

Esther Jackson Elementary School

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Dear Esther Jackson Community,

IMPORTANT: SCHEDULE CHANGE TAKING PLACE NEXT WEEK FOR ALL ESTHER JACKSON STUDENTS

With PHASE III beginning Monday, September 21, all Fulton County Schools have been asked to transition to a typical school day in order to establish routines, expectations and behaviors. This means, on Sept. 21, students will begin following Esther Jackson's 2020-21 Master Schedule, which provides specific times for learning, special areas, lunch, recess, and other instructional programs. Teachers will communicate specifics of your child's schedule in her weekly email.

In Phase III, students in grades PreK-5 are invited to school one day per week. Unfortunately, there is no easy transition process. The Master Schedule is new for everyone and may present challenges for families with children of different age levels. We are providing this information so families can begin to plan accordingly as the transition between PHASE I and PHASE III has occurred faster than anticipated. In order to provide families with a better understanding of the "Why?" for this change, please note the objectives:

- To create a greater sense of structure for students according to their typical school day
- To acclimate students to grade level expectations and subject content requirements
- To allow students to receive instructional programs such as Talented and Gifted, Students with Disabilities, English Language Learners, and others programs
- To foster peer and teacher interactions To support the Fulton County PHASE V target date of Wednesday, October 14

Arrival: During carpool, staff will no longer be opening / closing automobile doors. Students will randomly have their temperature checked and will be provided hand sanitizer before entering the building. They will also be instructed to wash their hands when they enter their classrooms.

Classroom Set-Up: Students will continue to utilize both desks and tables. We have created a Class Room Set-Up Checklist that provides guidelines for supporting our staff. Examples: Removal of shared classroom items such as a marker or pencil stations / Removal of bean-bags that are difficult to clean (Modified Social Distancing).

Enhanced Cleaning: Staff participated in Professional Development and received designated supplies to aid with classroom cleaning at various times throughout the day. Teachers and students may also use Clorox/Lysol wipes in the classrooms.

Hand Washing: As students enter a classroom, they will be encouraged to wash their hands.

Lunch and Breakfast: Students will eat in the cafeteria, with a seat between each student.

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- At this time, students can eat free. The choices will include either a free hot or cold breakfast & a hot or cold lunch.
- Families can preorder food stop bags that contain 5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals. Bags will be prepared and ready for pickup on Wednesdays in the bus lane from 11 to 1 p.m. (Preorders must be submitted each week before 2 p.m. on Tuesdays).

Masks: Staff members and students will be required to wear masks. Masks may be removed during outdoor recess.

Mask Breaks for Students: Teachers will incorporate mask breaks into the school day as needed for students.

Medicine: For all medication questions, please contact our Clinic Assistant Kellie Lahey at laheyk1@fultonschools.org.

Modified Social Distancing: 6 feet of distance between students is not always possible in the classroom/school environment. Our mitigation strategy for this is wearing masks and keeping an “arm’s length” rule, when possible for distance. This is enforceable with reminders and possible with our space constraints.

Physical Education: All Physical Education classes will be encouraged to participate outside, weather permitting. No more than 2 classes maximum will be combined. This could result in students having Physical Education in other designated areas of the school, outside or potentially in their classrooms. Masks will not be worn when students are participating in a physical activity.

Recess: Grade Levels will be assigned to designated areas of the playground, black-top, sport fields, etc.. Classes will play in a designated area and teachers will rotate areas weekly.

Special Area Classes: Music, Media Center, and Art will follow our master schedule. Grade 3, 4 and 5 will still have STEM Lab one day per week.

Supplies: Teachers will not be allowed to provide pencils, pens, scissors, glue sticks, highlighters, markers, etc. for use within the class. Students will need to have their supplies for personal use. Students are not permitted to share items.

Switching of Classrooms: Students will switch classrooms to receive instruction from their assigned academic content teacher (Grades 4 and 5) and for accelerated math in grades 1-5. Furniture will be sanitized between classes.

Technology Devices: Students in grades 2-5 should bring their devices to school each day.

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Visitors / Volunteers – None will be permitted at this time. This includes lunch visitors.

Water Access: Water fountains will be disabled in the hallways. Students can bring in their own water bottles and they may be filled in the classrooms or cafeteria.

What if my family elects to not send my child in during PHASE III? For families that do not wish to have their child participate in person during PHASE III, their child will still receive instruction through LIVE or RECORDED lessons. Students continuing to learn remotely will also follow the same schedule described above as their grade level peers. For information about live or recorded lessons, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

We know this change is going to require even further collaboration and communication between school and family. Students, parents and teachers have already done an admirable job with Universal Remote Learning, and I am confident we will persevere through this transition as well. If you have specific questions about your child's learning or how this schedule change impacts your child, please do not hesitate to contact your teacher.

Again, we appreciate your commitment and support to your child's learning this school year. We will get through this change, one which all schools must make with the return of students. If you have questions about this schedule change or PHASE III, please direct those inquires to me at boydn@fultonschools.org.

I appreciate your support and my door is always open.

In Partnership,

Nikol