

Dear Preschool Families:

With the school opening update released from the Weld RE-4 School District last week, I would like to address some specific information pertaining to preschool. Preschool will be following the same guidelines set forth by the district with a few modifications based on child care licensing guidance from the [Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood](#):

1. Preschool drop-off/pick-up, including sign-in and health checks, will occur outside the school building and children will be escorted into the building by staff. This will facilitate social distancing during drop-off and pick-up. Parents will not be allowed to enter the classrooms at this time. In order to ease traffic congestion with elementary students, preschool session times will be as follows:
 - AM session: 8:05 am - 10:50 am
 - PM session: 11:55 am - 2:40 pm
2. All preschool staff will be required to wear masks and preschoolers are also encouraged to wear masks to the extent that they are able. According to CDHS, "Children ages 3 years and older should wear face coverings, if possible. Children should be supervised when wearing face coverings; if the face covering is creating discomfort or resulting in the child touching their face frequently reconsider whether a face covering is appropriate for that child." With this in mind, we ask that you work with your child to practice using a mask in order for them to become more comfortable with this experience prior to the start of the school year.
3. Preschool will not be offering an online-only option at this time. Our class sizes are limited to 16 children per classroom, with one teacher and one paraprofessional. This lends itself to a natural cohort.

As in the past, home visits will be offered for incoming preschoolers the week of August 12-18, however these will look a little different by being held virtually or outdoors, observing adequate social distancing. Preschool orientation will be on August 19 (more information to follow) and the first regular day of preschool will be August 20.

Tuition families only - due to the uncertainty of our times, we ask that you pay tuition monthly rather than in full for the year.

Kind Regards,

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Weld RE-4 School District