



**Daniel Webster
River**

Eames Way

Governor Winslow

Martinson

South

As we are working on the details involved in planning for a learning model for September, there are some frequently asked questions that may be helpful to you and your children. All of our planning is based on following current health and safety guidelines. As new guidance becomes available, plans are subject to change.

What are the school hours this year? Is Wednesday an early release day?

School Name	Student Start Time Monday- Friday	School End Time Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday	School End Time Wednesday
Daniel Webster	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	12:45 PM
Eames Way	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	12:45 PM
Governor Winslow	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	12:45 PM
Martinson	9:30 AM	3:30 PM	1:15 PM
South River	9:30 AM	3:30 PM	1:15 PM

When will I know who my child's teacher is?

Parents will be notified when they can access the Aspen Family Portal for this information. The Aspen Portal should be opened no later than September 11, 2020.

When is the first day of school and what is the schedule for the first week of school?

	Cohort A	Cohort B
Wednesday, September 16	Remote	Remote
Thursday, September 17	In school	Remote

Friday, September 18	Remote	In school
Monday, September 21	In school	Remote
Tuesday, September 22	Remote	In school
Wednesday, September 23	Remote	Remote
Thursday, September 24	Remote	In school
Friday, September 25	Remote	In school

What is a cohort?

A cohort is how we will be grouping classes so that we keep track of shared time/space between adults and students. Students are assigned to their cohort based on their last name (A-K) or (L-Z). Please note that individual requests to change cohorts can not be honored.

	M	T	W	Th	F
Cohort A	In-person	In-person	Remote	Remote	Remote
Cohort B	Remote	Remote	Remote	In-person	In-person

How will my child know where to go on the first day of school?

Staff members will greet students off the buses/parent drop off and will assist them in getting to their classrooms.

Will my child need to wear a mask to school?

Yes, students in grades PK-12 are required to wear a cloth mask that covers the nose and mouth to school and on the bus/van. Students in PK are strongly recommended to wear a mask. If a student forgets their mask or it gets wet during the day, the school will have extra masks available.

Will my child need to wear a mask on the school bus/van?

Yes, students in PK-12 are required to wear a cloth mask that covers the nose and mouth on the bus/van. Students in PK are strongly recommended to wear a mask on the bus/van. While riding on the bus/van, students will sit in assigned seats on alternating sides/benches to ensure social distancing.

Will there be bus monitors?

We are anticipating having monitors on the bus to ensure safety protocols are followed.

Will there be mask breaks in school?

Yes, there will be mask breaks throughout the day. Teachers will plan frequent mask breaks outside or in well-ventilated areas. Students may take their mask off while eating. Mask breaks will always occur with social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Will students get fresh air during the day?

Yes, students will go outside as much as possible for play and class time. Several outdoor locations are set up for classes including the playgrounds, fields, and tents. Weather permitting, windows in the classroom will be open as much as possible.

Will staff be wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when working with students?

Yes, staff members are required to wear cloth masks that cover the nose and mouth, just as our students do. Some of our staff members who are in close contact with students such as nurses, occupational therapists, special educators, physical therapists, and speech and language pathologists may need to wear additional PPE such as eye protection, face shields, gloves and gowns, depending on the nature of the close contact.

Is there a separate medical room for students exhibiting COVID symptoms?

Each school has a designated supervised medical waiting room that is separate and managed by the nurse in the event someone exhibits COVID symptoms. This allows the nurse to immediately move the student or staff member out of the general population and begin the protocol for COVID scenarios in school. If more than one student is in the same waiting room at a time, each student must be at least 6 feet apart and wearing a surgical mask while in the room. If a student does not already have a surgical mask, the school will provide one. We strongly suggest that you designate a local emergency contact who is available to dismiss your child if needed. *See Reopening Plan for additional details.*

Will parents be notified if a student/staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19?

Notification of any infectious disease, including COVID, is done in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Division of Epidemiology recommendations and guidance. Staff and student privacy/confidentiality must be maintained at all times concerning medical information. Contact tracing will be conducted in conjunction with the Marshfield Board of Health, MA DPH, and district nurses. Notification of a positive COVID-19 case and subsequent actions will be shared in accordance with the above agencies' recommendations.

