

Denning Elementary School

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Parents and Guardians:

I wanted to cover a few topics for our return to in-person learning beginning Monday, September 14th. The in-person schedule will be Monday-Thursday from 8:00-11:30 with some remote learning activities in the afternoon, and 100% remote learning on Fridays.. Remote learning students will participate in 100% remote learning Monday-Friday.

Remote vs. In-Person Learning

All students have the option to participate in either 100% Remote Learning Monday-Friday, or In-Person Learning Monday-Thursday from 8:00-11:30 with 100% Remote Learning on Fridays. The school is reaching out this week to determine what your plan will be beginning Monday, September 14th. You may alter your original Learning Plan on file with the school this week. Moving forward, you may indicate changes to your child's Learning Plan at midterm and the end of the quarter.

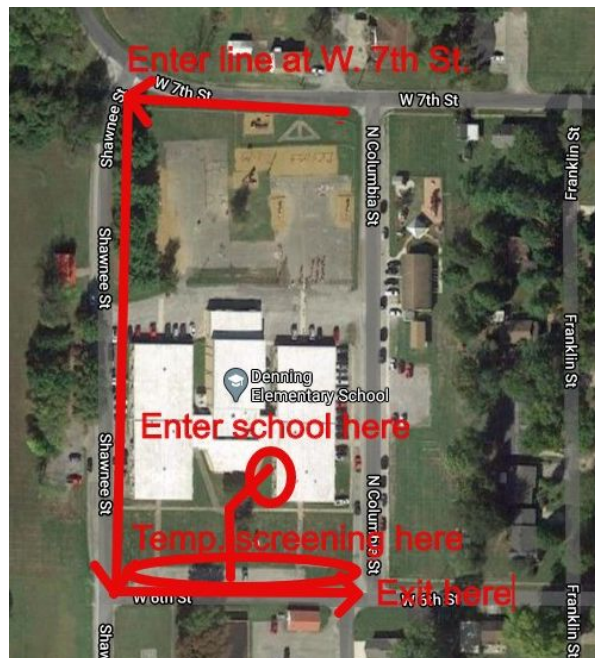
Masks and Face-Coverings

All students must arrive at school with a face covering and wear it at all times inside the building. Students may remove the face covering to eat breakfast or to take a drink. Students can also remove their mask when outside, if 6 feet of social distancing is maintained. Exceptions to face coverings must be addressed in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a medical 504 plan. If a student does not comply with wearing a face covering, he or she may be asked to move to 100% Remote Learning for the health and safety of the student population. Any student who needs a mask replaced during the school day will be provided with one.

Student Arrival/Drop Off

Students may be dropped off at DES starting at 7:30 a.m. You will need to enter the drop off lane from W. 7th St. and follow Shawnee St. to W. 6th St. to the front of the building. This will be one-way traffic. An adult will approach your vehicle near the front entrance for a temperature screening. If your child does NOT have a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they will be invited to exit the vehicle and enter the building through the front entrance. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, we will ask that you

take your child home for remote learning that day. If your child does not feel well, or is experiencing any symptoms, they should remain home. Children must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication in order to return to school.



Drop-off Procedure

Student Pick-Up/Dismissal

Dismissal time will be 11:30. Teachers dismiss from various exit doors and will communicate these locations with you, so that you can park near to the appropriate exit. We ask that you remain in your vehicles to the greatest extent possible and maintain social distancing if outside your vehicle. Bus riders will be dismissed through the gym to the appropriate bus number when the bus arrives. Please do not park in the bus lane behind the school along Shawnee or N. Columbia St., as buses need to use this route.

Meals

Students will be provided with breakfast if desired and lunch will be a grab-n-go bagged meal. Students will grab a bagged lunch as they exit their classroom during dismissal. Students needing to bring a lunch box to take with them to after school family arranged child care may do so. Lunches are NOT to be eaten on the bus. Meals for remote only

students can be picked up from 12:00-12:30 at the back of the school. Any child from 0-18, may request a meal.

Student Supplies

Students should bring a full water bottle with them to school. Water stations with cups will be set up in both the east and west wings as well. Students may bring hand sanitizer for personal use. You may send any school supplies during the first week of school, or as directed by your child's teacher. Please send a few supplies each day as limited by your child's backpack space. Shared items are discouraged. Students will not be sharing pencils, erasers, paper, crayons, etc. Starting the week of September 14th, any classroom supplies that are needed for remote learning can be picked up on Fridays from 12:00-3:30. These will be labeled by teacher and student name in containers at each dismissal door. If further arrangements are needed, please contact your teacher via messaging on ClassDojo.

Devices

Students who have received a district-issued device may be required to bring them each day to school. Devices should be kept in the student's backpack and brought to school completely charged each day. Individual teachers will communicate this expectation with you via ClassDojo.

Visitors in the Building

If a parent or guardian needs to come to the school building during the day, we ask that you please ring the bell at the front entrance and state your purpose. Masks are required to enter the building. There will be no parents allowed into the building for classroom visits or escorting students into the building at this time.

The School Day

Students will go directly to their classrooms upon entering the building. Classrooms, hallways, and restrooms will maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Sanitation measures are in place to disinfect classrooms, bathrooms, and common areas throughout the day and in the evening when students are not present. Students may play a role in helping to disinfect their own area in the classroom during each day. Teachers may take classrooms outside for learning and a face mask break during the day. Playground equipment and shared objects will not be allowed at this time. Please do not send your child to school with any items to share.

Any information and guidance is subject to change at any time based on state and local guidance and recommendations.

As always, we look forward to serving your students in any format and we greatly appreciate your patience as we work through the process of students returning to school.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact the school office at 937-3464, or message your teacher directly on ClassDojo.

Sincerely,

Morgan Holevoet

Denning Elementary School Principal