

NNSC Elementary Late Start/Morning Meeting

The intent of providing elementary teachers with additional time in the morning to work with students who are both virtual and in-person learners, coupled with the opportunity to continue to collaborate on curriculum to enhance the rigor and relevance of lessons will enhance and deepen the curricular outcomes for all students. North Newton Elementary Schools already surpass the IDOE minimum instructional requirements, so this change does not affect our ability to adhere to those requirements.

The Morning Meeting Schedule is intended to begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 and will continue to be evaluated throughout the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

Time	Typical Schedule	Late Start/Morning Meeting Schedule
8:00 am	Doors open; breakfast; students report to class	Doors open; breakfast; students report to groups
8:20 am	Tardy bell; announcements and Pledge of Allegiance	First bell; announcements and Pledge of Allegiance
8:30 am	Instruction begins	Scheduled Morning Meeting activities begin
8:55 am	----	Second group of students arrive; all students report to their classrooms
9:05 am	----	Second bell; classroom instruction begins

- There will be little/no loss of instructional time: Second Step (SEL curriculum) activities were scheduled in a 30-minute block during the school day; this will now take place as one of the scheduled activities during 8:30am-8:55am. Educational Ipad app practice (IXL, Math Seeds, etc) which is practiced throughout the day will be reinforced during the Morning Meeting time. Reading practice through free reading, practicing sight word recognition and reinforcement in using online Ipad apps will enhance and reinforce what is taught in the classrooms.
- Parents will have the choice to send their students to school at either the regular or delayed time. Students arriving at the regular time will utilize their typical school transportation; parents must provide transportation for students who arrive at 8:55am and drop them off at the regular drop-off door. A staff member will be present to supervise arrival.
- Each grade level will have assigned seats in a designated area for contact tracing purposes. Each grade will also be assigned a separate area in the building in which to conduct their activities.
- Instructional assistants will carry out the instruction with guidance, direction and input provided by the building principal and classroom teachers. Principals will oversee implementation of Morning Meeting activities.

- The late start/Morning Meeting will provide dedicated time for teachers to support the needs of both virtual learners and in-person learners in developing rigorous and relevant lesson plans that address the needs of all students.
- Teachers may take instructionally-intentional students to group for re-teaching or enrichment as needed to work on skill gap instruction or provide enrichment

Example of Sample Schedule:

Day of the Week	Daily Activity*
Mindful Mondays	Second Step curriculum-lesson taught each week and reinforced throughout the weeks ahead, actively practice incorporating
Techy Tuesdays	Educational iPad apps (IXL, Math Seeds, etc), Student showcase regarding what they have learned from an App, Reinforce weekly math and reading curriculum with online support, Edmentum, Brain Pop
Wiggle Wednesdays	Music, dance videos, Body Movement instruction, rhythm mimicking, sing-along, practice weekly songs learned in Music class, Students become leaders in teaching body movement to group (prior approval), practice/reinforce body movement activities learned in PE,
Thoughtful Thursdays	Yoga video, stretching, listen to calm app, Practice/Reinforce weekly Second Step lesson and talk about how to incorporate in daily life, Gratitude Reflection in pairs,
Fun Friday	Color, Logic puzzles, other puzzles, strategy games, Share reading with others, self-selected games (technology)

*Independent, self-directed reading strongly encouraged each day; Students must have something to read with them-either a hard copy of a book or online material appropriate for school