Will my child have a daily health screening at school?

No, during the pandemic, parents are requested to complete a daily home screening before your child leaves for school. If your child has any of the following symptoms, they should stay home. These symptoms include: fever of 100 degrees F (oral) or chills, sore throat, new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain, or new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever. We are asking staff to do the same and requesting that if symptoms of illness are present, that the individual not come to school that day and to contact their Primary Care Physician (PCP).

What if a child presents with symptoms that mirror COVID-19 or has allergies that may or may not be COVID?

For recurring, or chronic conditions such as allergies or migraine headaches, please have your physician provide written documentation of the diagnosis and submit it to the school nurse.

What if my child has had a potential COVID exposure?

If your child has had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 min) with a person confirmed COVID-19) they must be quarantined at home for 14 days regardless of a test result. *Protocols for all of these scenarios are outlined in the District Reopening Plan.*

Will breakfast be served?

Breakfast will only be served at Daniel Webster School this year.

Will students eat lunch in the classroom?

Yes, based on the Department of Education guidelines, we are planning for lunch in the classrooms. We will also utilize the cafeteria for some lunches, prioritizing the needs of our students with food allergies or other medical concerns. In both spaces, students will sit 6 feet apart and masks will not be worn during lunch.

How long will lunch be?

Our lunchtime will remain at thirty minutes. If you purchase a lunch through the cafeteria it will be delivered to the classroom. We will be using a prepay system only, so this is a good time to set up student accounts at MySchoolBucks.com.

Will there be recess?

Yes, students will have thirty minutes of recess daily with their cohort only. Students will be allowed to use recess equipment, strictly following social distancing guidelines. Hand sanitizing, under adult supervision, will occur before and after playground use.

Will students attend specialist classes?

Yes, students will have art, music, and physical education. Students will have the same specialist subject for three weeks at a time. Whenever possible, classes will go outside for instruction or will take place in their assigned classrooms. *Protocols for all of these scenarios are outlined in the District Reopening Plan.*

Will students be able to borrow books from the library?

Yes, students will be able to borrow books bi-weekly. Librarians will follow all book sanitizing guidelines.

What if my child receives special education services?

Special education services will be scheduled and planned based on current signed IEP service delivery. All families will be contacted by their special education case manager. The case manager will describe how the team will provide specially designed instruction.

What about supplies and materials for students?

Each student will have their general supplies for daily classwork provided by the school. Students will be provided with their own container for manipulatives and other curriculum related items for learning. Classroom libraries will remain intact and teachers will manage the cleaning and distribution of books in the classroom.

Do I need to buy school supplies to bring to school?

This year, we are providing general supplies that students need in school. We do however, suggest that you set up a learning space at home so that your child has a consistent place for remote learning.

Will my child have access to a Chromebook at school and at home?

We will be assigning a dedicated school Chromebook to each student to use in school and at home. You will receive information about Chromebook pick up closer to the start of school. If you already have a Chromebook (of any brand) and do not want your child to transport the school Chromebook back/forth, please notify the school.

How will classrooms be set up?

Classrooms have a desk and a chair for each student spaced 6 feet apart. All students will face in one direction.

Will students have access to printed papers or is everything done digitally?

Students may have printed materials to work on, or they may be asked to respond through Canvas.

What will the weekly schedule be for my child? (SAMPLE ONLY)

