Dismissal

During the afternoon, students will participate in their special classes in live online sessions. Please see the chart below for their afternoon schedule.

|                     |              | <b>Monday</b> | <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Friday</b> |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Kindergarten</b> | 12:40 - 1:15 | PE            | Music          | Library          | Computers       | Art           |
| <b>First Grade</b>  | 1:15 - 1:50  | Music         | Library        | Computers        | Art             | PE            |
| <b>Second Grade</b> | 12:40 - 1:15 | Library       | Computers      | Art              | PE              | Music         |
| <b>Third Grade</b>  | 2:25 - 3:00  | Computers     | Art            | PE               | Music           | Library       |
| <b>Fourth Grade</b> | 1:50 - 2:25  | PE            | Music          | Library          | Computers       | Art           |

**Students in Cohort B**

12:20-12:40 Student Arrival

12:40-3:00 In-Person Instruction

3:00 Dismissal

During the morning, students will participate in their special classes in live online sessions. Please see the chart below for their morning schedule.

|                     |               | <b>Monday</b> | <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Friday</b> |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Kindergarten</b> | 9:10 - 9:45   | PE            | Music          | Library          | Computers       | Art           |
| <b>First Grade</b>  | 9:45 - 10:20  | Music         | Library        | Computers        | Art             | PE            |
| <b>Second Grade</b> | 9:10 - 9:45   | Library       | Computers      | Art              | PE              | Music         |
| <b>Third Grade</b>  | 10:55 - 11:30 | Computers     | Art            | PE               | Music           | Library       |
| <b>Fourth Grade</b> | 10:20 - 10:55 | PE            | Music          | Library          | Computers       | Art           |

**School Closings**-We look forward to having students return to the buildings. However, we want to ensure that families have a back-up plan should we have to close a building. We are required to follow the guidelines provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) in the event that members of our school community contract COVID-19. Those guidelines can be found on the PDE website in the section on Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, your building principal and/or classroom teacher with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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