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ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**August 2022**



# COVID – 19 Plan

## 2022-2023

Elizabeth Public School District actively reviews guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health, the CDC, and the New Jersey Department of Education. Our District has outlined protocols related to COVID-19 in our schools for fall 2022-23. The plan below is based on CDC protocol. As such, the Elizabeth Public School District is planning a school year that is as normal as possible, with the District focusing on educating students. Having said this, we will continue to observe and be responsive to changes.

We rely on our staff, students, and our families to make safe and thoughtful decisions by monitoring for symptoms and staying home when sick.



# COVID – 19 Plan

2022-2023

## **Distancing**

Classrooms and lunchrooms will operate as normal with no formal distancing strategies implemented or enforced.

## **Masking**

Students, staff, school visitors, and school volunteers have the choice of wearing a mask. Students and staff should respect each other regarding individual preference and choice.

It is strongly recommended that any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 wear a well-fitting mask for five full days after isolating at home for the initial five-days.

Masks will be available at the main office of each school building.



# COVID – 19 Plan

## 2022-2023

### COVID Testing

COVID testing (at home or at a point of care) is strongly recommended for all individuals with COVID-19 symptoms regardless of vaccination status. Consulting with a doctor is important when symptomatic to rule out other illnesses as well.

### Testing Positive

Notify the school attendance line when your student tests positive for COVID-19. Students who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for a minimum of five calendar days from the onset of symptoms or positive test. The date of the test/symptom onset is Day Zero. At-home tests are acceptable. If someone tests positive for COVID-19, follow these public health guidelines:

If an at home test was used, communicate the test result with the patient's physician. The physician's office or family should contact the Health Department.

Remain home with COVID 19 for a minimum of 5 days. Follow the guidelines for other illnesses when diagnosed.

Students and staff may return after 5 days if free of fever and/or vomiting, diarrhea for 24hrs without the use of medication. Other symptoms should be improving.

Those who return after day 5 are strongly encouraged to mask for days 6-10.



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## **Vaccination**

All students and staff are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and are encouraged to get vaccinated.

## **Contact Tracing**

Contact Tracing may be managed by the local health department. The district will not identify close contacts to positive COVID-19 cases.

## **Cleaning and Ventilation**

Enhanced cleaning and hand hygiene will continue to be strongly encouraged. Enhanced ventilation strategies will remain in place. Hand sanitizer remains located throughout our buildings and classrooms.



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## Making Up Classwork

Students who miss school due to COVID-19 will:

- Access and complete all work assigned by their teachers.
- Follow any directions/expectations outlined by their teachers.

Connect with the appropriate teacher/staff member when necessary and/or appropriate.

## Activities

Activities such as athletics, co-curriculars, assemblies, field trips and evening events will continue as normal. Students absent from school for illness may not participate in extracurriculars.



# Free/Reduced Meals Notice



Elizabeth Public Schools' Breakfast and Lunch Programs provides nutritionally balanced meals to thousands of students each day.

Schools had federal flexibilities during COVID so they could serve all students free meals. The food program the District participated in has expired, so we will not be offering free lunches for all students. For the 2022-2023 school year, Elizabeth Public Schools will return to the lunch service program that ran prior to the pandemic.

School lunch can be purchased daily, or you can set up an account and pay in advance. The full price for a lunch meal is \$3.00 for grades Pre-k to 8th, and \$3.60 for grades 9th through 12<sup>th</sup>, breakfast is free to all students.

The Elizabeth Public Schools offers free or reduced-priced lunches for families with limited resources. Families can apply for free or reduced-priced meals online by clicking [Online Free and Reduced Price Meal Application](#), the process is easy and fast and available 24hrs a day.

For more details, please visit our Food and Nutrition [website](#).



# Welcome Back Letters

Week of  
August 22



# Welcome Back to School Letters

[Back to School / Back to School Parent Resources \(epsnj.org\)](https://epsnj.org)





# New Hires Certified Staff

August 2022

86 – Teachers

5 – Social Workers

1 – Guidance Counselor

1 – School Psychologist

3- Speech and Language Specialists



# PowerSchool Student Schedule Accessibility for 2022-2023 School Year

Monday  
August 22

**PowerSchool SIS**

## Student and Parent Sign In

[Sign In](#) [Create Account](#)

Select Language: English

Username: |

Password:

[Forgot Username or Password?](#)

[Sign In](#)

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# Contacting a Teacher in PowerSchool

Parents/Guardians may access their child's teachers via the PowerSchool Parent Portal by taking the following steps:

## Step 1:

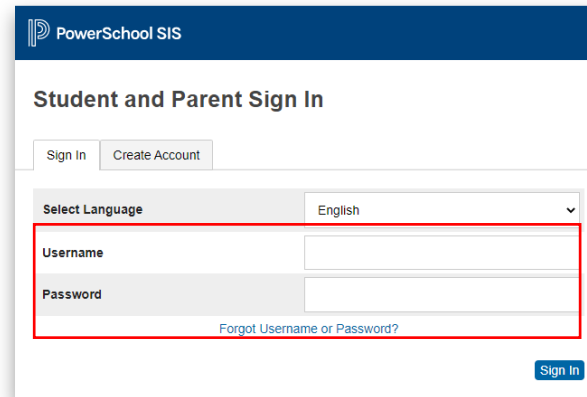
Open your web browser and insert:  
<https://epsnj.powerschool.com>

## Step 2:

Type your Parent portal Username and Password

<https://epsnj.powerschool.com>

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The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS login interface. At the top, it says 'PowerSchool SIS' and 'Student and Parent Sign In'. There are two buttons: 'Sign In' and 'Create Account'. Below these is a 'Select Language' dropdown menu set to 'English'. The main part of the form consists of two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. A 'Forgot Username or Password?' link is located below the password field. A 'Sign In' button is at the bottom right of the form.

