

Dear Preschool Families:

With the announcement of the delay to the first day of school for K-12 students, there have been questions regarding the impact on Weld RE-4 preschools. Due to the Colorado Department of Education instructional hours requirements for Colorado Preschool Program students, preschool will maintain the original start date of August 20. Preschool Orientation will be held virtually, August 19. While the start date will not be affected, the following changes are being implemented to align with the district:

- Preschool class sessions will now take place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday with Wednesday being a non-student planning day for preschool teachers. This will allow for deep cleaning mid-week and align with the district in the event that elementary schools need to implement the hybrid learning model. At this time, preschool will not be impacted if the elementary school goes into the hybrid model. Session times will be -
 - AM session: 8:05 am - 10:50 am
 - PM session: 11:55 am - 2:40 pm
- The 2-day, “Young 3s” session has been eliminated for the 2020-2021 school year. All preschool sessions will be 4-day with classes balanced to promote physical distancing during the preschool day.
- Additionally, preschool families will be asked for a monetary snack donation this year, rather than contributing store-bought snacks for the class as in the past. The recommended amount is \$50 for the year, or \$25 in the fall and spring. This money will be used to purchase snacks through Weld RE4 School District’s Nutrition Services Department and is being implemented as a further safety measure to protect students from the spread of illness. More details will be provided at preschool orientation.

Preschool classrooms will continue to serve as the cohort for this age group with no more than 16 children per class and two adults. With physical classroom locations somewhat removed from the main elementary school population, these groups will provide the limited interactions recommended by health experts. As stated in an earlier correspondence, other precautions such as face coverings, symptom monitoring, hand washing and increased cleaning will also be utilized. We will continue to keep you updated during this time of rapid change. Teachers will be contacting families in their individual classes beginning the second week of August.