



Peru Elementary School District #124

COVID-19 Reopening Plan

Parents/Students FAQs

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Peru Elementary 124 Families:

Below are updated Frequently Asked Questions that district staff have been asked since we released the [Reopening Plan](#). Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions that we have not answered.

1. Are all individuals in a school building required to wear a face covering at all times?

Yes. As required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, except while eating, face coverings must be worn at all times in school buildings, even when social distance is maintained.

Per CDC guidelines A MASK MUST:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- completely cover the nose and mouth
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

Multi-layered, snug gaiters are acceptable unless IDPH or LCHD says otherwise.

2. Are face coverings required when individuals are outside?

Face coverings are not required outside if social distance is maintained (if individuals remain 6 feet apart from each other).

3. If a staff member or student cannot wear a mask for medical reasons, what should that person do?

Proper mask usage will be required for all students and staff. However, if a student or staff member has a medical reason that he or she cannot wear a mask, the following will apply:

- A doctor's note advising that he or she cannot medically wear a mask will be required and
- He or she will be required to wear a face-shield in lieu of a mask.

4. Are all individuals in a school building required to maintain social distance (remain 6 feet apart) at all times?

Social distance must be observed as much as possible. Classroom spaces will be set up so students can maintain an appropriate distance from others. When students move about the building social distancing will be maintained as best as possible.

5. How many children will be riding the school bus?

Our school buses will have a 41-50 passenger limit based on the size of the school bus.

6. What happens if a child tries to get on the bus and has a fever?

We ask all parents to self-monitor their children prior to putting them on the school bus. We will have bus monitors on all buses taking temps prior to allowing children on the bus. If your child has a fever, they will not be allowed on the bus. The office will be notified by the bus monitor, and parents will be immediately contacted. School staff will report to the bus stop and A) wait for parents to arrive or B) escort the student home, ensure that they can get in their home, and wait for a parent or responsible person to arrive. Parents, guardians, or adults responsible for students in grades PreK-1 are asked to always accompany a child to the bus stop at the beginning of the day and at dismissal. This way the child can go back home with the parent/adult if they have a fever.

7. How has the School Calendar changed?

The School Calendar has changed. Please refer to [The Reopening Plan](#) document for details. Printable monthly attendance calendars will also be available on the website under Parent Resources, Calendars.

8. Will weeks with only four days still follow the same schedule?

Weeks with four days will be modified. Please see the school calendar in [The Reopening Plan](#) or on the website under Parent Resources, Calendars.

9. What does the regular weekly schedule look like?

Grades K – 8

- Group A/Red Day – In-person learning for students with last names A - Limberg.
- Group B/Green Day – In-person learning for students with last names Link - Z.
- For families of students with different last names, please call the building office to notify the secretary of your situation. Your day will be determined once numbers are set, and you will be notified regarding the group to which you will be assigned.
- On days when students are at home, they will be remote learning.
- Fridays, unless otherwise noted, will be reserved for remote activities, enrichment activities, social/emotional learning, remote small group instruction, and the possibility of scheduled in-person learning appointments.

Note: Adjustments and revisions will be made if additional guidance or requirements are given from Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The second trimester schedule will be released at a later date when further guidance and recommendations are provided by ISBE.

1st Trimester Schedules

Northview 8:45-1:20

Parkside 8:20-1:05

PreK

In person learning only

Monday – Thursday (no remote learning) AM Class: 8:15-10:45 PM Class: 11:45-2:15

Full Day Class: 8:45-1:20

Parkside Life Skills, Mrs. Lander's Northview Classroom, and Autism Program

In person learning Monday – Thursday

10. How long will the modified schedule be in place?

Until the State of Illinois enters "Phase 5" of the Restore Illinois Plan, the District will operate under this schedule. The district will continue to monitor the schedule and its effectiveness and make changes as necessary.

11. Will students be symptom checked before entering the building?

Yes, all students and visitors will be subject to temperature checks prior to entering the building at all times.

12. Will students have access to lockers?

No, students will not have access to lockers and will be utilizing their backpacks at Parkside throughout the school day to carry supplies.

13. Will students be allowed to carry backpacks?

For a temporary time, until the State of Illinois returns to "Phase 5" students will be allowed to carry backpacks at Parkside during any transitions during the day.

14. Will students be dressing for PE?

No, students will not dress for PE. Students will be allowed to change shoes before PE, but students will have to bring the shoes with them daily. Please encourage your child to wear their PE shoes to school on PE days.

15. If I purchased a school toolbox kit for student supplies, will that toolbox be delivered to the classroom before the first day?

Yes, toolbox kits will be delivered to the child's classroom. If you ordered a toolbox kit and your child is virtual learning only, please come to the school during normal office hours to pick up for your child.

16. Will breakfast and lunch be served daily?

- Monday – Thursday: Hot breakfast and lunch will be served to students in their classrooms in containers.

- Group A (Monday/Wednesday) will take home their sack lunch meals on Monday and Wednesday for remote learning days on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Group B (Tuesday/Thursday) will take home their sack lunch meals on Tuesday and Thursday for their remote learning days on Wednesday, Friday and Monday.
- 100% Remote learners will pick up their meals for the week on Monday.

17. What curriculum will be used for the 100% Remote Learning option and is it rigorous?

The curriculum will be similar to the Blended Learning option. Parkside Middle School's curriculum will be supplemented by Edgenuity (<https://www.edgenuity.com/>).

18. How do PE, Science, Art, Music, and other classes manage labs and hands-on projects?

Learning activities must be structured around the following guiding principles:

- Students may not use shared equipment or supplies without it being sanitized between usages.
- Group work will be allowed within social distancing guidelines.
- Students should use hand sanitizer before and after use of any equipment. The equipment itself should be sanitized after each individual student uses it.

19. Will hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, wipes, etc. be made available to staff members in classrooms?

Yes, the District will be providing hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies for each classroom. Parkside students will be a part of cleaning procedures for their personal chromebooks and desk surface.

20. Will band and choir be offered at Parkside Middle School?

Yes, band and choir will be offered after student dismissal on Monday through Thursday. Additionally, individual band and choir lessons will continue to be provided virtually. Regular band and choir fees will apply.

21. Can students who choose the 100% Remote Learning Option still participate in clubs, sports, and activities?

Yes, but parents will be responsible for transportation for those activities offered after school and on Friday.

22. If a student or staff member travels to an area within the US or internationally that has COVID-19 related restrictions, does that person have to quarantine for 14 days after returning?

The district will contact the LaSalle County Health Department and abide by their guidance.

23. Will there be a Meet the Teacher Night or Open House for parents and students prior to the first day of school?

PreK, Kindergarten, and 5th grade will be allowed to come visit the school since these are new students to the school. Four children and one adult per time slot will be allowed. Sign up will take place on-line via PTCFast. More information will be emailed about this by the building principals. All other teachers in grades 1-8 will offer a Virtual Open House via Zoom or Google Meets. Parkside Virtual Open House will take place on Wednesday, August 19 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Northview Virtual Open House will take place on Thursday, August 20 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Teachers will offer 3 different schedules during that 90 minute time slot for students and parents to sign in virtually.