

# Velma-Alma Public Schools

## Return to School Elementary Guidelines

### Arrival & Dismissal

As students arrive at school in the morning, they will be directed to go to their respective classrooms through designated entrances. Staff members will be on hand to check the temperature of each individual student upon arrival. Students will not be gathered in large groups to wait for the school day to begin. Parents will not be allowed to escort their children into the building. All parents will be asked to remain in their cars and drive through the drop-off line to ensure a safe exit from and entrance into their family vehicles. While awaiting dismissal, students will remain in their classrooms, still following social distancing guidelines.

### Breakfast & Lunch

Students will wash hands prior to eating. As much as possible, the children will be seated in the cafeteria in a manner to allow for distancing. When cafeteria space is limited, students will be directed to eat in an alternate location to provide for distancing. Students may choose to either bring their lunch, or eat a meal prepared by cafeteria staff. Parents/Guests will not be allowed to drop-off lunches throughout the day to the school or cafeteria. No guests will be allowed to eat lunch on-site as long as the threat of COVID exposure is prevalent.

### Snacks

No classwide snacks will be allowed or distributed at school. Students in grade levels where snacks are allowed may bring individually wrapped snacks for themselves.

### Supplies

Sharing of supplies such as crayons, markers, scissors, and pencils will not be permitted. Students will keep their individual supplies separated from those of others in individually labeled containers or cubbies. Any manipulatives needed for instructional purposes will be sanitized prior to use by another student.

### Recess

A recess schedule will be developed that allows a daily outdoor playtime for all students, while being mindful of overcrowding.

### Masks for Elementary Students

While facemasks for elementary students will not be required, they are recommended. Masks will be encouraged anytime social distancing is difficult to accomplish. Practices such as mask-wearing will be more feasible the older the student, as younger students may touch their faces more than usual when wearing a mask.

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME)

### Water Fountains and Restrooms

As school opens, all traditional water fountains will be shut off. Students and staff are encouraged to bring filled water bottles, or other non-breakable water containers to school with them. The water bottle filling station in the cafeteria will remain connected and available to students and faculty. Student and staff restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized multiple times a day by custodial staff. We have purchased disinfectant foggers to sanitize these areas, and they will be utilized often.

### Covid-19 Symptoms At School

If a teacher suspects that a student may have COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will contact the office to arrange for an adult to come to the classroom to escort the student to an isolation room. Parents will be contacted immediately to pick up their child and seek a medical opinion. Please revert to the district plan regarding COVID exposure and procedures for detailed information.