

# BLANCHARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## RETURN TO LEARN PLAN

2020-2021

## LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

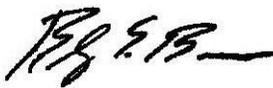
During the last two months Blanchard Public Schools' reputation of having an excellent faculty and staff has been confirmed to me. It is without a doubt that a first class education is the goal of all stakeholders here in Blanchard. Since mid-June, a group of faculty and staff members have been working on a plan to reopen school. While developing an effective plan is not easy, it must be done to ensure that we are providing the best possible education we can during these times. There are a few points that I would like to emphasize.

- The safety of our students, faculty, and staff will be prioritized.
- The absolute best education we can deliver to our students is a highly qualified, dynamic, and effective teacher in the classroom.
- Common sense and quality safety guidelines are of the utmost importance.

We have been closely monitoring the active cases in the Blanchard community for the last 5-6 weeks. These numbers have helped guide our planning procedures. This plan being set forth is organic. Based on what happens in the next few weeks, not only in our community, but also in our country could alter this plan. There is one thing for certain, school will look different this Fall.

It will be a busy year for our school. There is significant growth in Blanchard and with that comes the expansion of the school. The football field should be finished in time for the first home game. Construction will soon start on the middle school safe room and classroom expansion. Groundbreaking will happen sometime this Fall for the Blanchard Performing Arts Center.

It is an exciting time to be a Blanchard Lion. We are all looking forward to a safe and successful 2020-2021 school year!



Brady Barnes  
Superintendent, Blanchard Public Schools



## INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAN

This plan is being developed to address the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. This plan is fluid and subject to change as needed by the superintendent and ratification at the earliest possible special board meeting.

## DAILY SCREENING

Students and staff entering school buildings are required to complete a checklist for safety guidelines each day and may be asked to produce the checklist if contact tracing is necessary. (See below.) Attendance at school will confirm whether the student or staff has answered “no” to all questions. Answering “yes” to any of the questions means the student or staff should remain off-site and take a sick day. These screenings should remain in place until the substantial end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 1. Does your child / Do you have a temperature of 100 degrees or more today?
- 2. Does your child / Do you have a sore throat?
- 3. Does your child / Do you have a cough?
- 4. Does your child / Do you have a loss of smell or taste?
- 5. Does your child / Do you have shortness of breath?
- 6. Does your child / Do you have close contact with a positive COVID case?

## ISOLATION PROCEDURE

A student who exhibits a temperature of 100 degrees will be immediately isolated in a predetermined room. Parents will be contacted and the student will be sent home.

Students or staff who have been sent home due to temperature must remain out of school until fever free with no fever reducing medication for at least 48 hours. During this time the student will become a distance learner according to district procedures.

## SEATING CHARTS

To help in identifying close contact in the case of a student or staff member testing positive for COVID-19, a seating chart will be established for each classroom and bus route.



## PROCEDURE FOR POSITIVE CASE OR CLOSE CONTACT AT ANY SITE

*Guidance from the State and County Health Departments*

- A student or staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be placed in distance learning. The student may return to school 10 days after the symptoms first appeared, 24 hours with no fever, **AND** if symptoms have improved. The county health department will contact the student and family so they can become a part of contact tracing. Such tracing will assist the health department and the school identify any person who may have been in close contact with the positive individual. Siblings of positive tested students will also be quarantined and participate in distance learning.
- A student or staff member who has been determined to be in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be quarantined for 14 days. Parents of students will be notified and students will be placed in distance learning.
  - Consider COVID-19 Testing.
  - Contact your health care provider.
  - Self-Check symptoms for COVID-19.
  - If COVID-19 positive, an individual may return to school when cleared.
- Students or staff members who live with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 will be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days.

As determined by the CDC for the purpose of COVID-19, close contact is defined as anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before the person began feeling sick until the time the patient was isolated. Blanchard Public Schools will determine close contact with seating charts and other criteria as needed.

Blanchard Public Schools will work under the guidance of Oklahoma State Department of Health officials to determine appropriate measures regarding quarantine of students and staff.



