

## **Onsite Learning for Roosevelt Elementary School and ECLC** **COVID-19 Safety Practices**

It is the goal of Cherokee Community School District to return to on-site learning for all students at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The proposed safety practices are created with guidance from the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to ensure a safe learning environment for all students and staff. The safety of our students, staff members, and our community are of utmost importance, and we will be implementing a number of changes to the structure and routine of our school buildings and classrooms. These changes are to ensure that all students, staff, and families stay healthy, while also providing an engaging and safe learning environment for all students in the Cherokee Community School District.

### **General Information**

- Drinking fountains will be closed. Please bring a water bottle from home with lids or closure of some kind. Students may refill water bottles in water bottle filler stations.
- Daily reminders will be given to students about washing hands, cover sneezes/coughs, as well as to social distance as much as possible.
- Access to the buildings by parents and volunteers will be prohibited as another safety precaution.
- If your child forgets something, you may leave items at the building entrance and buzz in to talk to building secretaries.
- We will eliminate high-touch areas as much as possible. Those that we are unable to eliminate will be cleaned more frequently.
- Classrooms will be arranged to maximize space between students to allow for as much social distancing as possible. Cherokee Community School District may not be able to guarantee that physical distancing can be met in all school settings throughout the entire school day, during school activities, or with transportation.
- There may be times where social distancing is not practical, but our staff will continue to work with students to encourage distancing as much as possible, as well as provide increased opportunities for cleaning when applicable.

### **Transportation Procedures**

- Parents are encouraged to seek alternate means of transportation such as carpooling, walking, or biking to school, to reduce the number of students riding to and from school.

### **Before School Supervision/Admittance**

- We encourage students who are not eating breakfast to arrive at school as close to 8:00 as possible.
- Parents will not be allowed to come into the building for drop off or pick up. Parents can walk them to the door.

- Breakfast
  - Breakfast will be available for students between 7:45 and 8:00
  - Students will receive a grab and go style breakfast and eat in the MPR
  - Breakfast tables will be socially distanced and students will be socially distanced as much as possible at each table.
- Students who are not eating breakfast will play outside on the playground, following social distancing guidelines as much as possible.
- Students will be dismissed to go to their lockers/classrooms at 8:00 so they are ready to begin classes at 8:10.
- Enter the building
  - ECLC students will enter the building through the designated ECLC door and social distance in the Music room.
  - TK and Kindergarten students will enter through the designated TK and Kindergarten door and social distance in the MPR room until class starts.
  - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade students will enter the building through their designated door lining up following social distancing guidelines. Each classroom will have a designated line that they are to line up on and space to social distance.

### **Classrooms**

- Students will primarily remain with their classroom groups throughout the day.
- Teachers will arrange classrooms to allow for as much social distancing as possible. This may include removing excess furniture or storage to allow for desks and students to have as much space as possible.
- Tables or small group arrangements may be required in some settings, but distancing practices will be used as much as possible, as well as increased sanitization procedures for those groups or classes.
- Students will be taught and reinforced hand-washing techniques with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, following CDC guidance. If soap is not readily available, students will be taught and reinforced the use of hand sanitizer using CDC guidance.
- In-person classroom instruction. Curriculum focus will be on the power standards for each academic area. We will prioritize reading, math, and social-emotional learning.

### **Recess**

- Students will continue to enjoy outdoor recess (weather permitting), where students will be reminded to socially distance when possible.
- At the conclusion of recess, students will line up in their designated space and be guided into the building as quickly as possible, to reduce any unnecessary fidgeting or physical contact between students standing in line.

### **Hallways**

- We will social distance as much as possible and stagger times when we leave the classroom as needed.

## **Restrooms**

- Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily by janitorial staff.
- Students will be reminded to thoroughly wash hands after using the restroom before returning to class.
- Classrooms will be taking more frequent bathroom breaks throughout the day and social distancing will be emphasized when appropriate.

## **Lunch**

- Each grade level will eat in the MPR practicing social distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- The entire MPR will be utilized to social distant students
- When a grade level is finished eating each table will be sanitized before the next grade level uses the lunch tables.

## **Dismissal**

- Students who are walking home or being picked up will start dismissing at 3:10
- Dismissal times will be staggered to ensure that there isn't congestions with students leaving the buildings
- Students that are riding the bus will remain in their classroom and be dismissed by what bus they ride.
- Bussers at RES will be escorted out to the busses, rather than congregating in bus lines for bus dismissal.