



Pleasant Grove Junior High School Return to Learn Plan 2020-2021

Welcome back to school! This document will answer many questions and concerns you have. As always, please reach out to our administrators and office staff if you need additional information. Our plan is guided by the following principles:

- **Maximize Student and Employee Safety.** We adhere to all current state and county guidelines with approval from our local board of education. Please recognize that plans may change in response to new and developing pandemic conditions.
- **Optimize Student Learning.** We remain focused on the Alpine School District Vision for Learning and Pleasant Grove Junior High's mission, vision, and values. In whatever platform learning may occur during the school year, we will continue to develop the skills and dispositions of collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking, citizenship, and character in ALL of our students.
- **Support Student and Employee Well-Being.** We understand that well-being and emotional health are essential components of deep learning. We are committed to creating a safe school environment that encourages structure, predictability, logical consequences, connections and relationships, a sense of identity, a feeling of belonging, high expectations, and a focus on what we can control.

The following bell schedule will be in place until further notice:

Monday

1st Period	8:15-9:25
Advisory	9:30-9:50
2nd Period	9:55-11:05
3rd Period	11:10-12:15
4th Period	12:20-1:30
Lunch	1:30-1:45
2:00-3:00	Teacher Planning and Response Time

Tuesday-Friday

1st Period	8:14-9:30
2nd Period	9:35-10:50
3rd Period	10:55-12:10
4th Period	12:15-1:30
Lunch	1:30-1:45
2:00-3:00	Teacher Planning and Response Time

Back-to-School Events

- Back to School Night will be held virtually. Please look for an email with a link to the Back to School Night website.
- 7th Grade Day will be held in person on Monday, August 17th from 8:15-11:00. Students will meet briefly with their teachers, visit each of their classrooms, and receive instruction on how lunch will be provided this school year.
- Incoming 7th graders and new students are invited to come to the school between 8:00 and 2:30 any weekday if they would like to take a self-guided tour before school begins. There will be a link to the school map on the website as well as paper copies in the office.

Health and Safety Measures

- As per the governor's regulation, masks are mandated in all school areas. This includes busses, classrooms, hallways, the cafeteria, the main office, and all public spaces. Please see the attached forms for medical exemptions due to an IEP, 504, or disability.
- Lockers will not be assigned this school year. Students are encouraged to bring their belongings in a cinch backpack that can be carried from class to class.
- Class dismissal times are staggered to alleviate congestion in the hallway and to help with social distancing guidelines.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the school for student use.
- If a student is sick or exhibiting any Covid-19 symptoms, please keep them home. If a student becomes sick while at school, you will be asked to come get your student as soon as possible.
- Classrooms and common areas will be sanitized daily. Deep cleaning protocols are in place.

Instruction and Intervention

- Teachers have positioned their desks so students are facing forward and are able to distance as much as possible.
- Seating charts are in place and will be utilized for contact tracing purposes.

- Hand sanitizer is available in every classroom. Regular hand sanitization will be encouraged.
- Teacher Plan and Response Time (1:45-2:45) will be available every day after student dismissal. This time will evolve as required to meet the needs of our students and teachers.

Lunch

- Lunch is in a grab and go format every day.
- Nutrition services employees will input student numbers to maintain sanitization protocols.
- Lunch is scheduled at the end of the day to maximize instruction time and to minimize time for students to gather in large groups. Students are encouraged to get their lunches as quickly as possible and return home.

Attendance

- Daily attendance will be taken. However, we will be flexible as we know that students often feel stress about missing school.
- Students should not feel pressure to attend school if they are sick or exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19.
- Students who are out of school for an extended time for quarantine or other reasons will be able to access their coursework digitally.
- Please continue to call the main office to excuse any student absence.