

EASTPORT SCHOOLS' BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

Eastport Schools will return to safe, full-day in-person instruction for the 2023/2024 school year. The following guidelines will help insure the safety of all students and staff –

Safety and Sanitation

Eastport Schools will continue to follow safety and sanitation guidelines set forth by the State of Maine and the Maine Department of Education's "[PreK-12 and Adult Education Public Health Guidance](https://mainedoeneews.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/School-Guidance-Draft-6.09.21.pdf)".

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- The school will provide for proper air purification in each area of the school.
- The school will provide proper PPE for students and staff if requested.
- The school will continue to screen and monitor for student well-being.
- The school will provide space for isolation of "ill" and potential positive Covid cases of students and staff.
- Contracting tracing will be handled by the school administration in conjunction with the CDC guidelines.
- The school department will continue to work with Eastport Healthcare to provide access for the vaccinations of students and staff.
- Movement throughout the buildings will resume with guidelines that monitor flow of traffic and maintains a limited number of students in areas of the school according to distancing guidelines.
- The cafeteria will open for limited numbers of students at a time to have breakfast and lunch during the school day.
- Breaks will continue through the school day with an emphasis on use of outdoor space, weather permitting.

Scheduling

- Eastport Elementary School will return to a full-day schedule from 8:00 am until 2:15 pm., 5 days per week for all students.
- Shed High School will return to a full-day schedule from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm, 5 days per week for all students.

Remote Learning Program

While it is the belief of Eastport Schools that in-person learning is the most effective form of education for most students, there are exceptions for some.

Eastport will continue to offer a remote learning program that runs parallel with the in-person schedule. Families interested in the remote option will have to apply with the administration. Strict guidelines will be followed for students to participate in and continue with the program.

After-school Program

Eastport Schools will offer an after-school program for students. The program will run 4-days per week with 1-hour sessions.

The program will be for both remediation to account for learning loss and/or enrichment for social and emotional health, depending on the needs of the students.

The program will be open to all students.

Summer School Program

Eastport Schools will offer a summer school programs for students. The program will run for a 4-week period with 4 days per week and 4 hours per day.

The program will be for both remediation to account for learning loss and/or enrichment for social and emotional health, depending on the needs of the students.

The program will be open to all students.

Learning Recovery Specialists

Eastport School will employ 2 learning recovery specialists. The specialists will work in conjunction with students and parents, and classroom, Title 1 and Special Education teachers and staff to address learning loss and the remediation of that loss.

The Eastport School Department is excited to be back to a full-day schedule that offers the flexibility to meet the needs of all students. We understand that adjustments may need to happen depending on safety considerations, but we will continue to make those adjustments based on maximizing a quality education for all.

Thank you for choosing Shedd High School and Eastport Elementary School as your school of choice.