

# RACETTE SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN

## 2020-2021

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The following plan was developed for the safe re-entry of students and staff to Racette School. It was developed in conjunction with the re-entry plan set out by St. Paul Education as well as the guidelines provided by the Alberta government and Alberta Health Services.

Please note that this plan is subject to change as more information becomes available.

### Changes to the Calendar

- The first day of school for Grade 6 and 8 students will be Tuesday, September 8, 2020.
- The first day of school for Grade 7 and 9 students will be Wednesday, September 9, 2020.
- All students will begin attending school daily on Thursday, September 10, 2020.
- September 21, 2020 will be a regular class day (no longer a PD Day).

### Self Screening Checklist

- Students (with parent assistance) and staff will be required to complete the [self screening checklist](#) daily **before arriving at school**.
- Completion of the checklist will be based on the honor system.
- A copy of the checklist will be sent home once as well as posted on the school website.

### Pre-Existing Conditions

- Students with pre-existing conditions may have symptoms similar to COVID-19. These students should have a COVID-19 test conducted prior to returning to school. A negative test will help establish a baseline of health.
- Parents/Guardians should notify the school of any pre-existing condition and its symptoms.
- If a student develops symptoms that are outside of the established baseline, a COVID-19 test will be necessary before returning to school.

### Masks

- Masks are mandatory for all staff and Grade 4-12 students. Two reusable face masks will be provided. Student masks will be dispersed on the first day of school.
- Masks must be worn while in shared areas of the school, in the hallways, and on the bus.

- Masks can be removed in classrooms during instruction and when physical distancing of 2 meters is maintained. If the required 2 meters cannot be established and/or maintained, masks will need to be worn in the classroom.
- Masks do not have to be worn when students are engaged in physical activity either in PE class or during lunch break.
- Any mask exemption must be approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

### **Student Entry and Bus Arrival**

- **Doors will open at 8:15 a.m.**
- Masks are required upon entry to the building for students, staff, and visitors.
- Grade 8 and 9 students will enter the school through the main entrance doors.
- Grade 6 and 7 students will enter the school through the south entrance doors of the 2-storey wing under the black canopy.
- As students arrive at school:
  - a staff member will be at both entrance doors.
  - the staff member will welcome students, provide hand sanitizer, and direct students to their designated areas:
    - Grade 6 - downstairs hallway
    - Grade 7 - upstairs hallway
    - Grade 8 - gym balcony
    - Grade 9 - cafeteria
  - supervision will be in place in the designated student areas.
- Outdoor supervision will be in place for students arriving on busses. The supervisor will ensure only one bus unloads students at a time.
- Parents will drop students off on the west side of the school.

### **Students Dismissal and Bus Pick-up**

- Student dismissal will be staggered:
  - Grade 6 - 3:07 p.m.
  - Grade 7 - 3:10 p.m.
  - Grade 8 - 3:14 p.m.
  - Grade 9 - 3:17 p.m.
- As each grade level is dismissed, students will go to their lockers to collect their things and proceed outside to walk home, be picked up, or wait for the bus.
- Students waiting for the bus will do so in front of the school in grade level cohorts:
  - Grade 6 - on the basketball court
  - Grade 7 - by the sign
  - Grade 8 - on the main sidewalk
  - Grade 9 - by the benches

- Students will wear masks and practice physical distancing while waiting for their busses.
- Supervisors will be on duty outside.
- Supervisor calling out busses will ask the bus driver about bus seating plans.
- In inclement weather, students will wait for busses at their designated grade level areas inside the school.

## **Busses**

- Grade 4-12 students must wear masks on the bus.
- Bus seats will be assigned. Households will be seated together.
- Bus drivers will provide school admin with their seating plans.
- Eating will not be permitted on the bus.

## **Cohorts**

- Each grade group (for example, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3...) will have a homeroom classroom.
- Teachers will move to the homeroom classes (classrooms) that they teach.
- Physical Education class will be in the gymnasium.
- For some option classes, students will move to their specialty classrooms:
  - Cree room
  - Art room
  - Shop room
  - Home Ec room
  - Music room (occasionally)
- Option classes:
  - Grade 7, 8, 9 Core French / Cree
    - students will remain with their homeroom cohort
    - taught over the full year
    - Cree students will move to their specialty room
  - Grade 7, 8, 9 Art / Music / Careers
    - taught in trimesters (approximately three months each in length)
    - all students will rotate through these courses
    - Art students will move to their specialty room. Music students will move to their specialty room occasionally.
  - Grade 7, 8, 9 Home Ec / Shop / Outdoor Ed
    - taught in trimesters (approximately three months each in length)
    - all students will rotate through these courses
    - Home Ec and Shop students will move to their specialty rooms. Outdoor Ed students will move to their specialty room occasionally.

