



Minnewasta

Return to School Plan 21-22

Updated: August 30th, 2021

*This document will be updated regularly according
to changing public health orders and school
protocols set forth by the Province of Manitoba.*

Divisional / Provincial Plans

- While the following pages indicate the procedures and plans our school will be using, the division has created a plan for the schools to follow/base their plans from.
- If you would like more information on our Divisional documents related to COVID-19, please follow the link below:
 - [https://www.westernsd.mb.ca/Division/Pages/COVID-19.aspx#/ =](https://www.westernsd.mb.ca/Division/Pages/COVID-19.aspx#/=)
- If you would like access to the “Restoring Safe Schools Guide for 2021-2022” that the Province of Manitoba has created, please follow the link below:
 - https://news.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/newslinks/2021/08/K-12_FallPlanning_Aug2021_FNL.pdf

Safety Planning

- ♦ Staff and students will continue to follow the fundamentals (self-screening, hand hygiene, and staying home when sick).
- ♦ Cohorts will be used at our school again this year to limit exposure to other groups both outside and in the building.
- ♦ Masks are required for all staff, visitors, and students (K-12).
 - ♦ Masks are also required while riding the bus.
 - ♦ We will encourage physical distancing and put systems in place to manage the flow of people in common areas to minimize crowding.
- ♦ We will continue to use staggered recesses, lunch breaks, and separate entry / exit doors for each cohort.
- ♦ Water fountains will continue to be “touchless” – they can fill up a water bottle but cannot drink from the fountain.
- ♦ Sharing toys, manipulatives, is permitted provided good hygiene takes place before and after use.

Safety Planning Continued

- ♦ We will continue to have hand sanitizing stations at each entry / exit.
- ♦ Music will continue to be held in classrooms until our new portable classroom arrives.
- ♦ Physical Education will take place both in the gymnasium and outside.
- ♦ Visitors will be able to enter the school(mask required). If you are requiring your child to be picked up, you can either check in at the office to take them, or you can call the office from outside and we will send them out.
 - ♦ If your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms at school, they will be sent home.
 - ♦ Parents will be required to stay in their vehicles when they get here. They must call the office and their child will be walked out to them from the isolation room.

Updated Mask Mandate / Staff Vaccine Mandate

- ♦ As directed by the Province, all staff must either:
 - ♦ Provide proof of full vaccination
 - ♦ Submit to regular COVID testing (up to 3 times/week) and demonstrate proof of a negative COVID-19 test result.
- ♦ As per Public Health Orders, masks are required in schools for students in all grades (K-12) as well as for staff and visitors.
- ♦ Will work towards planning for mask breaks.
- ♦ Masks can be taken off outside.

Cohorts

- ♦ Students will be divided into **6 cohorts** for the upcoming school year. This means that children will be placed into groups to ensure mixing with other groups does not happen.
 - ♦ Children in like-cohorts are still asked to stay distanced to the greatest extent. Space between seating in classrooms will be, at minimum, one-meter distancing.
 - ♦ Students, when outside at recess with their cohort, are still advised to keep distance between them and other students even if they are in their class.
- **Cohort 1** – Mrs. Bergen Gr. 1/ Mrs. Hamm Gr. 1/ Miss Dyck Gr. 1
 - **Cohort 2** – Mrs. Zacharias Gr. 1/ Mrs. Fehr Grade 2/ Mr. Prokopetz Gr. 2
 - **Cohort 3** – Mr. Klassen Gr. 3/4/ Mrs. R. Klassen Gr. 3/ Mrs. Robertson Gr. 3
 - **Cohort 4** – Ms. Kulbaba Gr. 4/ Mrs. Thomson Gr. 4/ Mrs. Yake Gr. 4
 - **Cohort 5** – Ms. Rose Gr. 3/ Mrs. Huang-Chiappetta Gr. 2
 - **Cohort 6**
 - A. Mrs. Barrett AM K/ Mrs. Findlay AM K
 - B. Mrs. Barrett PM K



Cohort 1

- Comprised of Mrs. Bergen's Grade 1 class, Mrs. Hamm's Grade 1 class, and Miss Dyck's Grade 1 class.
- Classrooms are located down the West hallway.
- Students will enter and exit through the West doors (pictured).
- Students will use the bathrooms in the main hallway (only 2 students will be permitted at a time).



Cohort 2

- Comprised of Mrs. Fehr's Grade 2 class, Mr. Prokopetz's Grade 2 class, and Mrs. Zacharias' Grade 1 class.
- Classrooms are located down the East hallway.
- Students will enter and exit through the East doors (pictured).
- Students will use the bathrooms in the gymnasium (only 1 student will be permitted at a time).



