

Linn-Mar Early Childhood (Little Lions and ECBP) Specific Return-to-Learn FAQ

<p>Are face masks in Little Lions Preschool and Early Childhood Blended Program required?</p>	<p>Wearing face covering can be quite traumatic for little children and we want to utilize our ability to teach, reinforce and model the purpose and use of face masks to our students in the school setting.</p> <p>Face masks/shields will be required by all staff at Linn-Mar. Students in the Little Lions program will not be required to wear face coverings, but will be strongly recommended, modeled, and taught to the students.</p> <p>In ECBP, students will not be required to wear face covering while in the classroom, but will be strongly encouraged, modeled and taught to the students. ECBP students will be required to wear face coverings any time they leave the classroom for meals, specials, recess, or transitions.</p> <p>If it is your wish that your child wear a face mask throughout the day, please communicate this with their classroom teacher to come up with a plan to reinforce at school.</p>
<p>Will students be required to socially distance in the preschool and ECBP setting?</p>	<p>The early childhood programs at Linn-Mar firmly believe that the foundation of our philosophy is around social interaction and engagement. For this reason, the practice of stringently following social distancing guidelines at such a young age is counterintuitive to the purpose of our classrooms. For this reason, children will be spread out as much as possible, but will be allowed to play with each other while practicing new hygiene skills.</p> <p>In addition to teaching new ways to interact, students will be encouraged to wear face masks.</p>
<p>What will the illness policy be? What happens if someone is ill or comes in contact with someone who is ill?</p>	<p>Early Childhood programs will follow the Linn-Mar Community School District illness policy for the upcoming school year. Covid symptoms will be monitored regularly by parents and staff to ensure that students stay home if they are exhibiting symptoms or have come into contact with someone that has been diagnosed.</p> <p>In regard to a diagnosis within the school, Linn County Public Health will be informed and make the decision on how the school should proceed. In the event that we need to cancel school due to a Covid related incident, online learning will be provided.</p>
<p>What will cleaning and sanitizing look like this year to keep shared materials sanitary?</p>	<p>There will be cleaning and sanitizing of frequently used surfaces multiple times a day (tables, chairs, door knobs, light switches). Early Childhood staff will also clean and sanitize materials on a daily basis to prevent the use of shared materials between two classes (example: Between the AM and PM session of Little Lions, toys will be cleaned and sanitized). All classrooms will participate in weekly deep cleaning of materials in addition to daily cleaning.</p>
<p>Is the Family Choice Model (Hybrid A) an option?</p>	<p>The Family Choice Model (Hybrid A) is not an option for Little Lions preschool. Our preschool program is funded by Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programming and is a voluntary learning opportunity. Spots will be provided to families who wish to send their child face-to-face. If you wish to do so, you can place your child on</p>

	<p>our Waiting List to be considered for spots that may open throughout the year.</p> <p>The Family Choice Model (Hybrid A) is an option for Early Childhood Blended Programs. ECBP is a program children must qualify for and is considered Kindergarten retention. For this, the Family Choice Model will be an option.</p> <p>For students in Little Lions that have an Individualized Education Plan, the Family Choice Model is an option, but will require the need of an IEP meeting to discuss what services will look like in that model.</p> <p>For students in the ECBP program with an Individualized Education Plan, the Family Choice Model is an option and will require an IEP meeting to discuss what services will look like in that model.</p>
<p>Will Little Lions and ECBP participate in the A/B Hybrid model?</p>	<p>Yes. Little Lions and ECBP will participate in the district's Soft Start and A/B hybrid model.</p> <p>Little Lions preschool teachers will determine their class lists for this model and ECBP teachers will be provided a list by their building leadership team.</p> <p>While in an A/B Hybrid Model, class hours will be the same, but students will alternate days of face-to-face instruction.</p>
<p>What are regular program hours and days if we are not in a Hybrid Model?</p>	<p>Little Lions Preschool offers preschool Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. Mondays are for professional development and instructional planning. Preschool is provided in morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AM: 8:30-11:15 am - PM: 12:15-3:30 pm <p>Our preschool programs are housed at Bowman Woods, Echo Hill, Linn Grove and Wilkins Elementary School.</p> <p>Our Early Childhood Blended Program (ECBP) is offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week and follows the same hours as the rest of the elementary buildings (8:30-3:15pm). All ECBP classrooms are housed at Novak Elementary School.</p> <p>Little Lions and Early Childhood Blended Programs will not have class on the first Monday of each month for Early Childhood Professional Development. Your teacher will provide you with a special list of dates pertinent to the program your child is enrolled in. These dates will also be listed on the Linn-Mar Community School District Early Childhood Programs website. Please see these dates below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note that any date is subject to change. You will be notified by your classroom teacher if this occurs.</i></p>

