



## Frequently Asked Questions about the 2021-2022 School Year

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### ***What is the first day of school and what will it look like?***

The first day of school for the 2021-2022 school year is Thursday, September 2. We want to share the following details with you about what school will look like in the Fall:

- School will be in-person five days a week
- Students will attend school for a full day
- Bus routes will pick up and return students as usual
- School start and end times will return to pre-COVID schedules (see school websites for bell schedules)
- As of the date of this message, masks are required for students and staff (more information below)

### ***What will school meals look like?***

- Breakfast and lunch will be made available for every student at no cost

### ***What school is my student enrolled in for fall?***

Your student has been automatically enrolled in their neighborhood school. If your student is transitioning to middle or high school, they are enrolled in their neighborhood school.

If your student was NOT enrolled in the school district during the 2020-2021 school year and you did not re enroll them this spring, they are NOT currently enrolled and are not registered for school next fall. If this is the case, please enroll your child(ren) now by contacting your

neighborhood school or by clicking [here](#) for online registration instructions for new students and kindergarten enrollment.

### ***What if I don't want my student to return to in-person school?***

If families prefer a distance learning option for the 2021-2022 school year, the options are as follows:

- Students in grades K-8 who would prefer remote learning must contact [Saratoga School](#)
  - Saratoga School offers a “parent partnership” experience using both online and textbase courses.
- Students in grades 9-12 who would prefer online/remote learning must contact [Lincoln Hill High School](#).
  - Lincoln Hill High School offers a remote online learning option.

### ***Will my student have to wear a mask?***

Yes. On Wednesday, July 28th, Governor Inslee announced that the schools must continue to abide by the legal requirements and policies [as published here](#) regarding mask wearing in K-12 schools. The state has reiterated that mask wearing is a "legal requirement that all districts will follow."

### ***What are the approved exceptions to mask wearing?***

[The Washington State Secretary of Health's Mask Order](#) clarifies that face coverings are not required by:

- Those under 2 years of age.
- People with a medical condition, mental health condition, developmental or cognitive condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes, but is not limited to, people with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- Those who are deaf or hard of hearing, and those who provide their instruction and use facial and mouth movements as part of communication.
- In rare circumstances when a cloth face covering cannot be worn, students and staff may use a clear face covering or a face shield with a drape or wrap as an alternative to a cloth face covering. If used, face shields should extend below the chin, wrap around to the ears, and have no gap at the forehead.
- Younger students age 2 to 4 years old must be supervised when wearing a face covering or face shield. These students may need help with their masks and getting used to wearing them.

### ***What are my options if I do not want my student to wear a mask at school?***

Students or families that do not intend to wear masks to school (assuming they will be required to wear them in September) may access our online, remote and parent-directed learning programs through Saratoga School and Lincoln Hill High School. Information about these options can be found at the school's website (see above).

***If the mask mandate is lifted, can my student still wear a mask at school?***

Yes

***My student has been vaccinated, do they have to wear a mask at school?***

Yes. The state of Washington is requiring masks be worn by students and staff at school regardless of vaccination status.

***Is the school district requiring my students to be vaccinated?***

No, the school district is not mandating vaccinations for students or staff. Vaccination mandates can only be issued by the State Board of Health.

***What are the requirements for sports and extracurriculars?***

More information will be available by August 16. We are waiting for guidance from the Snohomish County Department of Health.