



ASHBROOK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Ashbrook's mission is to challenge and nurture academically capable students

What to Expect

Health & Safety in our School for the 2021-22 School Year

What to Expect: School Days & Instructional Time

Ashbrook Independent School will operate on a regular schedule, full-time, and in-person this fall.

Beginning School (PS/PK) = 8:15-2:45

- Regular drop off at 7:45-8:15 to exterior classroom door
- Half day pick up at 12:00 at exterior classroom door
- Pick up at 2:45 at exterior classroom door
- After School Program available at 2:45-5:30

Lower School (K-4) = 8:00-3:00

- Early drop-off available at 7:30 at Gym Drop-n-Go
- Regular drop off begins at 7:45 to exterior classroom doors
- Pick up at 3:00 at exterior classroom door
- After School Program available 3:00-5:30

Middle School (5-8) = 8:00-3:00

- Early drop-off available at 7:30 in the Commons
- Regular drop off begins at 7:45 to sliding doors at the main entrance – students go to homeroom class until the bell rings at 8:00 for 1st period. Homeroom assignments:
 - 5th: Ms. Kelley
 - 6th: Mr. Wilson
 - 7th: Mrs. Washburn
 - 8th: Dr. Steckler
- Pick up at 3:00 at the exterior door at the back of the school of the following classrooms:
 - 5th and 6th: Hallway exterior door with Mr. Wilson - drive around back of school
 - 7th: Classroom exterior door with Mrs. Washburn from Mr. Hunt's classroom - drive around back of school
 - 8th: Classroom exterior door with Dr. Steckler - drive around back of school

*****Any middle school students who have a lower school sibling will be excused to exit through the main entrance out to the front of the school.***

- After School Program available 3:00-5:30 in Mr. Wilson's classroom

What to Expect: Health & Safety

As we plan for the fall 2021 in-person school year, it is important to remember our communities will be living with the virus until there is widespread immunity. COVID-19 continues to change with new variants and our knowledge of mitigation efforts grows over time.

Right now, the best tools to protect ourselves and one another are vaccination for those eligible, physical distancing, face coverings, ventilation and airflow, hand hygiene, and staying home if you feel sick or you know you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

We want to share the health and safety protocols we will have in place at Ashbrook, along with steps we plan to take in response to COVID-19 cases and outbreaks, should they occur in our school during the 2021-22 school year.

We encourage you to review the information below and talk with your student(s) about what to expect. We want you to know it is a priority to create spaces where your child feels safe, cared for, and connected to the learning environment.

Vaccination: Our school brings together people who are fully vaccinated and people who are not fully vaccinated. Everyone age 12 and older is eligible for a vaccine. Vaccination of 12-14 year olds requires parental or guardian consent. Vaccination of eligible students is encouraged, but not required to come to school. According to the most recent state mandate, all Ashbrook employees, substitutes, and volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated by October 18th. Our expectation is that 100% of AIS adults will be vaccinated on this timeline. If you are struggling with this requirement based on health concerns or because of religious beliefs, please stop in to see Doc. When as many eligible students and staff are vaccinated as possible, our school is better able to serve students and families without interruption. Please see Doc with any questions.

Face Coverings: Face coverings are required for all students 5 years of age and older, and all staff indoors, but are optional when outdoors during school hours as long as 6 foot distancing can be maintained.

- Face coverings should fit properly across the nose and mouth
- Face coverings should be at least 2 layers thick - no bandanas
- Several spare face coverings should be kept in the student's backpack each day
- Students should wear a fresh, clean face covering each day

Physical Distancing: We will support physical distancing in all daily activities and instruction, maintaining at least 3 feet between students to the extent possible.

- Classrooms – Seats spaced 3 feet apart
- Hallways – Hallway markers spaced 6 feet apart remain in place
- Lockers - Middle school students will not use a hall locker until further notice. Gym locker assignments will be spaced apart for middle school students to dress down for PE classes.
- Arrival/Dismissal – Lower and beginning school students enter and exit through exterior classroom doors, middle school enters through main entrance sliding doors and dismiss through exterior classroom doors. Only students enter the building during arrival/dismissal.
- Transitions - Students walk "bike lane style" in hallways
- Lunch - Students seated 3-6 feet apart in designated lunch rooms
- Bathrooms - Cohorts assigned to designated bathrooms

Cohorting: Cohorts will remain separate at all times with the exception of Buddy Day activities where classes will be held outdoors or in large areas and everyone is masked and physically distanced.

- PS/PK = cohort
- K-4th = cohort
- 5th-8th = cohort

Ventilation and Airflow: Ashbrook's HVAC system includes individual air circulation systems for each classroom. Teachers also use exterior windows and doors for increased ventilation as well as hold classes outdoors when reasonable.

Sanitation: All high touch, classroom, and bathroom surfaces will be deep cleaned after school each day. Touchless hand sanitizer dispensers are located throughout hallways and next to every classroom door entrance. Touchless soap dispensers are located at all bathroom and classroom sinks. Shared materials and equipment will be sanitized between cohorts. Students should bring a water bottle to school each day as all fountains are shut off. Touchless water bottle filler stations are located in the commons and the gym.

Handwashing: Hand washing will be taught and encouraged. Students and staff will have access to soap and water and hand sanitizer. Students and staff will wash hands with soap and water before and after eating. Students will use hand sanitizer when entering classrooms throughout the day as well as after recess.

What to Expect: Responding to COVID-19 Cases or Outbreaks

When staff and students show symptoms of being ill: If the student or staff member feels ill prior to coming to school, they should stay home. If a student or staff member becomes ill at school, we will have a designated location to separate people who have symptoms of COVID-19 from people who are not sick.

- All staff and students will abide by the "[Daily Screening/When I Should Stay Home From School](#)" document and monitor themselves for symptoms each day.
- If a student demonstrates any of the primary COVID-19 symptoms they will be sent to the health room and the parents will be called to pick up.
- The ill student will be sent home with a copy of the exclusion document to know how long the student will need to stay out of school.
- Depending on the symptoms an ill student demonstrates, any siblings might be sent home as well.
- Deep sanitation of the spaces where the student was during the day will occur.

When a staff member or a student tests positive for COVID-19: Ashbrook will continue to work with the Benton County Health Department to take the next steps. This will include communicating to our school community and contacting those who may have been exposed. If a student or staff member receives a COVID-19 test, the school requires a copy of a negative test result before returning to school.

The best people to contact should you have questions are Doc Schoberl at 508-826-0039 text or talk; Rachel Sechler at rsechler@ashbrookscool.org; or Kelly Tynon at ktynon@ashbrookscool.org.