

Fred Ipalook Elementary School

Greetings from Fred Ipalook Elementary School!

We began our year of teaching and learning with a blend of veteran teachers and new faces. Please join us as we welcome the following individuals to the Ipalook team:

PreK-3 and 4: Carolyn Ripley
 Kindergarten: Marian Ritter
 First Grade: NA
 Second Grade: Michelle Kaleak and Donna Westdahl
 Third Grade: Harley Martinez
 Fourth Grade: Robert Teusch and Valeria Wilson
 Fifth Grade: Lee Ann Viehouser
 ILT: Tim Ferreira
 PE: John Morgan
 SPED: Lisa Carter
 Assistant Principal: Regina Bellereide Hayes

Transitioning to our student enrollment, following is a snapshot for Ipalook:

Grade Level	Number of Students Enrolled
Pre-K3	32
Pre-K4	77
Kindergarten	63
First Grade	69
Second Grade	79
Third Grade	90
Fourth Grade	74
Fifth Grade	77
Total	561

As Covid variants demand focus, Ipalook's safety team fluidly develops building protocols to meet the demands of its daily operations, making informed decisions based on collaborative discussions and CDC guidance to determine current best practices.

Ipalook has had multiple absences thus far due to the recent surge in Covid cases but remains open for learning. Currently understaffed, with willing personnel filling unfamiliar roles to meet the needs of our students, we are looking to fill two paraprofessional positions for the special education (SPED) department, as well as two early childhood education (ECE) positions. The search continues for quality candidates to address these areas of need.

Continuing, when notified of positive cases, Ipalook staff members spring into immediate action, calling and informing parents, and/or preparing assignments. Collectively, the parents of Ipalook students have been cooperative, supportive and receptive of Ipalook staff during this time. Let us all celebrate this partnership!

Ipalook understands the current educational landscape demands forward thinking and tireless energy. We look forward to learning and growing together this school year.