

East High School Opening Information

Dear families and friends,

We wanted to let you know about all the hard work and planning that has been happening this summer at East High School . Our primary goal is the health and safety of students, teachers, and families and so to mitigate the spread of the virus, school will be structured differently. Our Mission is a student-centered and inclusive learning community. We are dedicated to a school culture which ensures that each student has the supports and opportunities necessary to find an academic, social, and emotional place here to be BEAST (brave, engaged, accountable, safe, thoughtful). At East, the dedicated teachers, staff, parents/guardians, and community members model what it means to be BEAST by putting students first in our learning and doing, striving for ongoing improvement, and keeping our minds, hearts, and doors open to collaboration

Salt Lake City is currently in the **Orange** (Moderate Risk) phase of Utah's COVID-19 recovery plan. All instruction will be conducted remotely until the end of first quarter or our School Board, using scientific data, determines school can move to the Modified Schedule

School will begin September 8, 2020 for all East High students. Students will attend school **online** during regular school hours and will follow a standard school schedule. Teachers will teach via video conferencing technology (such as Zoom or Teams), and throughout the school week, students will experience both synchronous (live) and asynchronous learning. Below, you will find the schedule for high school students during the remote learning period.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE DURING REMOTE LEARNING						
TIME	MINUTES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00-9:25am	85	CLASS 1	CLASS 1	Small group instruction, study groups, independent work (4+ hours of student learning)	CLASS 1	CLASS 1
9:25-9:30am	5	break	break		break	break
9:30-10:55am	85	CLASS 2	CLASS 2		CLASS 2	CLASS 2
10:55-11:30am	30	lunch	lunch		lunch	lunch
11:30am-12:55pm	85	CLASS 3	CLASS 3		CLASS 3	CLASS 3
12:55-1:00pm	5	break	break		break	break
1:00-2:25pm	85	CLASS 4	CLASS 4		CLASS 4	CLASS 4

East Strategies for Fall 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

Please keep in mind that we are trying to remain as flexible as possible without compromising safety or learning. Therefore, **answers to these questions may change**. We will do our best to keep you informed of changes that we make. Also, most of these questions apply to in-person learning, which is not guaranteed.

Q Will my student be in school everyday?

A School will begin September 8, 2020 for all East High students. Students will attend school online during regular school hours and will follow a standard school schedule. . On Wednesdays, they will have online learning requirements designed by their team of teachers.

Q When does a school day begin and end?

A First period begins at 8:00am, each class is 85 minutes long. Students will have a 5 minute break before the next class begins. The last class of the day ends at 2:25 pm. Students attend 4 live classes during the school day.

Q Are there things my student and I should be doing now to prepare for school?

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- At least a week before school starts students should begin building a routine by getting up early, eating breakfast, reading for 30 mins etc.
- We recommend preparing a learning space in your home, it doesn't have to be anything fancy. Somewhere comfortable with minimal distractions, especially electronics.
- Ask your student how you can support them as a student, then make a plan together, communicate your expectations clearly; and tell them you believe they can handle whatever situation we are in when school starts.

Q What is the new Connections Class?

A Your student will be scheduled into a Connections Course. Their Connections teacher who will serve as your main point of contact with the school. We know that this new learning paradigm presents new challenges for all of us and communication between the school, family and student will be key. We want you to feel supported as we work together this year.

Q What technology help is available to students?

A We are working hard to ensure that all students will have access to a digital device. Systems are being put in place to connect families to technology support and internet access. East High Connections teachers will be stopping by your home to drop off information and supplies. We are hoping to also include a laptop if you indicated the need for technology or internet. Additional days will be announced for drive-through pick up technology. In addition, laptops may be checked-out at District Community Centers

Q What should I buy in terms of school supplies?

A We will be creating BEAST BOXES for each student. These kits will include the supplies needed for remote learning as well as some things needed when we transition to the in-person hybrid schedule.
"School supply kits" are free to every student, but if you are able to make a financial donation to offset the cost of these kits for your student or other students, that would be a most helpful way of supporting our school community.

Q Which days will my student come to school when school resumes in the hybrid model? Do I have a choice? When will I know?

A As parents completed registration they could select which day their student preferred to attend.

Q What happens if I decide to keep my student at home everyday?

A While we are doing everything we can to mitigate the risks of spreading the virus, we recognize that there are a variety of reasons why you may not want to send your student to school at this time. We are committed to working with every student and family to ensure access to a quality education regardless of whether it is online or through the approved modified schedule.

Q What sanitation measures will be taken in the school building?

A Custodians will sanitize frequent touch points and restrooms throughout the day. Plexiglass barriers are being installed in front offices, libraries and other areas. Staff and students will have access to hand sanitizer and sanitizing solution. The building has also been deep cleaned over the summer break and will continue to be throughout the year. The custodians will have additional time dedicated to disinfect the building after the school day. All custodial work will be done in accordance to CDC guidelines.

Q How do I get the latest information on what is happening at East

A We will be using SchoolMessenger to send updates via phone and email to parents. Our website www.east.slcschools.org and Facebook account will be updated with any new information. We recommend that parents opt in for text messages from East and our District Office to quickly inform you of any new changes.
<https://www.slcschools.org/news/2018-19/opt-in-for-district-text-messages/>

Q What is the schedule in the Hybrid Modell?

Implementation to ensure safety and excellence

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- A modified schedule where most students will attend school 1 day a week and complete coursework at home 4 days a week
- An option to engage in fully online school
- Reduction in class size, ¼of the student body will be in attendance Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Creation and utilization of outdoor learning spaces and learning hubs.
- A Connection for every student and their family
- Additional academic in-person support on Wednesdays.

High School Hybrid Schedule					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-School Group	Group A	Group B	Digital Supports & Remote Learning	Group C	Group D
Online Groups	Groups B, C, D	Groups A, C, C		Groups A, B, D	Groups A,B,C

Q Will my student be required to wear a mask? Are they provided by the school?

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Yes. Current mandates from the Governor's office require face masks. Therefore, all people in our school building would be required to wear a face mask. Each student will be allocated two masks. One will be in the Student Beast Box and the other will be available at the school when needed. We direct families in need of masks to the Utah State Coronavirus website (<https://coronavirus.utah.gov/mask/>) where you can get at least one free mask for every family member. This may take a few weeks to process, so we would recommend requesting your mask early. Alternatively, there are many instructional [videos](#) for making your own mask.

Q What if I have further questions?

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Please add your questions [here](#). To be efficient and address questions in a timely manner, we have created a centralized spot to submit questions rather than emailing individuals with questions. We will send out updated FAQ as we receive questions.