Cohort 3

- Comprised of Mr. C. Klassen's Grade 3/4 class, Mrs. R. Klassen's Grade 3 class, and Mrs. Robertson's Grade 3 class.
- These classes are in portable classrooms located North of the school building.
- Students will enter and exit the school through the North-West door (pictured) located by the gymnasium. When students arrive to school, they will go directly to their portable classroom without entering the main school building. When students leave school, they will do so directly from their portable classroom.
- Students will use the bathrooms in the main hallway (only 2 students will be permitted at a time).



Cohort 4

- Comprised of Ms. Kulbaba's Grade 4 class, Mrs. Thomson's Grade 4 class, and Mrs. Yake's Grade 4 class.
- Ms. Kulbaba's class and Mrs. Yake's class are in portable classrooms North of the school. Mrs. Thomson's class is in the main building.
- Students will enter and exit the school through the North-East door (pictured) located by the gymnasium. Ms. Kulbaba's students and Mrs. Yake's students will go straight to their portable classroom when they arrive at school. They will also leave school from their portable classroom. Mrs. Thomson's class will arrive to school and exit from school through the North-East doors. Students will use the bathrooms in the gymnasium (only 1 student will be permitted at a time).

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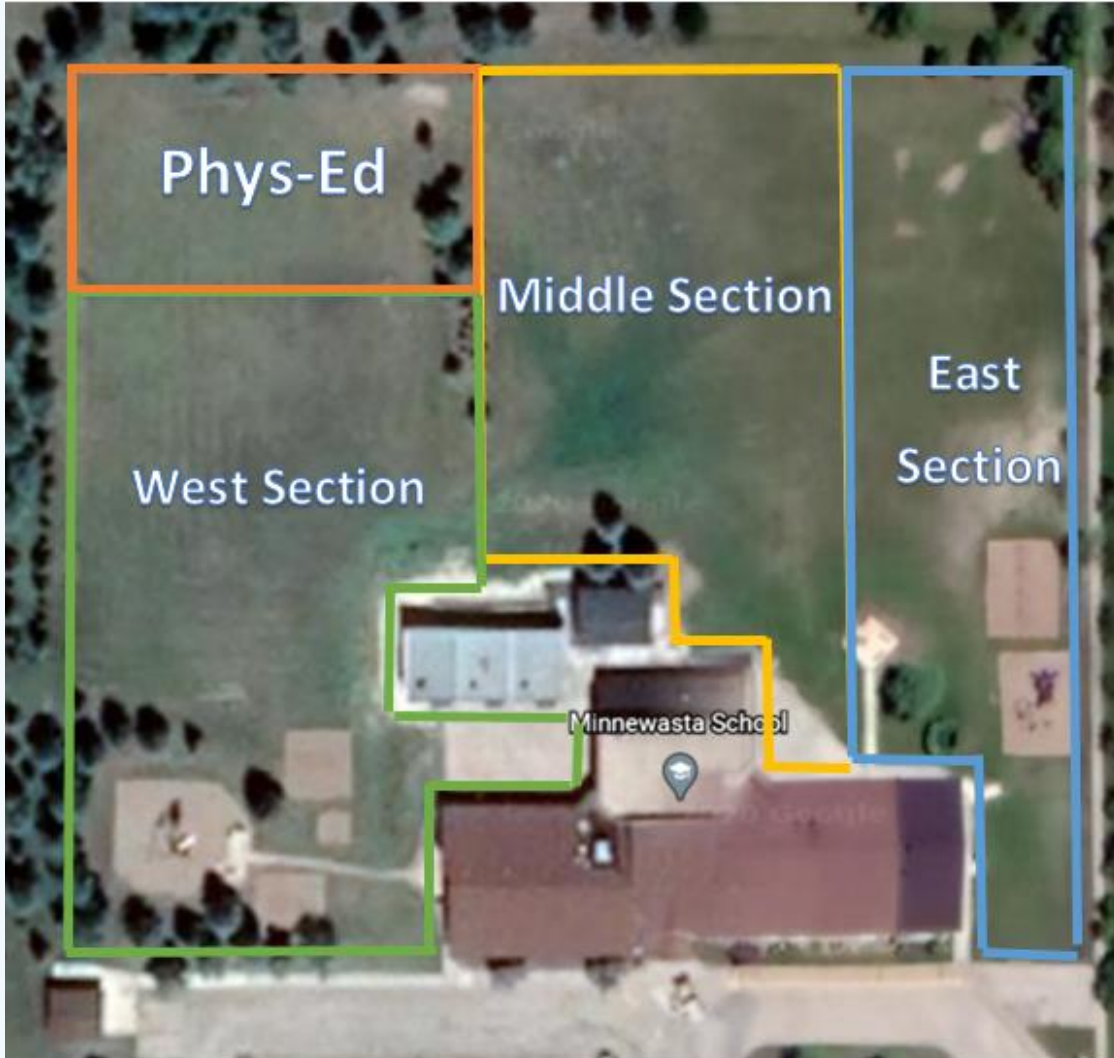
Cohort 5

- Comprised of Ms. Rose's Grade 3 class and Mrs. Huang-Chiappetta's Grade 2 class.
- Classrooms are in the central area of the school.
- Students will enter and exit through the front doors of the school (pictured).
- Students will use the bathrooms in the main hallway (only 2 students will be permitted at a time).



