

2020-2021 River Ridge Middle School

Collective Responsibility: Keeping our Students, Staff, & Families Safe

School safety is a collective responsibility and it will take efforts of all of our Royal students, staff and families to keep River Ridge clean and safe.

GENERAL FACILITIES

- Face coverings are to be worn during all times students/staff are traveling in/out of the building, passing times, cafeteria when not eating, classroom unless otherwise instructed based on the activity and ability to appropriately distance from others.
- The campus will open at 7:10AM. Students enter through the bus loop (bus riders) and front of the building (car and bike riders, walkers) to assist with social distancing and congregating. They will get breakfast from the cart (if desired) and will go directly to their 1st period class.
- Increased supervision of staff to support students social distancing and not congregating.
- Staggered dismissal so that students can distance themselves leaving the building at the end of the school day.
- Water bottle refill station/water fountains are located in the cafeteria and main hallway. Students encouraged to have their own bottle.
- 8 hand sanitizer stations located around the building and in each classroom/office.
- Soap and automatic dryers available in all bathrooms.
- Enhanced weekly cleaning of walls, cabinets, furniture and floors.
- Increased frequency of changing AC filters.
- Increased cleaning and disinfecting of the facilities at night.
- High traffic and frequently touched areas such as bathrooms and hallways will be routinely cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.
- Physical barriers installed in select locations such as the front office lobby, guidance lobby area and clinic.
- Every staff member completed training prior to school starting that promotes awareness, knowledge and skills about mental health and suicide preventions and prepares staff to facilitate conversations when students are in distress and connect them with support.
- Isolation area in the clinic for symptomatic students.

Signage and Safety Reminders

- Signage in bathrooms, commons areas, and classrooms promoting health and safety practices.
- Bulletin boards around the building sharing how Royal Knights reinforcing healthy hygiene and expected school and workplace behaviors.

Visitors & Office Areas

- Visitors will not be permitted on campus for meetings and/or lunch from August to December at this time.
- No more than six people in the front office lobby and Student Services area at one time.
- Meetings with school staff are by appointment only.

CLASSROOMS

- Students are HIGHLY encouraged to bring their own supplies to support students having their own belongings vs. community supplies. Personal supplies to consider, but are not limited to hand sanitizer, calculators, water bottles, technology (tablets, laptops, cellphones), and class materials.
- It is recommended that students will use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the classroom.
- Students will keep all of their belongings, including backpacks, with them at all times to avoid any cross-contamination.
- Classrooms will be designed to assist with social distancing by spacing out desks and tables.
- PE locker room and lockers will not be used for classes and dressing out for PE will not be encouraged. Students should dress in athletic wear to school on activity days.
- PE lockers will only be sold to current athletes to store athletic equipment during the day before practice.
- Each classroom will be provided a "Sanitation Station" that will be placed by the entrance/exit of the classroom. These stations will consist of hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray and micro-fiber towels that will be replaced daily.
- While in class, teacher will have procedures for social distancing and how to clean/disinfect any materials needed for the lesson.
- Students will have access to resources and coursework online. It is recommended that assignments and assessments be administered or turned in online to avoid having physical documents to contaminated. Students can use phones to take pictures of assignments and turn them in.
- There will be a designated time at the end of the class for cleaning and disinfecting the classroom to prepare for the next class.
- Technology in labs, carts and classrooms will be appropriately disinfected after use.
- Activities the first week of school for Traditional and mySchool students to support their Social Emotional Learning and re-acclimating to a "new normal."



River Ridge Royal Knights remember to...

STAY SAFE

by following on campus health & safety expectations



Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer regularly



Avoid contact



Keep a safe distance of at least 6ft. when interacting with others



Avoid touching your face



Cough or sneeze into the crease of the elbow or in a tissue



Stay at home if you are ill

BE RESPECTFUL. - BE RESPONSIBLE.
BE A PROBLEM SOLVER.

#RoyalCultureofCaring

#WeAreBetterTogether

CAFETERIA (BREAKFAST & LUNCH)

Breakfast

- In the morning, all students may go to the breakfast cart in the courtyard and then immediately to first period class with their “grab and go” meal choice.

Transition to and from Lunch

- Staggered release by hallway, students will bring their backpacks with them as they are escorted by staff and exit out the front of the building.
- Students will enter through front doors and use hand sanitizer then immediately go to lines and then find their designated eating area either inside, outside or media center.
- Students will dispose of their waste in the trash cans which will be located one trash can for every four tables.
- Students will exit the cafeteria through the three back doors and return to their classroom taking the pathway behind the school.

Lunch

To accommodate large crowds while adhering to physical distancing guidelines, we will implement the following practices during student lunch times of the day:

- Adjusted schedule by adding a fourth lunch
- Open outdoor seating when weather permits allowing up to 100 students to safely eat outside.
- Transform the school's media center to allow for academic lunch for up to 70 students.
- Encourage student academic “lunch bunches” with teachers within the classroom.
- Open additional student seating within the cafeteria to allow students to engage in broader social distancing.
- Provide hand sanitizer stations in locations where hand washing is not practical or permissible (entrances of the cafeteria and food lines).
- Students are to remain seated at all times and must raise their hands to go to food lines and restrooms.
- Ensure cafeteria restrooms have adequate hand soap and supplies to allow for vigorous hand washing.
- Cafeteria seating and tables will be sanitized between all lunch periods.
- More frequent sanitization on high touch points in the serving line.
- Adjust feeding patterns to limit the number of students in line at the same time so the physical distancing can take place.
- All food purchases will be packaged for safety. All utensils and condiments will be individually packaged.
- Place appropriate educational signage to communicate best practices around physical distancing and personal hygiene.
- Provide additional adult supervision.

TRANSITIONS (ARRIVAL, PASSING, DISMISSAL)

Arrival

- The campus will open at 7:10AM. Buses will be released in a staggered time frame to minimize number of students entering the school.
- Students enter through the bus loop (bus riders) and front of the building (car and bike riders, walkers) to assist with social distancing and congregating. They will get “grab and go” breakfast from the cart (if desired) and will go directly to their 1st period class.
- Signage will be placed to establish a one-way flow for arrival and dismissal.
- Students may not congregate in the courtyard or other areas of the campus.

Passing

- Hallways will be separated to allow students to “stay to the right” when moving through the buildings.
- Students should wait patiently outside of their next classroom until the classroom is finished being clean and sanitized. There will be markings outside the classrooms to help students maintain social distancing.
- Free standing signs will be placed in common areas to limit congregation to small groups and to remind students to transition immediately to class.
- There will also be increased supervision to assist in limiting congregation and to provide support for a smooth transition.

Dismissal

- Students will be dismissed by their classroom teacher and should exit the buildings. There will be a staggered dismissal so that students can distance themselves leaving the building at the end of the school day.
- Increased supervision of staff to support students social distancing and not congregating.
- Students will exit through the bus loop (bus riders) and front of the building (car and bike riders, walkers) to assist with social distancing and congregating. The campus will close to students who are not participating in extra-curricular activities at 2:30PM.

How can families support these efforts?

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands
- Screening your child each day for a temperature or sickness
- Use your own supplies
- Bring your own electronic device (laptop, tablet, iPad)
- Bring personal hand sanitizer
- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wash your masks regularly
- Sanitize/wash your lunchbox and backpack