## MASKS

The district will use the guidelines provided by the State Department of Education to determine the requirements of faculty, staff, and students to wear masks. Students will also be required to wear masks while riding buses to and from school and for activities.

Covid-19 Alert System: <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/covid-19-alert-system>

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL SAFETY PROTOCOLS	GREEN LEVEL	YELLOW LEVEL	ORANGE LEVEL 1	ORANGE LEVEL 2	RED LEVEL
Masks recommended for all teachers, staff, and students	X				
Masks required for all teachers, staff and students		X	X	X	X
Pre-K -2 grade students may remove masks in class		X	X	X	X

### Why is it important to wear a cloth face covering?

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in schools and restaurants). Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

## BUILT IN DISTANCE LEARNING DAYS

In the possibility that Blanchard Public Schools will need to temporarily close due to an outbreak, we will assign August 21st and August 28th as Distance Learning Days. These days will be actual days of instruction, but students will have their assignments at home. This will give our students and teachers a couple days to practice and work out any issues that may arise.

## GRADING AND ATTENDANCE

In the event that Blanchard Public Schools will need to temporarily close due to an outbreak, we will enter into Distance Learning. Grading and attendance will be adhered to in the same manner as traditional school.

## CAMPUS VISITORS

During the remainder of the COVID-19 pandemic, Blanchard Public Schools will discourage visitors from coming to school. If a visitor must come to school, they will be subjected to the six question daily screening. This will include having their temperature taken. Masks will be required for all visitors.



## **TRADITIONAL vs VIRTUAL**

Blanchard Public Schools will offer a traditional and virtual model to students. If a student and their family choose virtual, that student may be required remain in that setting for at least one semester. Please check your site's plan for more information.

## **ACTIVITIES FOR VIRTUAL STUDENTS**

If a student and their parents choose the virtual model, the student will have the opportunity to participate in school activities subject to daily screenings including temperature testing upon arrival.

## **CLEANING SCHEDULES**

Effective and efficient cleaning schedules will be developed and followed to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As new research comes out concerning COVID-19, cleaning and disinfecting practices will be adapted if needed.

## **CHILD NUTRITION**

"Grab and Go Meals" will be provided for students who attend school virtually or those who have been quarantined due to contact tracing. Meals may be picked up at the Intermediate Cafeteria at 10:30 AM each school day and will include a lunch and breakfast for the following day.

## **BUS REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFETY**

Recommendations include:

- If possible arrange alternate transportation for students (other than school bus).
- Maximize the air flow of the bus by opening windows, if possible.
- Maintain and adhere to seating chart for each route.
  - Students will be required to wear masks while riding on buses.

## **SITE PLANS**

Each site will have a plan to address safe practices. Look at each site's plan for more details.



**Blanchard Public Schools**  
**RE-OPENING FOR 2020-2021**  
**Site Plans**

<b>Blanchard Elementary School</b> <b>Shirley Myers, Principal</b> <b>Grades Pre-K - 2</b>
<b>TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM</b>
Team Teaching Temperatures taken at door Class as normal with less group activities Develop cohort groups Social distancing as age appropriate Increase ventilation Hand sanitize as enter/exit rooms
<b>LUNCH/PLAYGROUND</b>
Classes will enter lunchroom one at a time with tables spread out to maximize space between individual classes Social distancing in line Extra cleaning No lunch visitors
<b>SPECIALS</b>
Classes will transition separately to avoid large crowds at one time Sanitize before and after Remain with cohort group
<b>TRANSITIONS</b>
One-way hallways for class transitions Monitor and clean high traffic areas as needed Sanitize hands as entering/exiting an area Remain with student cohort group Social distancing as appropriate One class transitioning at a time to avoid congestion
<b>VIRTUAL/DISTANCE LEARNING</b>
Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade students may be provided an opportunity to learn from home. No Pre-Kindergarten Virtual Classes or Distance Learning will be available. The following programs will be utilized for K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Virtual/Distance Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exact Path</li><li>• SeeSaw</li><li>• Everyday Math</li><li>• Wonders Reading Program</li></ul>



**Blanchard Intermediate School****Paula Floyd, Principal****Grades 3-5****TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM**