Kindergarten - Grade 5: Student

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday		Friday		
	Cohort A <i>f2f</i>	Cohort B <i>remote</i>	Cohort A <i>f2f</i>	Cohort B <i>remote</i>	Cohorts A & B <i>remote</i>	Cohort A <i>remote</i>	Cohort B <i>f2f</i>	Cohort A <i>remote</i>	Cohort B <i>f2f</i>	
8:20-9:00		Pre-recorded Morning Greeting		Pre-recorded Morning Greeting		Pre-recorded Morning Greeting		Pre-recorded Morning Greeting		
9:00-9:30	SEL Opening Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Readers' Workshop Mini Lesson OR Writers' Workshop Mini Lesson 	SEL Opening Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Readers' Workshop Mini Lesson OR Writers' Workshop Mini Lesson 	8:45-9:30 am SEL <i>(Live Session)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Readers' Workshop Mini Lesson OR Writers' Workshop Mini Lesson 	SEL Opening Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Readers' Workshop Mini Lesson OR Writers' Workshop Mini Lesson 	SEL Opening Meeting	
9:30-10:00	Word Work/Phonics	Independent Reading	Word Work/Phonics	Independent Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math Mini Lesson (15 Mins) Math Independent Practice Readers' Workshop Mini Lesson Independent Reading Writers' 	Independent Reading	Word Work/Phonics	Independent Reading	Word Work/Phonics	
10:00-10:30	Guided Reading /Intervention/Co treat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math Mini Lesson Math Independent Practice 	Guided Reading /Intervention/Co treat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math Mini Lesson Math Independent Practice 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math Mini Lesson Math Independent Practice 	Guided Reading /Intervention/Co treat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math Mini Lesson Math Independent Practice 	Guided Reading /Intervention/Co treat	
10:30-11:00	Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math 	Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math 	Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math 	Math	
11:00-11:30		Independent Practice		Independent Practice		Workshop Mini Lesson	Independent Practice		Independent Practice	
11:30-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Recess 	Check In with teacher <i>(Live Session)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Recess 	Check In with teacher <i>(Live Session)</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journaling Social Studies/ Science 	Check In with teacher <i>(Live Session)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Recess 	Check In with teacher <i>(Live Session)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Recess
12:30-1:30	Readers' Workshop	Science/Social Studies	Readers' Workshop	Science/Social Studies	12:45/1:15 Early Release	Science/Social Studies	Readers' Workshop	Science/Social Studies	Readers' Workshop	
1:30-2:15	Specialist	Independent Writing (30)	Writers' Workshop	Independent Writing (30)		Independent Writing (30)	Specialist	Independent Writing (30)	Writers' Workshop	
2:15-2:50	Writers' Workshop	Specialist (45)	Closing Meeting/ Preview for Remote Days	Specialist (45)		Specialist (45)	Writers' Workshop	Specialist (45)	Closing Meeting/ Preview for Remote Days	
	Closing Meeting						Closing Meeting			

Will there be flexibility with completion of home assignments?

Teachers will share their routines and expectations in the first weeks of school. As always, extenuating circumstances will be considered.

Will the air quality and HVAC systems be tested?

Yes. Our facilities department is testing and analyzing all of our ventilation, heating, and air flow systems to ensure proper air circulation, filtering, and function. The district has hired an outside consultant to assist with this.

How will cleaning be handled in the school?

Our custodial staff will be working day and night disinfecting each school using the most effective and safe cleaning products and practices. While extensive cleaning will occur on a daily basis, on Wednesdays each building will receive additional further deep cleaning to prepare for the next student cohort. Everyone, including students and staff, will need to do their part to keep their work areas clean and follow all of the hygiene protocols that will be in place.

When is kindergarten screening?

Kindergarten students will be screened in the first month of school during the regular school day. Parents will be notified of the results.

When will kindergarten orientation be held?

Kindergarten students will be invited to an orientation on **September 17 or 18** with their cohort and teacher. Schools will notify families of their orientation date and time. Specific details will follow.

Will visitors and volunteers be allowed into the building?

At this time, we are limiting visitors to the building in accordance with DPH guidelines. We will **not** have volunteers at this time. **Parents can drop off forgotten items at a table/bin at the main entrance.** Office staff will get items to our students. Students who are tardy can check in at the main office.

What is the plan for the before school care YMCA program and afterschool programs including Boys and Girls Club and Recreation Department?

The YMCA will not be running their before school programs to start the school year.

Please check with the Marshfield Boys and Girls Club for information on their programmatic offerings.

The Recreation Department is working to figure out their plans but intend to cater to K-5th grade for our after school Extended Day Program. They also have plans to cater to kindergarten students as well as provide a space for kindergarteners to do their remote learning. The start date for these programs are TBD, please contact the Recreation Department for further information