

PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

Students attending Prairie Elementary will be using a 50% capacity hybrid learning model to begin the 2020-2021 school year. The first day of class for Prairie Elementary students will be Tuesday, September 8th.

TRADITIONAL LEARNING MODEL

All students would be in school every day. The health and safety measures detailed in district protocols would be implemented. Social distancing would be followed where possible, but six feet of distance would not be strictly enforced during instructional time. Some learning opportunities would be limited or altered, however staff would work to provide robust learning experiences for all students. Full time distance learning through the district's VIBE program would be available for families who do not want their children to attend school in-person. Bussing and lunch room capacity restrictions may be in effect to allow for more distance between students.

DISTANCE LEARNING MODEL

Students would learn at home and have daily contact with members of their learning team (teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff, and/or specialists).

- All K-12 students would bring home school-issued iPads to aid in learning.
- Families who do not have reliable internet access at home may contact District 518 for information.
- Students would receive learning through online platforms and Seesaw.
- A balance of digital and non-digital learning activities would be used.
- Students would have a consistent schedule with clearly communicated expectations.
- Some students in specialized programs would have personalized support through real-time interaction available to them, as determined by the learning team.
- Attendance would be noted based on daily interaction with the learning team.
- Assessment/grading would be based on a numeric scale, as defined in our standards-based report card.

HYBRID MODEL

The Prairie Elementary student body will be divided into four groups, equal in number. Grouping will be done by family across the district, ensuring that children from the same household will attend school in-person on the same day(s). Shortened weeks will require students and families to be given special directions for what day(s) are in-person for their group.

Groups will be assigned to two days of in-person learning every week. For example, Group 1 and 3 may attend school on Monday and Thursday, while Group 2 and 4 may attend on Tuesday and Friday. During the three days while not in-person, students will be participating in distance learning activities and instruction. Distance learning days will include a variety of online and packet materials.

Information subject to change. All practices and protocols based on current state and federal guidelines at the time of document's publication.

Should there be a time when reduced capacity is necessary, groups may move to one day of in-person instruction per week (with 25% of students in-person at a time).

- Students will be issued iPad devices that will travel to/from school and home.
- Wednesdays will be used for deep cleaning, teacher collaboration, parent outreach, and communication.
- Some students in specialized programs may have in-person support available to them every day.
- During hybrid in-person learning, teachers' primary focus will be on the content areas of reading and math, embedding science and social studies when possible. Minnesota State Standards will continue to drive instruction. A numeric scale, as defined in the standards-based report card, will be used to report student progress to families.
- During hybrid at-home learning, teachers will send home a combination of packet/hands-on materials as well as provide online learning opportunities. Students will be in contact daily with school staff, including paraprofessionals, specialists, and intervention teams.
- Attendance will be documented for both in-person and at-home students daily.
- Full time distance learning through the district's VIBE program would be available for families who do not want their children to attend school in-person.

WEDNESDAY INTERVENTION DAYS

Prairie Elementary teachers will use this day to connect with students and families regarding their home learning experience. Teachers will also have Professional Learning Community time. All students will be required to check-in on Wednesday for attendance purposes.

Wednesdays will also be used as an opportunity for ISD 518 staff to use enhanced sanitizing and disinfecting practices within facilities across the district.