Cohort 6

- Comprised of Mrs. Barrett's Kindergarten classes and Mrs. Findlay's Kindergarten class.
 - As Kindergarten students only come for half days, 6A will be considered the morning cohort and 6B will be considered the afternoon cohort.
- Classrooms are located down the West hallway.
- Students will enter/exit through the exit door at the back of Mrs. Barrett's classroom (pictured).
- Students will use the bathroom in Mrs. Barrett's classroom (only 1 student will be permitted at a time).



Recess Information

- Recesses/lunches will be staggered this year, and the school playground will be separated so only 1 cohort is in each section at a time.
- The morning recess and afternoon recess will happen at two different times.
- Morning Recess:
 - 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (3 cohorts will be outside in their own sections during this time)
 - 10:35 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. (3 cohorts will be outside in their own sections during this time)
- Afternoon Recess:
 - 1:50 p.m. to 2:05 p.m. (3 cohorts will be outside in their own sections during this time)
 - 2:10 p.m. to 2:25 p.m. (3 cohorts will be outside in their own sections during this time)

Recess Schedule

Location to rotate between 3 sections of the playground

Morning Recess Schedule

- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 - Cohort 1
 - Cohort 2
 - Cohort 5
- 10:35 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
 - Cohort 3
 - Cohort 4
 - Cohort 6

Afternoon Recess Schedule

- 1:50 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.
 - Cohort 3
 - Cohort 4
 - Cohort 6
- 2:10 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.
 - Cohort 1
 - Cohort 2
 - Cohort 5

Lunch Information

- 3 cohorts will eat inside between 12:00 p.m. and 12:25 p.m. while the other 2 cohorts will be outside for recess (Cohort 6 does not stay for lunch breaks).
- At 12:25 p.m. the students from outside will come inside to eat. The students inside will begin cleaning up at 12:25 p.m. and then head outside for recess at 12:30 p.m. Students will return to regular class instruction at 12:55 p.m.
- Students are not to share food or water at our school.

Cohorts 1, 2, and 5

- 12:00 - 12:25 eat lunch in their own classrooms
- 12:25 students clean up
- 12:30 students go outside for recess
- 12:55 students return to their classrooms through designated entry/exit doors

Cohorts 3 and 4

- 12:00 - 12:25 students go outside for recess
- 12:25 students return to their classrooms through designated entry/exit doors
- 12:30 - 12:55 eat lunch in their own classrooms
- 12:55 students clean up

Before School / After School Enter/Exit

Before School 8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

- All children will come in through their own cohort specific entrance/exit doors.
- They will go straight to their classroom and into their assigned spot.
- Students will be at their own spots to do activities (reading, writing, drawing).
- Supervision for classrooms will be in place.

PARENTS: Please do not send or drop off children before 8:30 a.m. If possible, a drop-off of as close to 8:50 a.m. would be ideal!

IF DROPPING OFF A STUDENT LATE, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE. THE OFFICE WILL THEN NOTIFY THEIR CLASSROOM TEACHER AND THE TEACHER WILL MEET THE STUDENT AT THEIR DESIGNATED ENTER/EXIT DOORS

After School (staggered exits)

- 3:20 p.m. – Cohort 3 and 4 bus students will leave through their entrance/exit doors and maintain physical distancing on the way to the bus. Cohort 3 will exit around the West side of the building to the front of the school, Cohort 4 will exit around the East side of the building to the front of the school. Students will maintain physical distancing on the way to the bus.
- 3:25 p.m. - Cohort 1 and 2 bus students will leave through their entrance/exit doors at opposite sides of the school and maintain physical distancing on the way to the bus.
- 3:27 p.m. – Cohort 5 and 6 bus students will walk to the bus while maintaining physical distancing (A teacher from Cohort 6 will walk with their students).
- 3:40 p.m. - Any remaining students in all Cohorts walking or being picked up from school, will leave from their entrance/exit doors.



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For further information
regarding the return to school
please feel free to call us at 204-
822-4580.

Thank you, and welcome back!