

Moving into the New Building Midyear: What Families Should Know

When will students move into the new school building? Birch students will begin attending the new building starting January 7, 2027 when school resumes after winter break. (winter break for Birch Elementary students only will begin on December 16th) All preparations and setup will take place before this time to ensure a smooth transition. Please note the school calendar on the other side of this handout with dates specifically for Birch Elementary (PK-K) for next year.

Will there be opportunities to walk the new building before students start at the new school? Yes! The district will have various dates where families and students can come and walk the new elementary school so they are familiar with the building on the first day back. Students will be able to see their classroom and other common spaces in the building.

Will daily routines change next school year?

While students will be in a new building, many aspects of the school day will remain the same. Here's what families can expect:

Starting and ending times: Starting and ending times will remain the same for the entire 2026–2027 school year.

Student schedules and teachers: Student schedules and assigned teachers will remain the same all year.

Arrival and dismissal procedures: Arrival and dismissal procedures will change at the new building. Families will receive clear communication regarding bus loading zones and parent pick-up/drop-off procedures.

Transportation and bus routes: Bus routes will remain the same all year. Students who are currently bus riders will continue to ride the bus, and students who are in the walk zone will remain walkers.

How will students be supported during the transition? Extra staff will be present to help younger students navigate the building, routines will be reinforced, and teachers will take time to help students adjust and feel comfortable in their new surroundings.

How can parents help prepare their child for the move? Families can talk positively about the transition, remind students that help will be available, and that teachers and classmates will remain the same. Encouraging patience and flexibility will also help students adjust.

Who should I contact if I have questions or concerns? Families are encouraged to contact the school office with any questions. We are happy to support families during this transition.