

9-12 Return Transition Overview:

Dear GATES Families-

In December 2020, Governor Inslee issued [new guidance](#) on the key metrics for students to return to school for in-person instruction. As a result, Franklin Pierce Schools started bringing additional students for in-person instruction beginning with Kindergarten students on Thursday, January 28.

We realize that remote learning is working well for some students and families and does not work well for others. We hope that you will consider both learning options below and make a decision that works best for your child and family. If you have questions about what the options are, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or the school office.

Over the past several months, students and staff participating in in-person learning through our support centers have adhered to our safety protocols and maintained a healthy working and learning environment. They have accomplished this through daily attestations, proper use of PPE, strict sanitization protocols, wearing masks and social distancing. We will build on these systems as we welcome more students to return to our schools. Know that your child's return to school will be different and that there will be [several changes in place](#) to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

In-person Learning Timeline:

- Students enrolled in specific Early Learning Center programs increased in-person learning beginning Tuesday, January 19.
- Students enrolled in Support Center increased in-person learning from two to four days per week beginning Tuesday, January 19. Support Center Staff will reach out to impacted families to discuss schedule changes.
- Kindergarten students returned to school for in-person learning 4 days/week beginning Thursday, January 28.
- Students in Grades 1-2 returned to school for in-person learning 4 days/week beginning Monday, February 8.
- Students in Grades 3-5 returned to school for in-person learning 2 days/week beginning Monday, February 22.
- Students in Grades 6-8 will return to school for in-person learning 2 days/week beginning Thursday, March 4 (Grades 7-8 will begin on Monday, March 8).
- Students in Grades 9-12 will return to school for in-person learning 4 days/week beginning Monday, March 22.

Learning Options: <https://www.fpschools.org/2021-learning/middle-school>

- **Grades 10-12:** Grades 10-12 all students will be invited to return to in-person learning Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. We will continue with teacher-directed (independent learning) times on Wednesdays as well as advisory class from 12:00-1:00. Students attending school will be required to adhere to health and safety guidelines including wearing a mask, social distancing, and sanitization protocols.
- **Grades 10-12 Remote Learning:** Students participating in the full remote learning option will login to CANVAS according to their class schedule on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Students will participate in concurrent teaching, where teachers will be teaching students in person and students logging in remotely. Students will participate in teacher-directed (independent learning) times on Wednesdays.