



Redwater School Relaunch Guidebook

Please refer to the SPS Relaunch Guidebook for Division Guidelines

[Sturgeon Public Schools 2021 2022 School Year Plan](#)

Government Guidelines for School Re-entry:

[GoA Preparing for a new School Year Website link](#)

Welcome to Redwater School 2021-22 School Year

We are so happy to be able to welcome our students and families back to school. We recognize that we are living in different times and we want to ensure to everyone that you will be cared for as we continue our learning journey.

This guide will provide you with how we are addressing the protocols for the school year. There may be changes as we progress through the pandemic and this school year, and we will do our best to ensure the safety and wellness of our students and staff.

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School Operations – what school will look like

Exterior School Doors

All exterior doors will be locked. Appointments can be made by calling the school. Parents and visitors will need to continue to ring the doorbell if they are coming to school and check in at the office. We would appreciate a call ahead.

Student Arrival and Entry

Doors to the school will open at 8:15 am. Students must use their assigned door, sanitize their hands upon entry, and go directly to their assigned homeroom class each day. Please do not send your child to school early so we can avoid large gatherings outside the doors. Supervision begins at 8:15 am. Staff will be at the doors to welcome students in.

Parents may not enter the school to escort their child to their classrooms.

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Students coming to school on the bus, must follow the guidelines set out by the driver for seating, loading and unloading.

Entrances/Exits

Upon entry through the assigned doors, students will practice proper hand hygiene through sanitizing or washing hands.

Grades 10-12 & GOALS Front entrance door

Grades 7-9 Door by the portables in JH (North side)

Grades 5 & 6 Elementary doors (South side)

Student Flow within the school

Physical distancing will be practiced as much as possible. We will as much as possible, have only one cohort in the hallways at a time. This will be accomplished through staggering movement times. Masks are not required in the hallways and common areas, and bathrooms at this time. Should the child choose to wear one that is their choice.

Masks

Masks are optional in school.

Masks on the Bus

Masks remain mandatory for students, teachers, staff members and visitors on school buses and publicly accessible transit, such as municipal buses, taxis, and ride-shares.

- Exceptions to the mask requirement on school buses are listed in CMOH Order 34-2021.

Recess/Breaks/Playgrounds

Staggered recess times are established. Students will be informed of their times.

- Students are encouraged to stay within their cohort group during breaks and recess as much as possible.
- Students will be **consistently reminded to practice physical distancing** as much as possible while making use of playground equipment.
- Students must practice proper hand hygiene before and after using the playground.
- As much as possible, avoid the use of shared toys or sports equipment on the playground. If shared toys and sports equipment are used on the playground:
 - o it will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use, or
 - o users must perform hand hygiene before and after each use.

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Playground use - before and after school

Schools will not be assigning staff to supervise playground equipment before and after school. To support safety, this equipment will be off limits to students during these times.

Families who wish to take children to the playground at other times of the day are encouraged to follow the province's [Guidance for Playgrounds](#) to use the equipment as safely as possible.

Snack time

Snack times for elementary students when given will be within the cohorts, and in the student's homerooms. Proper hand hygiene will be adhered to. Sharing of food is not permitted. Students must bring their own food, drinks, and utensils and **microwaves will be available however this practice may change due to COVID Protocols.**

Lunch time

Grade 5 and 6: Will eat lunch with their grade cohort in their assigned area. **Students in grade 5 and 6 will not be allowed off campus during the lunch period.**

Grade 7, 8, and 9: Students will eat lunch with their grade cohort in their assigned area. If students go home for lunch, or to purchase something in town, they **MUST** have a written note from their parents indicating where they are allowed to go during this time. Otherwise **Grade 7, 8, and 9 students will not be allowed off campus during the lunch period.** Please provide the note to the homeroom teacher in advance. We will keep these for the school year. Phone calls will not be accepted to give permission. **Please plan ahead.** If students return to school late, or are not behaving appropriately, the school will revoke the privilege and contact parents.