Important Dates for Little Lions Preschool

Please note the yellow dates. Little Lions typically do not meet on Mondays. However, these will be make up days due to early dismissals. Please mark your calendars.

August 31 - September 11, 2020-Teachers return and complete Virtual Home Visits

September 15, 2020- First Day of Little Lions Group B

September 16, 2020- First Day of Little Lions Group A

September 28, 2020- Tentative End Date to A/B Model

October 19, 2020- Little Lions in Session due to November 5 early dismissal

November 5, 2020- NO Little Lions due to district 2 hour early dismissal and conferences

November 9, 2020- Little Lions in Session due to November 10 early dismissal

November 10, 2020- No Little Lions due to early dismissal and conferences

November 25, 2020- NO SCHOOL Teacher Comp Day

November 26-27, 2020- NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break

December 23-31, 2020- NO SCHOOL- Winter Break

January 1, 2021- NO SCHOOL- New Year's Day

January 5, 2021- Return to Little Lions from Winter Break

January 18, 2021- NO SCHOOL for MLK Day

February 15, 2021- Little Lions in Session due to March 4 early dismissal

February 19, 2021- 2021/2022 ECBP Screening Day #1

February 22, 2021- 2021/2022 ECBP Screening Day #2

March 4, 2021- NO Little Lions due to district 2 hour early dismissal and conferences

March 8, 2021- Little Lions in session due to March 9 early dismissal

March 9, 2021- NO Little Lions due to district 2 hour early dismissal and conferences

March 15-19, 2021- NO Little Lions for Spring Break

April 9, 2021- NO SCHOOL for Teacher Collaboration

May 31, 2021- NO SCHOOL for Memorial Day

June 10, 2021- Last Day of Little Lions Preschool

Important Dates for Early Childhood Blended Program

August 31- September 11, 2020- Teachers Return and Virtual Home visits are completed

September 14, 2020- No ECBP for Professional Development

September 15, 2020- First Day of ECBP for Group B

September 16, 2020- First Day of ECBP for Group A

September 28, 2020- Tentative end to Hybrid A/B model

October 5, 2020- NO ECBP for Professional Development

November 2, 2020- NO ECBP for Professional Development

November 5, 2020- 2 hour early dismissal and conferences

November 10, 2020- 2 hour early dismissal and conferences

November 25, 2020- No school- Teacher Comp Day

November 26-27, 2020- No School- Thanksgiving Break

December 7, 2020- NO ECBP for Professional Development

December 23-31, 2020- NO SCHOOL- Winter Break

January 1, 2021- NO SCHOOL- New Year's Day

January 4, 2021- NO ECBP for Professional Development

January 5, 2021- Return to School from Winter Break

January 18, 2021- NO SCHOOL- MLK Day

February 1, 2021- NO ECBP for Professional Development

February 19, 2021- No ECBP due to 2021/2022 ECBP Screening Day

February 22, 2021- NoECBP due to 2021/2022 ECBP Screening Day

March 1, 2021- NO ECBP for Professional Development

March 4, 2021- 2 hour early dismissal and conferences

March 9, 2021- 2 hour early dismissal and conferences

March 15-19, 2021- NO ECBP due to Spring Break

March 29, 2021- No school- Teacher Collaboration Day

April 5, 2021- NO ECBP for Professional Development

April 9, 2021- NO ECBP for Teacher Collaboration

May 3, 2021- NO ECBP for Professional Development

May 31, 2021- NO SCHOOL for Memorial Day

June 10, 2021- Last Day of School

