

GRADE 4 ENGLISH COHORT REFERENCE SHEET

ÉRWBBS students have been divided into cohorts, which involves keeping groups of students (e.g. classes) together, and avoiding interactions with other groups. The purpose of cohorts is to limit the mixing of students and staff so that if a child or employee contracts Covid-19, there are fewer possible exposures and contact tracing can be more easily done.

During instructional time, students will stay exclusively with the students in their class. During arrivals and departures and during Activity Breaks, students will stay exclusively with their cohorts. To limit mixing of students from different cohorts, each cohort has been assigned a specific entry/exit gate to the school property depending on their arrival type, a specific entry/exit door to the building, and will have staggered morning and afternoon Nutrition and Activity Breaks.

In order to make this system work for everyone, **we need everyone to follow the established procedures everyday.** Extensive supervision will be in place to support the safety and wellbeing of all students during these hectic times of the day. To protect the integrity of the cohort system, parents and guardians are asked not to congregate or linger on the school grounds during the morning arrival or the end-of day dismissal times.

NOTE: The information presented below is specific to THE GRADE 4 ENGLISH COHORT. Please reference the attached map and review the following information with your child/children as appropriate.

Morning Arrival

Gates will open at 8:30am for student arrivals

...for students who arrive on the **BUS**

- The bus will drop your child off in the bus loop on 2nd Ave. N. and he/she will be directed to enter the school grounds through **Gate D**.
- Students will be directed to enter through the designated **entry/exit door** and go directly to their classroom.

...for town students who **WALK or BIKE** to school (including those who walk with **Starting Blocks**)

- As always, crossing guards will be present to assist with safe arrivals at Main St. and 2nd Ave. N., as well as at Main St. and 3rd Ave. N.
- Your child will enter the school yard through **Gate D** by the bus loop via the sidewalk on 2nd Ave. N. There will be a staff member at the loop to safely welcome your child.
- **Bike racks** will be located on the school grounds inside **Gate D**.
- Students will be directed to enter through the designated **entry/exit door** and go directly to their classroom.

...for students who are **dropped off in a VEHICLE**

- Students may be dropped off on **2nd St. E.** and enter the school grounds through **Gate E**.
***This is not a parking zone. Please drop off your child promptly and move on.**
****Due to a new busing procedure, parking will not be permitted on 2nd Ave. N. or on Main St. in front of the school, as marked on the attached map.**
- Students will be directed to enter through the designated **entry/exit door** and go directly to their classroom.

Important Note Regarding Morning Arrival

- Entry to the school grounds will begin at 8:30am. Classes do not start until 8:50am.
- This window of 20 minutes allows students to trickle into the building and go directly to their homeroom. It also limits the congregating of large groups of students outside on the playground.
- **Plan for your child to arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:45am.**

End of Day Dismissal

...for students who leave on the **BUS**

- Bus students are dismissed at 3:15pm.
- Students will line up by cohort and be escorted by a staff member out the designated **entry/exit door**.
- Staff will walk students to their appropriate bus.
*There are no longer transfers happening at the high school. The bus your child boards at ÉRWBBS will be the bus that takes him/her home.

...for students who leave with **Starting Blocks**

- Your child will be dismissed as a town student at approximately 3:25pm.
- Your child will leave school through the designated **entry/exit door** and proceed through **Gate D**.
- A Starting Blocks staff member will be waiting outside of **Gate D** on the south side of the Gym.

...for town students who **WALK** or **BIKE** home

- Town students are dismissed at approximately 3:25pm.
- Your child will leave school through the designated **entry/exit door** and proceed out of **Gate D** to the sidewalk on 2nd Ave.N.
- As always, crossing guards will be present at Main St. and 2nd Ave. N. as well as at Main St. and 3rd Ave. N. to assist with safe departures.

...for students who are **picked up in a VEHICLE**

- Town students are dismissed at approximately 3:25pm.
- Your child will leave school through the designated **entry/exit door** and proceed to **Gate E** for pick-up.
- **Vehicles are to park on 2nd St. E. IN THE DESIGNATED ZONE ONLY.**
*Due to a new busing procedure, **parking will not be permitted** on the south end of 2nd St. E, on 2nd Ave. N. or on Main St. in front of the school, as marked on the attached map.
- *Understandably, this will be a busy section of road at dismissal time. As a family, you may want to designate an alternate pick-up spot and practice using it with your child. For example, parking on a side street and have your child exit through Gate D, using the sidewalks and crossing guards to safely walk to your vehicle.*

Pick-up and Drop-off During the School Day

- Parents and caregivers must phone the office to provide notice of student drop-offs or pick-ups during the day.
- Students must enter and exit through the designated **entry/exit door**.
- Upon arrival at the school, parents will notify the office **when the child is entering the school premises**. Designated staff will meet and escort the child from his/her **entry/exit door** to the classroom.

*Pick ups and drop offs during the school day **must not coincide** with **Nutrition and Activity Breaks** (see below).

Staggered Nutrition & Activity Break Times

AM Nutrition	10:40-11:00	AM Activity	11:00 -11:20
PM Nutrition	1:10-1:30	PM Activity	1:30-1:50

Identifying Cohorts During Activity Break – The Grade 4 EN Cohort is PURPLE

- The Grade 4 EN cohort will alternate between **Zone 2, Zone 3, and Zone 4** during Activity Breaks.
- Each cohort is assigned a specific pinnie colour. Students are expected to wear their pinnie during Activity Break so that supervising staff can differentiate and maintain distance between cohorts.
- Your child will be assigned his/her own pinnie; pinnies will not be shared. They are the property of the school and will remain at school.