

School Times

Please confirm time for drop off and pick up? What are the protocols for early drop off?

School times can be found on the district website, www.summit.k12.nj.us, Look for “Resources” on the top right, and click “School Times.” More specific information about arrival and dismissal, and times for the various programs housed at the Primary Centers will be shared with families early next week. We do not have an early drop off for any of our programs. The YMCA/Connection would be your resource.

Dress Code

Students should dress comfortably, as they will be moving throughout the day. Kindergarten students will participate in Physical Education twice a week. We suggest students dress in layers and can acclimate to the climate of the classroom. Sneakers are encouraged. Please, no open-toed shoes or flip flops for safety reasons.

Arrival/Dismissal

A document outlining arrival and dismissal for the various programs will be shared early next week. You can utilize a car line or can choose to park in a legal spot and walk your child to the school (from the school at the end of the day).

If your child is attending the YMCA/Connection, he/she will be dismissed by the teacher/classroom aide directly to the bus or staff member from that specific program.

Mask Breaks

Students will be allowed to lower their masks to take drinks of water, will take various brain breaks throughout the day, and of course take off their masks for snack/lunch. We are very attuned to the needs of our students.

Field Trips

Is there a current plan for any field trips this academic year.

At this time, no teachers have submitted any field trip forms. When we are planning any field trips, we will be sure to keep you updated.

Attendance/Remote Instruction

If my child is home because of a non-covid illness but well enough to participate in school, can they join virtually for the day or two they're out.

No, the only students who will connect remotely are students who have been asked to quarantine or those quarantining after international travel. Otherwise, it's a normal absence. The teachers will work with the children once they return.

School Lunches/Snacks

What is the current plan for lunch? How do I sign up for and fund a lunch account for the kids?

Students at WPC will eat in our Multi-Purpose Room and at JPC will eat in the Jefferson Elementary Cafeteria. The federal government designated lunch will be free (like last year) for all students. You do not have to fund a lunch account. You can send in a lunch with your child or you can reference the lunch menu that will be shared each month. Talk about the grab and go choices available and your child(ren) will tell his/her teacher their choice each morning; it will then be ordered and sent to the school for their lunch time. The Pomptonian Website is linked under the "Resources" section of the Summit website and then click "Food Services-Lunch."

WPC and JPC are "Allergy Aware" schools and if there is a student with a nut or any other food allergy in a classroom, that specific food allergen will not be allowed in the classroom. Foods that might be prohibited in the classroom will be allowed in our Multi-Purpose Room/Cafeteria for lunch. Any student that has any food that might cause an allergic reaction to one of his/her classmates might then be asked during their lunch to sit with other classmates that might not have allergies.

How much space is maintained between children during lunch?

We are planning to have numerous tables in the lunch locations so that students can space out as much as possible. We should be able to get approximately 3-6 feet for all scheduled periods.

How will food and drinks be handled during the day?

Students will eat snacks in their classrooms and will space out to the extent possible. Students can take a drink of water from their water bottles as needed during the day. Teachers will also be able to take their classes outside when the weather permits.

Class Materials

Are there specific materials that need to be purchased for a Kindergarten student?

On Monday afternoon, you will be able to access your child's classroom placement on Genesis. We will be mailing welcome letters from each teacher whereby he/she might suggest supplies that would be helpful. All classroom teachers ordered necessary supplies that will be needed for the majority of the school year.

Masks/Covid-19

Are masks required?

Yes. Masks are required for visitors (i.e. drop off and pick up, etc.).

Due to Covid-19, is there a possibility that children can have online classes?

It is difficult to answer, as that would be a call from the State, county, then district. Students will be provided Chromebooks and that would be one of the tools needed, if we unfortunately would have to move in that direction. We learned last year that as long as all members of the community take safety precautions seriously, our instructional plans and procedures will continue to be successful.

If we are notified of a positive case in the class but the whole classroom is not quarantined, can we elect to quarantine our child and have the child participate in remote learning?

If you choose to keep your child at home, he/she would not be able to access remote learning. Remote learning would only be assigned to students whom are quarantined based on a close contact or those who are returning from international travel.

Are there plans to routinely test students and staff for Covid-19?

No, there are no plans for this testing. We are asking all members of the learning community to watch for symptoms and stay home if needed.

How do close contacts work?

Please reference the district's Back to School plans, pages 9-12 for our plan. Please know that classroom teachers, related arts teachers, as well as during lunch, teachers and staff will have seating charts, line-up charts. This will help us with contact tracing. Our goal is not to quarantine a whole class.

What procedures are in place if a child has any illness symptoms?

Please reference the district's Back to School Plan, pages 9-10. If a student is not feeling well, he/she should not come to school. The only time remote instruction will be accessible is when a student is quarantined/tested positive for covid-19 or is quarantining after international travel. Otherwise, it's a normal absence and the teacher will work with the student when he/she

returns.

Do we expect to have a covid vaccine mandate for staff and students?

None that I am aware of at this time.

Cleaning/Sanitization

What safety/sanitization protocols are in place for the school year?

Please reference the district's Back to School plan, page 8.

Students are encouraged and will wash their hands/sanitize throughout the day, especially before and after snack/lunch.

What levels of MERV filters are in WPC?

All of our schools are fitted with MERV-13 filters.

Are there plans to keep windows open year round?

Teachers will keep the windows open as much as possible for fresh air. Dressing your child(ren) in layers is suggested as classrooms are air conditioned.

Do you have stand alone ventilation/air filtration units in the school?

No, we do not.

Are all classrooms cleaned at the end of each school day?

Yes, the classrooms are cleaned daily. Please reference page 8 of the district's Back to School plan for more specific information.