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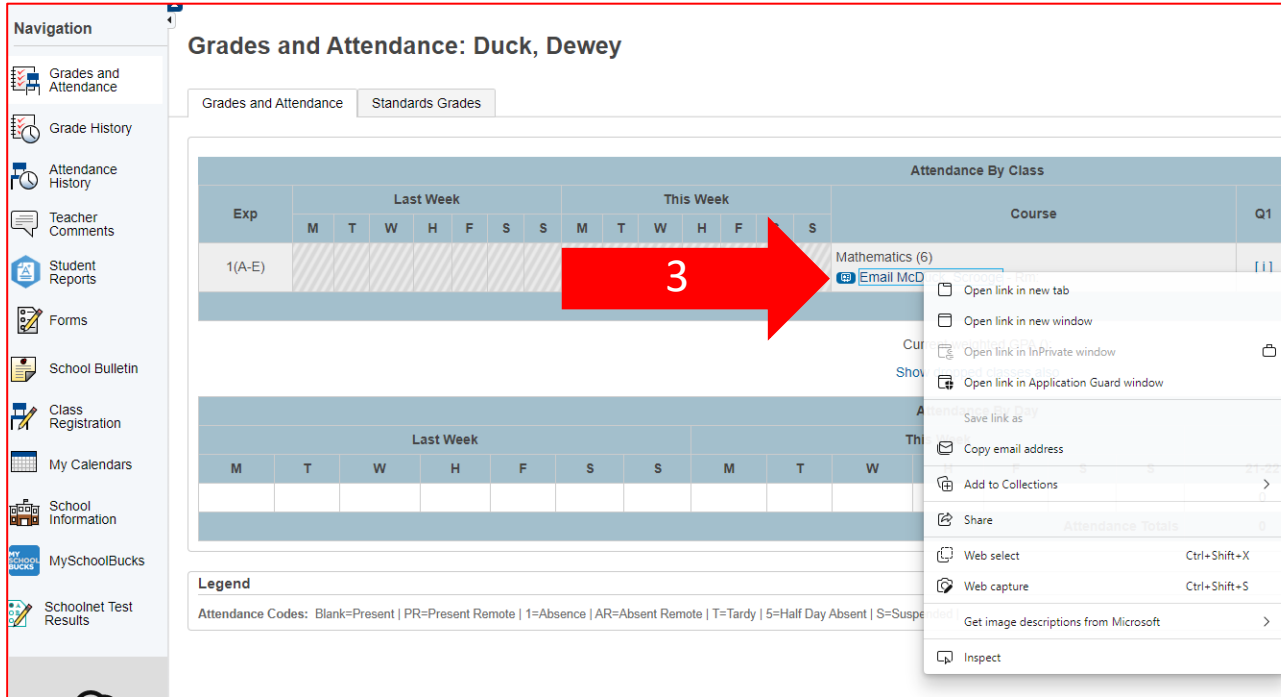
## Step 3:

Right click over the teacher's name you need to contact and select copy email address.

## Step 4:

Open your desired email program and paste the teacher's email inside the **TO** section of your email program.

Write your message in the body of the email below and press send.

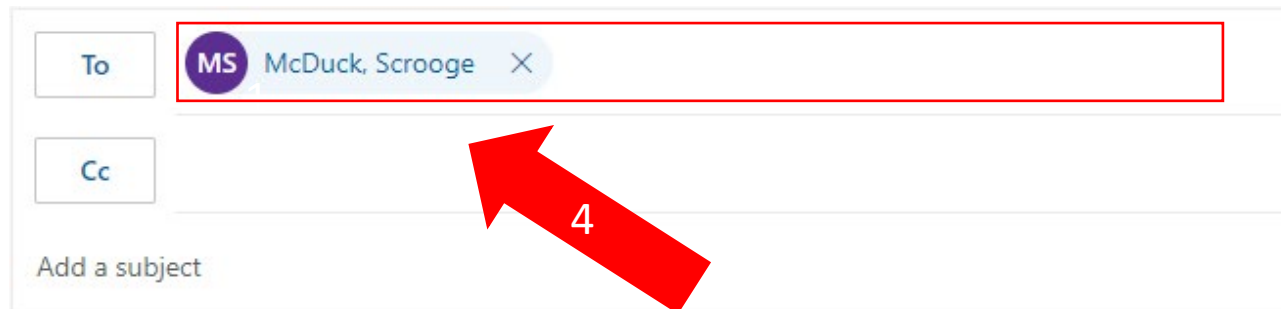


**Grades and Attendance: Duck, Dewey**

Grades and Attendance Standards Grades

Exp	Last Week							This Week							Course	Q1
	M	T	W	H	F	S	S	M	T	W	H	F	S			
1(A-E)														Mathematics (6)	[1]	

Attendance Codes: Blank=Present | PR=Present Remote | 1=Absence | AR=Absent Remote | T=Tardy | 5=Half Day Absent | S=Suspended



To: MS McDuck, Scrooge

Cc:

Add a subject

Message content goes here