Grade 10, 11, and 12: Students will eat their lunch in their assigned area. **Senior high students will have off campus privileges during the lunch period.** They must return on time for the afternoon classes.

In the first few weeks of school students will eat in their homerooms. Once all eating guidelines/protocols are established we will consider moving classrooms to the designated lunch room area to allow students to eat outside their classrooms in a different environment.

Food Handling

Schools will need to ensure all food handling protocols from AHS are followed including wearing of gloves and non-medical masks for anyone packaging or delivery of the pre-packaged foods. Vending machines will be operational. School store will be opening this fall. Stay tuned for the dates and what we will be offering.

Physical Education

- When possible physical education will be done outside instead of inside as the risk of transmission is more likely to occur indoors rather than outdoors.
- <https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-sports-physical-activity-and-recreation.pdf>
- Administrators and teachers should choose activities or sports that support physical distancing (e.g. badminton over wrestling).
- Equipment that must be shared should be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use, and users should perform hand hygiene before and after each use.

Music

In a space where band students could be physically distanced as much as possible. Students will participate in music classes and return to singing and playing band instruments.

Options/CTF/CTS

Junior High CTF Courses

Option classes are a great way to expose students to a variety of other topics and provide a slower-paced alternative to the rigors of core classes. Students will sign up for options during the first week back to class. Any COVID protocols will be indicated in each course.

High School CTS Courses

High school CTS courses will resume semester one and semester two as scheduled, to ensure completion of credits for high school graduation. Course outlines will indicate modifications for COVID 19 procedures.

Library

Students will be allowed to check out books from the library. We are asking that students only handle the books they intend to read.

Student Groups/Cohorts

Cohorting is not required for the 2021-2022 school year but may be recommended temporarily to prevent the spread of infection if there is a respiratory illness outbreak at school.

- High School and Junior high classes will be designated in the 200 wing.
- Elem/GOALS classes will be designated in the 300 wing.

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- Wellness Hub (Library) - masks are not mandatory and we ask that proper physical distancing is practiced.

End of School Day

To avoid congestion in the hallways, students will be released from their classrooms at staggered times. Students will exit the building through their assigned door and sanitize their hands prior to leaving. Students being picked up by their parents must meet them outside the front of the school as parents are not permitted to come to the classroom to pick up their child. Students riding the bus will proceed to the bussing area and the bus will be loaded from the back to the front or as directed by the bus driver.

Extra-Curricular Activities

SPS extra-curricular athletics and fine arts performances will resume. Sturgeon Public Schools is working with Alberta Education, Alberta Health and Education partners, including the Alberta School Athletics Association, to support athletic activities and events within the context of health measures that may be in place.

Supplies and Storage

Students will have access to lockers to store their supplies. Students are encouraged to have their own individual supplies and not to share. If you have your own electronic device, please bring it fully charged each day. Students must have their own lock. We will record locker numbers and combinations and keep them stored in the office.

Assigned Washrooms

Regular washroom access is maintained for students while schools put measures in place to attempt to reduce the number of students using a washroom at any one time. Washroom capacity will be posted, and students will be expected to wait outside the washroom while practicing physical distancing from each other if the washroom capacity is exceeded. Washrooms will be cleaned regularly. Signage will be placed about washing hands and physical distancing.

- Elementary students use the 300 wing bathrooms.
- Junior High students use bathrooms in the front foyer of the school.
- Senior High students use the bathrooms in the 200 wing.

This should be strictly adhered to.

Water Fountains/Water Bottles

Students and staff are encouraged to bring their own filled water bottle each day. Water refilling stations can be used to refill personal water bottles.

Hand sanitizing

Schools will be cleaned daily with additional measures put in place throughout the school day.

- Anyone entering the building will need to use hand sanitizer.
- Should medical exemptions from using hand sanitizer be required, those individuals will need to be escorted into the building and wash their hands prior to moving about the school.
- Sanitizer stations will be available at the various entrances during school days and outside each room within the school.
- Caretaking staff will maintain schools within SPS's pandemic cleaning protocol.