



South Bend Early Learning Programs

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Preschool students will be returning to in-person learning beginning Monday, October 5th, 2020. In preparation for our students' return, the following information is provided for parents and guardians. This page will be updated as necessary. Please contact the preschool office at 360-875-5327 opt 1 for any questions or concerns.

Things to know and remember with students attending school in-person:

1. Your student will be in the "A" group or "B" group;
 - a. "A" group meets on Monday and Tuesday, in either an AM or PM session.
 - b. "B" group meets on Thursday and Friday, in either an AM or PM session.
 - c. Wednesday is a remote learning day for both group "A" and group "B"; no students will be on campus.
 - d. If you have any questions about what day or time your child is to attend please call the preschool office.
2. All preschool sessions are part day.
 - a. AM Preschool is from 8:00-10:45am. Doors open at 7:50am.
 - b. PM Preschool is from 11:30-2:20pm. Doors open at 11:25am.
3. Parents will be required to submit a health attestation each day. This will come via your child's school email first, and then you will have the option to have it delivered via text message. You will receive the attestation email or text every week day, even on days your child does not attend school in person.
 - a. Students who do not have the morning health attestation completed by their parents will be screened by staff prior to entering the building.
 - b. Students arriving at school will have their temperature checked prior to entering the building.
 - c. Students with a fever or other symptoms will be sent home.
4. Parents dropping and picking their children up at school will need to check them in and out ***in person***. Unfortunately, parents and other community members will not be allowed into the buildings, and will need to drop off and pick up their students at the door.

5. For those students who ride the bus, parents will be **contacted by Friday, October 2nd with bus pick up and drop off times.**
 - a. Pick up and drop off times may vary, especially the first week, by as much as 15-30 minutes depending on attendance.
 - b. Students may not be picked up or dropped off unless a parent or other designated adult is present.
 - c. The drop off/pick up location is now located in the bus loop behind the new Mike Morris Elementary School. Staff will be there to get students on and off of the buses and will escort them through the high school campus and across 1st Street to get to the Early Learning Center.
 - d. Students are only allowed one pick up and drop of site this year due to transportation limitations.
 - e. Notice of 48 hours is required to make a bus change. **We cannot do same day changes.** If children need to go to a different location and advanced notice is not given, parents will need to transport.
 - f. Students are required to wear face coverings on the bus.
6. Students are required to wear a face covering while on the bus and at school, both indoors and outdoors. Bus drivers will have masks available for children who need one for the bus. Once at school students will be asked to put their masks from home in their backpacks and will be provided with a child-size cloth mask that will be worn and laundered at school. Students will return home in their own mask.
7. Students must be up to date on their immunizations, or have a signed plan by a physician, in order to start school.
8. Parents need to ensure that Early Learning Staff are aware of any health diagnoses, allergies, or concerns prior to students attending school.
9. **If students become sick at school, parents will be required to pick them up.**
10. If a students or staff member contracts COVID-19, Pacific County Health Department is responsible for coordinating appropriate contact tracing. The school will comply with health department directives concerning quarantine and/or school closure.
11. Classes have been split. There will be no more than 10-12 students per classroom. Each child will be assigned their own "pod"/desk which are arranged 6 feet apart to encourage adequate social distancing.
 - a. Each student will have their own essential supplies/tubbies for use in their "pods"/individual work space.
 - b. Each classroom will continue to have learning centers.
 - i. Two students will be allowed in each learning center at a time.
 - ii. Children will wear masks.
 - iii. Children will wash their hands before and after playing in each center, and before returning to their individual pods.
 - iv. Toys will be sanitized and/or traded out between each use.

12. Students will eat meals in their classrooms.
 - a. AM preschool will eat breakfast in class and be sent home with a lunch for the afternoon.
 - b. PM preschool will eat lunch and be sent home with breakfast for the following morning.
 - c. Students will receive individual meals with disposable utensils. We will not be eating family style until released by the health department.
 - d. There is no outside food or milk allowed without a prescription from your child's physician. We require a specific form be filled out by the physician that indicates specific alternative foods.

13. Water will continue to be provided and available for students during the school day.

14. Children will continue to go outside daily for at least 30 minutes, rain or shine. Please send your child to school with an extra set of clothes in their backpack, as well as weather appropriate clothing such as coats, hats, boots and gloves. Layers are always good. If you need assistance accessing any weather appropriate clothing please let your teacher or home visitor know so we can assist.