



# Newark Board of Education

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Principal - East Side High School

Where Passion Meets Progress

August 5, 2021

Dear East Side Family,

With great joy and honor, I welcome our students and staff back to our school building. I'm genuinely invigorated by our mantra, "once an East Sider, always an East Sider!" I hope that you are enjoying your summer, considering these challenging times dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year.

We are incredibly excited to begin restoring normalcy for our students and staff. Our team is looking forward to a year filled with a variety of learning experiences and new beginnings. To protect all stakeholder's health and safety and promote maximum learning success, we need your support to ensure students follow our Safe Return Plan 2021-2022 (<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/safe-return-plan/safe-return-plan-2021-2022/>) as we transition to in-person learning for all students.

Please read the following information carefully:

**Teaching and learning will be taking place in person in the school building** - The school day begins at 8:10 AM and ends at 2:40 PM. Students will be in class and ready for instruction daily at 8:15 AM. We will adhere to state and district guidelines regarding class sizes and CDC guidelines.

**The first day of school** - Tuesday, September 7, 2021 (more information regarding procedures for this day is forthcoming)

**Lunch application** - The online lunch application system is available. Please begin completing the lunch application for the 2021-22 SY. (<https://family.titank12.com/application/new?identifier=7LGSDU>)

- **Note: All parents/guardians must complete a lunch application for their child.**

**Entering the school building** - Everyone is required to wear face-covering and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, 6 ft. apart, at all times to protect the safety of everyone.

**Face Covering and uniforms are mandatory:** All students reporting to the school building and conducting in-person learning must wear a face-covering at all times, and students must be in uniform every day. The uniform code is as follows: Wearing a face mask is **REQUIRED** for everyone on school or district grounds. Shoes: Clogs, flip-flops, or slippers are not permitted. Red or White ESHS polo shirt and black pants (no leggings or sweats).



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**Arrival doors for students:** (view ESHS - ingress locations on our school website)

- **9th-grade Entrance**
  - Location - Entrance Door #27 (Alleyway) on Nichols Street
  - Procedure - 9th-grade students will enter via door #27 (alleyway on Nichols St.)
- **10th-grade Entrance**
  - Location - Entrance Door #29 (on Nichols Street)
  - Procedure - 10th-grade students will enter via door #29 (adjacent to the Weight Room)
- **11th-grade Entrance**
  - Location - Entrance Door # 22 (on Pulaski Street)
  - Procedure - 11th grader students will enter via door #22 (adjacent to the Athletic Director's office)
- **12th-grade Entrance**
  - Location - Entrance Door # 15 (on Pulaski Street)
  - Procedure - 12th-grade students will enter via door #15 (Cafeteria Entrance)

## Bridge Program

- 9th Graders - August 16th - August 20th
- 10th Graders - August 23rd - August 27th

**New Student Orientation** - Friday, August 27th, 2021 - We will have a VIRTUAL orientation via Webex (please log in to our school website for further information):

**Back to School Night** - Will take place on Thursday, September 23, 2021, @ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. It will be your opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn their academic curriculum and goals for the school year.

**Communication** - Please continue to check our school website <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/EAS/> and our school App (<https://schoolappexpress.net/html5/43/newsfeed>) for more information as we will be updating them regularly. I will also be communicating through SchoolMint. **If you would like to update your phone number, please visit our website and** update your contact information (email, telephone number, and address) on SchoolMint/Newark Enrolls website--<https://newarkenrolls.schoolmint.net/signin>). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 973 465-4900.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment

Respectfully,  
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