Team Teaching (Third and Fourth Grade)

Departmentalized (Fifth Grade)

Class as normal with less group activities

**LUNCH/PLAYGROUND**

Classes will enter lunchroom one at a time with tables spread out to maximize space between individual classes

**SPECIALS**

Classroom transitions will be done separately to avoid large crowds at one time

**TRANSITIONS**

One-way hallways for class transitions

Monitor and clean high traffic areas as needed

Sanitize hands as entering/exiting an area

Remain with student cohort group

Social distancing as appropriate

One class transitioning at a time to avoid congestion

**VIRTUAL/DISTANCE LEARNING**

Students may be provided the opportunity to learn from home. The following programs will be utilized:

- Google Classroom
- Exact Path
- Star Reading/Math (Renaissance)
- IXL
- Myon
- Mystery Science
- Social Studies Alive



## **Blanchard Middle School**

**Larry McVay, Principal**

**Grades 6-8**

### **TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM**

Departmentalized

Class as normal with less group activities

### **LUNCH**

Each grade level will eat at separate times. As weather permits (heat, rain, cold), we will offer outside seating during lunch for some students to reduce the number of students inside. There will be five (5) minute intervals between groups entering the cafeteria during lunch.

### **TRANSITIONS BETWEEN CLASSES**

\*Each grade level will have different arrival and dismissal locations. Temperature checks will be done at these locations before entering the building,

-6<sup>TH</sup> WILL USE THE WEST DOOR.

-7<sup>TH</sup> WILL USE THE NORTH DOOR

-8<sup>TH</sup> WILL USE THE EAST DOOR (located across from Mr. Wehrer's classroom)

\*As each class arrives and dismisses, the classroom doors will be propped open to avoid contact.

\*Students will even numbered lockers (bottom lockers) will change classes together and students will odd numbered lockers (top lockers) will change classes together. This will eliminate half of the students in the halls at the same time. In addition, our halls are sectioned by grade level. We will also only allow five (5) students at a time in each bathroom.

### **VIRTUAL/DISTANCE LEARNING**

Students may be provided an opportunity to learn from home.

Middle School will offer two virtual/distance options:

- Odysseyware (This option may be offered to students that feel as if they can be successful with little teacher direction.
- Google Classroom (This option utilizes the same programs and curriculum as our regular instruction and may be offered to students that need more teacher direction.)



## **Blanchard High School**

**Greg Jackson, Principal**

**Grades 9-12**

### **SCHOOL ARRIVAL SAFETY MEASURES**

To reduce the amount of students gathering in one area students will arrive to school in the following manner:

9th Grade- Arrive through the common doors and sit 5 students per table.

10th Grade- Arrive through the Fine Arts hallway door and proceed to the gym.  
Students will sit in every other seat.

11th Grade- Arrive through the Fine Arts hallway door and proceed to the gym.  
Students will sit in every other seat.

12th Grade- Arrive through the common doors and sit 5 students per table.

Students may not stand or gather in areas. Classes will be dismissed one at a time to avoid large gatherings in the hallway.

### **CLASSROOM SETTING SAFETY MEASURES**

- Hand sanitization will be highly encouraged on the arrival/departure of each classroom
- All desks will face one direction whenever possible
- Students will sit six feet apart whenever possible
- Limit student collaboration in groups
- Large class sizes may use the library or commons to accommodate for social distancing
- Physical education classes will avoid contact sports/offer classes outside when possible
- Choir classes will engage in social distancing while singing and face the same direction

### **SCHOOL-WIDE SAFETY MEASURES**

- Limit shared supplies (textbooks) or disinfect after each class
- Encourage students to bring their own water bottle/limit water fountain use
- Discourage locker use whenever possible
- Stagger release times in between classes to avoid large gatherings in the hallway
- No school-wide assemblies or large gatherings
- Provide one-way hallway routes to avoid close contact

### **LUNCH SAFETY MEASURES**

- Students will sit five (5) per table
- Social-distancing in line will be encouraged
- Disinfect tables between each lunch period

### **VIRTUAL/DISTANCE LEARNING**

Google Classroom will be utilized by all high school staff to provide access to curriculum.