- Grade 6 Core French / Cree
  - students will remain with their homeroom cohort
  - taught over the full year
  - Cree students will move to their specialty room. This cohort will combine with the other Grade 6 Cree cohort for class.
- Grade 6 Music
  - students will remain with their homeroom cohort
  - taught over the full year
  - Music students will move to their specialty room occasionally.

### **Hallways**

- All students and staff will be required to wear masks while in hallways or common areas.

### **Breaks**

- Students will receive a three minute break between classes either in the classroom or in a designated hallway (by grade level rotation).
- Masks will need to be worn. Physical distancing is expected to be maintained.

### **Lunch and Lunch Rooms**

- Students will eat during one of two staggered lunch breaks. Grades 8 and 9 students will have lunch first. Grades 6 and 7 students will have lunch second.
- Grade 8 and 9 lunch break will be from 11:26 a.m. - 11:56 a.m.
  - Grade 8 students will eat on the gym balcony organized in homeroom cohorts.
    - On even days, Grade 8 students will have access to the gym after eating.
  - Grade 9 students will eat in the cafeteria organized in homeroom cohorts.
    - On odd days, Grade 9 students will have access to the gym after eating.
- Grade 6 and 7 lunch break will be from 11:58 a.m. - 12:28 p.m.
  - Grade 6 students will eat on the gym balcony organized in homeroom cohorts.
    - On even days, Grade 6 students will have access to the gym after eating.
  - Grade 7 students will eat in the cafeteria organized in homeroom cohorts.
    - On odd days, Grade 7 students will have access to the gym after eating.
- After eating, students will be able to go outside and use the soccer field, basketball court, and swings. Physical distancing must be adhered to.
  - On even days, Grade 6 and 8 students will have access to the soccer field and swings. On odd days, they will have access to the basketball court.

- On odd days, Grade 7 and 9 students will have access to the soccer field and swings. On even days, they will have access to the basketball court.
- Supervisors will take the ball cart outside.
- Students are strongly encouraged to remain on school property during lunch break.

## **Food in School**

- Breakfast Program
  - Breakfast items will be individually packaged.
  - A staff member will have a basket of breakfast items for each grade level cohort area.
  - The staff member, masked and gloved, will distribute the breakfast items to students who request it.
- Lunch
  - Students who forget lunch will be able to access lunch items from the conference room next to the cafeteria.
  - Lunch items will be individually wrapped and given to students by a designated staff member who will be masked and gloved.
- Food Services
  - Racette's cafeteria kitchen is leased to an outside vendor (DAC).
  - The vendor will provide a menu that is shared with parents via the school website and newsletters.
  - Students can purchase lunch from the cafeteria kitchen and eat it in their designated eating area.
  - Parents are able to purchase a meal card with the vendor to reduce exchange of money.
  - Four microwaves will be in each designated eating area (cafeteria and gym balcony).
- Safe food handling will be practiced at all times.

## **Gym Change Rooms**

- Lockers in gym change rooms will be unavailable to students.
- Gym clothes and shoes will be kept in the student's main locker.
- For PE class, students will require shorts or sweats, a T-shirt, running shoes, and deodorant (no spray deodorants).
- In small groups, students will change in the gym change room areas or in the washrooms outside the gym.

## **Lockers**

- Students will be assigned one large hallway locker.
- Lockers will be staggered.
- Students will go to their lockers before period 1 to collect books needed for morning classes and again in period 4 to collect books needed for afternoon classes. Students may use their backpacks to carry their books to their homeroom classroom.
- Students must be mindful of others and limit locker time to reduce traffic and congestion in hallways.

## **Desks and Tables**

- In each homeroom classroom, students will have their own desk.
- In the cafeteria, the round tables have been replaced with desks and chairs.
- The balcony eating area has large tables with 2 chairs per table.
- Specialty classrooms have been set up with individual workspaces using desks or tables. These will be cleaned prior to another class using them.

## **Shared Technology**

- Students will be assigned their own Chromebook to use. It will not be used by others.
- Students will be responsible for plugging their own Chromebook into the cart.

## **Extra-curricular/School Sports**

- School sports will run, but for practices only. There is no league or tournament play.
- AHS guidelines will be followed for the safe return of athletics in school.
- Attendance will be taken at every practice.
- Students will have access to the change rooms, but occupancy will be limited.
- Students will only be allowed to join school sports if they are not participating in another extracurricular activity (for example, hockey or 4-H). A 14-day waiting period is required if a student would like to switch activities.
- Spectators will not be allowed in the participant spaces.

## **Visitors**

- All visitors to the school will be required to complete the [self screening checklist](#).
- All visitors must fill out a visitor log upon checking in at the school office.

## School Council Meetings

- School Council meetings are typically hosted on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Meetings will be held in the cafeteria.
- All those in attendance will be required to wear a mask.
- Tentative schedule:
  - September 17, 2020
  - October 15, 2020
  - November 19, 2020
  - January 21, 2021
  - February 18, 2021
  - March 18, 2021
  - April 15, 2021
  - May 20, 2021