

Welcome Back to School Family Guide



2021-2022

Full In-Person Return begins August 18, 2021

Back to School

The Lennox School District is excited to welcome back our students! We will offer full day in-person instructional programming to all students, 5 days a week, on all campuses starting August 18, 2021.

The upcoming school year will also utilize one-time state and federal funding to improve services for our students in the areas of academic support, and social-emotional support. Lennox is committed to providing additional support for families and students as we all transition back to a traditional schedule. We look forward to offering opportunities for students to learn and thrive physically and mentally, focusing on academic, physical, creative, and social and emotional learning.



PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Students will be on campus 5 days a week for a full day of in-person instruction.
- LEAP after-school program will provide after-school programming from the end of the school day to 6 p.m. for elementary school students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Middle school students will be on campus 5 days a week for a full schedule of in-person instruction.
- Students will move from one classroom to another to see all of their teachers.
- LEAP after-school program will provide after-school programming from the end of the school day to 6 p.m. for middle school students.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS, SUCH AS ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING, SCHOOL-WIDE WELLNESS CAMPAIGNS, AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

STUDENT WELLNESS AND SUPPORT

- All of our schools are equipped with counselors and psychologists.
- Our district's Social Emotional Wellness Coordinator will work to connect families with resources and provide ongoing support to school sites.
- If a child is experiencing any mental health challenges, please contact your school site administrator or counselor to request services from school site providers or local community agencies.

A DAY ON CAMPUS

Spending a day on campus will look and feel very similar to what school was like before our campuses closed, but with a few extra precautions to make sure students can learn and play safely and comfortably.

Updated Mask Guidance

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued the following updated guidance for all California K-12 schools for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Masks continue to be required for all children and adults while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks are optional for children and adults while outdoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks should be washed after each day's use.
- Alternative protective strategies may be adopted to accommodate students who are on IEPs or 504 plans. Please contact the Director of Special Education if this accommodation is needed.

Lennox School District will continue to require students, teachers, staff, and visitors to wear masks indoors at all school and district facilities. Based on the new public guidance, masks are no longer required outdoors. Students, employees, and visitors who wish to continue wearing a mask outdoors should feel free to do so.

Recess

Students will be able to use playground equipment and enjoy sports during recess or nutrition following the latest public health and safety guidelines.

Lunch and Meals

All students will be able to get a meal at no charge. Breakfast will be provided to students in the morning and lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Students will be able to eat meals with classmates following the latest public health and safety guidelines.

A DAY ON CAMPUS

Libraries

Our school libraries will be open and classroom visits will be scheduled. Students will be able to check out books from the library.

Engineering Labs

Our Engineering Labs will be open for upper elementary and middle school students. Students will work on hands-on engineering projects and engage in inquiry-based learning.

Physical Education

Physical Education instruction will resume at all sites. Students will receive physical education instruction outdoors from a credentialed teacher.

Parent Centers

Parent Centers will be open to the community and parent events will be coordinated by the school's parent liaison. Parent workshops, classes, and volunteer opportunities will be provided.

After School Program

Our LEAP after-school program will offer high-quality, safe, and supervised academic, enrichment, and recreation programs from the end of the school day until 6 p.m.

Independent Study Option

While we are ready to safely welcome back all students in person, we will also offer independent study for any students who are unable to return to in-person learning. Families interested in enrolling their students in independent study should notify their school office by Friday, August 6, 2021.

STAYING SAFE

The entire reopening response protocol for the Lennox School District is aligned to the County of Los Angeles Health Department (LACHP) guidelines. The county reopening protocols for K-12 schools can be found at this link.

http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/reopening_K12schools.pdf

Robust Safety Protocols

Robust safety protocols are in place at all campuses, including needed personal protective equipment, frequent disinfecting, and hand cleaning, among others.

Hygiene

Restrooms and classrooms with handwashing sinks are stocked with soap and paper towels. Hand sanitizer is made available to students and staff in all classrooms and strategic locations throughout the school.

Upgraded Air-Filtration Systems

All classrooms and office space have been equipped with MERV-13 air filters and HEPA air purification systems.

Vaccinations

All students ages 12 and older and older family members are encouraged to get vaccinated at the most convenient location. Lennox Middle School will be hosting vaccination events on Saturday, August 7th, 2021, and Saturday, August 28th, 2021. For more vaccination sites please visit:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/hcwsignup/>

Exposure Management Plan

In the event of exposure to a confirmed positive COVID-19 case, the District will follow the Health Department's Decision Pathway guidance.

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/education/ScreeningEducationSettings.pdf>

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Daily Health Screening

Before they enter school, students will be screened for temperature checks. If individuals have any of the following symptoms please stay home:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- And a fever above 100.4