

Norwood Elementary's Opening Information



8:20 First Bell

8:35 Late Bell

3:20pm Dismissal Bell

Hello, Norwood Families! We are excited to open for the 2021-2022 school year and will continue to keep the safety of our students, families, and staff at the forefront. Use this [site](#) to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.

<p>Arrival & Dismissal Procedures</p> <p>Arrival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PK will enter through the PK classroom door. Breakfast will be available in the classroom.• K-1st grade will line up outside of the gym and down the sidewalk using the blue stars as social distancing markers. Students will enter through the gym doors and have the option to pick-up breakfast.• 2nd-3rd grade will line up on the sidewalk along the building towards the library using the red stars as social distancing markers. Students will enter through the main doors and have the option to pick-up breakfast in the lobby. <p>Dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers will dismiss walkers/car riders will exit through their classroom exterior door. Adults must maintain social distancing and have ID ready when picking-up students. Signage has been placed in all classroom windows as a reminder of the need to remain socially distant.• Bus riders will be escorted to their assigned bus by school staff.• KENPO will dismiss through the cafeteria doors. Students will be escorted from their classrooms to the KENPO bus by staff members. <p>Early Dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent/guardian will call the school ahead of time to schedule an early dismissal.• Adult picking-up student must present valid ID and be listed as an emergency contact for the student.• Parent/guardian will pull into the bus loop and call the school to have someone meet him/her at the door with student.• No Early Dismissal after 2:55 P.M. on full days• No Early Dismissal after 11:55 A.M. on half days	<p>Screening & Testing (Safety is Our True North)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home.• Please use this checklist to determine if a student should or should not go to school.• Persons with COVID-19 symptoms in school will be required to be tested or will be placed on quarantine, in alignment with guidance from the Maryland Department of Health.
<p>Face Covering (Safety is Our True North) Requirements: All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering while inside a school. Exceptions to this requirement are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The person is alone in a private space.• The person is eating or drinking.	<p>Social Distancing (Safety is Our True North) Requirements: Physical distancing of students from each other and between students and adults will be provided to the greatest extent possible, considering school enrollment and facility constraints. Strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of classroom and cafeteria configurations that provide maximal separation between students.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person has a documented physical or developmental disability that makes wearing a mask unsafe. • The person is under the age of two. <p>The person is a student athlete engaged in the sport in the field of play.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for arrival, dismissal and change of classes to reduce gathering of students in any area. • Restriction of field trips to day trips only, with plans to reduce exposure to large crowds. • Plans for supervision of restrooms, locker rooms, and school lockers to prevent congregation of students.
<p>Hand Hygiene (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) Requirements: Employees and students have been instructed to adhere to best practices in hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. 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>	<p>Breakfast & Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and lunch is free for all students. There is no need to send money with students or to put money on a student's lunch account. • Snacks and extra drinks will not be available. • Students will have the option to take a pre-packaged breakfast as they arrive at school. Breakfast will be eaten in classrooms. • Students will eat lunch in their classroom. Pre-packaged lunches will be brought to the classrooms. • Students will sign-up for lunch each morning in their classrooms. Two meal choices will be available (BCPS lunch menu calendar) 
<p>Supplies & Devices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norwood will provide all students in PK-3rd with a pencil box and basic supplies. These supplies will stay in school. The linked supply list outlines what materials are provided and what families are asked to send in if they are able. • Computers and chargers should travel to and from school with your child. Please make sure to charge the computer each night so it is ready for use. 	<p>Visitors (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>)</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.
<p>Athletics (Secondary)/Extra Curriculars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This site contains current information for mitigation related to athletics in BCPS. 	<p>Cleaning/Disinfecting (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) Requirements: BCPS staff will continue to provide safe and clean school environments by ensuring daily cleaning of buildings using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved germicidal agents that kill coronavirus. BCPS staff will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-contact surfaces and any shared items, at least daily. • Promote hand washing before and after touch of shared use items. • Maintain sufficient supplies of soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer.