

West Towson Elementary School's Reopening Information

West Towson Elementary School's doors open for children at 9:05 a.m. each morning. Instruction begins at 9:20 a.m. Dismissal begins after afternoon announcements which take place at 3:45 p.m. Students in kindergarten through grade two will follow a schedule that ends two hours early (at 1:50 p.m.) between the dates of March 1- March 12.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures:

Bus Riders:

- Bus arrival begins at 9:05 a.m. Staff members greet each bus and monitor the students as they exit the bus. Students enter the school through the front door.
- Bus dismissal begins after afternoon announcements at 3:45 p.m. Buses riders will be called by bus color, and students will line up in the school rotunda, remaining six feet apart. Students will be escorted to their buses and be seated according to seating charts.
- Buses will have a limited capacity and students will be assigned seats for their morning and afternoon rides. Masks will be worn at all times on the buses.

Car Riders:

- Carpool drop off takes place in the turnaround area behind West Towson. Adult supervision is provided at the carpool drop-off area between 9:05 a.m. and 9:18 a.m. Students remain in their cars until directed by staff members to exit. Students will be guided to the entrance of the school building through the gymnasium. Students will receive assistance finding their classrooms.
- Carpool pick up begins once all students are checked in, at 3:50 p.m. Students with last names beginning with the letters A-M will meet in the gym and be dismissed in the turn-around area behind West Towson. Children with last names beginning with the letters **N-Z** will meet in the cafeteria and be dismissed in front of Ridge Ruxton School. During dismissal, students will be called by a staff member, to meet their cars.
- Drivers are reminded to drive in a slow, cautious manner while on school grounds, allowing buses and people crossing the driveway to have the right of way.

Walkers:

- Each morning and afternoon, walkers will be escorted across the Ridge Ruxton driveway to and from the sidewalk leading to the Ruxton Ridge community.

Face Covering:

- Face coverings are required for all persons in a BCPS facility or vehicle as well as on BCPS property. Face coverings are required during transportation to/from school on a bus as well as outdoors on campuses.
- Each school, office, and school bus will have a supply of disposable face coverings for students and employees who forget their face covering or whose face covering becomes soiled or damaged.

<p>Screening & Stay Home When Appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employees and students are expected to screen themselves daily for symptoms of COVID-19. • Remain home if you have symptoms, confirmed COVID-19 illness, had recent contact with a person with COVID-19 and/or awaiting test results. • Parents will receive a screening checklist and magnet with the screening practices. 	<p>Social Distancing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom furniture is arranged to provide 6-foot separation between students, when possible. • Reduce gathering of students in any area – refer to changes in arrival and dismissal procedures and movement in the hallways.
<p>Hand Hygiene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times for handwashing or use of hand sanitizer to include before and after meals, upon arrival to schools’ offices and home, before and after use of any shared items, after use of the restroom, after sneezing/coughing and other time hands are contaminated. 	<p>Breakfast & Lunch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students are eligible to receive a “Grab and Go” breakfast each morning, at no cost. Breakfast will be eaten in the classrooms. • For the first two weeks of school, students will eat lunch in their classrooms. After that time, they will move to the cafeteria for lunch. All students are eligible for a school lunch at no cost. They may also bring their lunch from home. Snacks will not be available for students to purchase this year.
<p>Supplies & Devices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply lists were sent to families by classroom teachers. School supplies will not be shared. • Students will transport their BCPS devices and chargers to and from school in their backpacks. • On the first day of each month, return the <i>Health Screening and Emergency Contact Information Form</i>. The form should be returned via email. 	<p>Visitors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To visit a BCPS school, visitors must have an appointment. • Visits will be conducted remotely or outside, whenever possible. • If an indoor visit is required, visitors will be required to wear a face coverings and practice social distancing. • The number of people admitted to the building will be limited.