

EARLSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL

2021-2022

Introduction

The following is a framework for reopening Earlsboro Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year. The framework was developed through many discussions and meetings that included our Administration, teachers, parents, community members and surveys that were sent out. We have had many discussions with the county and state health department and many hours of research by administrators to help develop this plan.

Earlsboro Public School created this plan to provide health and safety of the students, faculty, staff, parents, and visitors. It also provides a high standard of education in whatever format is taken as a result of the current status of COVID-19.

The plan for returning to School will be constantly updated as we go through the school year. The changes will be based on the most up to date guidelines from the State and County Health Department, the Centers for Disease Control, Oklahoma State Department of Education, the American Academy of Pediatrics and other health experts. We want our plan to provide health and safety and our student's academic success.

INSTRUCATIONAL OPTIONS

1. Traditional School Option

School will open on Friday, August 13, 2021. This option is attend school in person like a normal school year. We believe that this provides the optimal learning experiences for our students, and hope we will be allowed to continue in this format. We have set safeguards in place in order to ensure our students, staff, parents, and visitors are safe.

2. Blended Learning Option

This option allows students to utilize the virtual distance option and still be enrolled in an activity class. Students must be enrolled one period on site in order to participate. This option also allows students that become ill or family members, to go virtual learning during their absence from school. Students will not be able to go from traditional to blended learning throughout the school year unless it is due to an illness.

3. Virtual Distance Learning

The Virtual Distance Learning Option is available for students and/or parents that feel uncomfortable returning to the traditional option due to COVID-19 concerns. Students can be enrolled in a full time virtual distance learning schedule. Chrome books will be provided for all virtual students and parents will be responsible for any damages to the devices.

Health and Safety

Earlsboro Public School plan for reopening considered the safety of all students, teachers, staff and parents that attends our school or enters our buildings.

1. To help us ensure that the health and safety of all individuals attending our school on a daily basis, we are wanting the parents to do a health assessment for their child or children. The health assessment begins with a temperature check to determine if the individual has a fever above 100.00 F. Any student exhibiting a temperature at or above 100.00 F, should stay at home, and seek medical advice. Students will be tested every morning at school and will be sent home if they have a temperature at 100.00 F or above. The following questions make up the daily health assessment
 - a. Do you have fever?
 - b. Is anyone in the house hold ill?
 - c. Do you have a cough?
 - d. Has anyone been exposed to COVID -19?
 - e. Have you experienced a recent loss of taste or smell?

If any of the above questions is answered yes, please keep the student home and seek medical advice.

2. Masks

State health guidelines have determined that the use of a mask is the number one deterrent to the spread of COVID -19. Masks will not be required and will leave that decision to the parent or legal guardians. Earlsboro Public Schools will recommend all students and staff member that have not been vaccinated that enter district buildings or ride the buses to wear masks. The use of masks for younger students and for some students with health conditions due to breathing complications will be difficult in the beginning so face shields will be provided during class time for these students. We will monitor the circumstances that may arise and make decisions that are based on age or

physical condition of the child. In cases that social distances are available, mask can be removed or face shields used.

Wearing a mask will help protect yourself from getting COVID-19 and even help reduce chances of getting the flu. It also helps protect your friends and other students and staff members you come in contact with on a daily basis.

3. Other Health and Safety Procedures

Handwashing is another key practice for the protection against COVID-19. We are asking parents to help us reinforce the importance of your children washing frequently with soap and water. This is very important to wash before they eat, after they sneezed, cough, or blow their nose. We will install several hand sanitizer stations throughout the hallways and at the front doors at the High School and Elementary School. All classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria, and buses will be sanitized on a daily basis. During the day custodial staff will be routinely cleaning all of the high traffic areas such as doors knobs, light switches, bathroom and countertops.

4. Campus Visitors

Under the current circumstances, the Elementary School has installed a camera buzz system where you will be required to ring and request to enter the buildings. All High School Parents will have to report to the front office before walking in the hallway of the High School. If the situation changes we will inform you at that time.

5. Virtual Distance Learning Information

Since last year, we feel better prepared in our Virtual Distance Learning Program for the coming year. We have purchased 130 more chromebooks so our students will be on a 1:1 basis. A student can check out a chromebook to take home and be used for virtual learning. The parents will be responsible for any damages to the device. From the beginning, attendance and grades will be taken and counted in order to meet standards established by the Earlsboro Public School and Oklahoma State Department of Education. Attendance will be counted when a student logs in to the program, participates and completes assignments. Attendance and grades will be counted on a daily basis as if the student was attending traditional school option.

Transportation/Buses

Due to the lack of available buses and drivers, this is an area that will be difficult to provide social distancing opportunities. By making all students and drivers wear masks, this will create the safest environment on the bus. Family members will have to sit together and there will be a seating chart and students will not be allow to sit in different seats or move about at any time. If you can bring your child or children to school, we would appreciate the help to lower the number of students on the bus.

Child Nutrition

Earlsboro Public School has gone with Keystone Food Service again this year. The traditional option where in person setting takes place will have tables set up where chairs will only be on one side of the table, and will have different lunch time for grade level to create less students in the cafeteria at one time. We are working with Keystone and the Administration to develop scenarios to help the adjustments as seamlessly as possible to ensure the safety of our students, teachers and staff. Virtual students will be allowed to come up to pick up breakfast and lunch every day. Times will be set at a later date on when you will be allowed to pick up to go meals.

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Upon confirmation from a healthcare professional that a student or employee of the district has tested positive for COVID-19, the following actions will be taken.

1. The district will cooperate with local, county, and state health authorities in identifying all individuals who may come into contact with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19 and assist, as requested, in notifying these individuals. We will not be able to give names or other personal information of individuals who may test positive for COVID-19 at any time.
2. Areas in each school site where affected individual has spent time will be quarantined and cleaned per CDC recommendations. This will include buses, equipment and any areas that are needed. Classrooms where the student has been will be closed for cleaning and students will be relocated to other suitable locations around campus.
3. Earlsboro Public School will determine an appropriate course of action depending on the severity of the exposure. Such as:
 - a. Classroom closure or building may be sealed for the CDC recommended time frame.
 - b. Added protocols may take place for students, teachers, and staff members.
 - c. Short term school closure may be closed temporarily for cleaning and sanitation purposes. During this time students will be on virtual learning for the duration of the closure.
 - d. Long-term closure may take place for students, teachers, and staff members due to large number of COVID-19 cases. Virtual learning will take place to finish the year.
4. Student recognized with fever will require immediate precautionary actions. The student will be moved to the auditorium until a parent or guardian can come to pick

them up. The student will be asked to remain home until fever free for three days without the use of medication before returning to school. We recommend that you seek medical advice.

5. If the student has been confirmed with a case of COVID-19, that student must remain at home isolated for 10 days with the last 72 hours being free of fever without the use of medication and showing improvement in all other symptoms. The student may return if the student tests negative for COVID—19 on two consecutive tests dated at least 24 hours apart or receives a diagnosis from a doctor with an illness other than COVID-19. A medical note will be required as evidence to meet these cases.

Color Coded County Map

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has developed the Oklahoma COVID-19 Alert System, a multi-tiered risk measurement tool with corresponding color categories that identify the current COVID-19 risk level on a county-by-county basis. I have attached a copy of the safety protocols. Depending on public health conditions, additional actions, orders or guidance provided by Oklahoma State Department of Education or Oklahoma State Department of Health may be necessary as a county's designation changes. We will account for the conditions and include those scenarios in our decisions.