

Leslie Intermediate School

Return to School Plan

July 28, 2020

Our number one concern is the health and safety of our staff and students. We also want students to experience as normal of a school day as possible. Please recognize that guidelines for COVID 19 are constantly changing. This is a live document that can be updated as new decisions are made.

If you have more questions or other concerns you feel need addressed in this document, you can email bcaston@scsd.info.

Unfinished Learning - Leslie Intermediate School faculty members have communicated with one another as well as with staff on other campuses in the district to gain an understanding of the unfinished learning that is the result of Covid19. Leslie Intermediate School will also assess students at the beginning of the year to determine where students are and what concepts need attention for the year. LIS staff is committed to the education of all of our students and will work continually to develop plans to ensure continued growth of our students.

Continued Learning - The staff at Leslie Intermediate School has worked throughout the summer developing lessons and researching many technological avenues where students can pivot easily from brick and mortar learning to remote learning at home (blended learning). Every effort will be spent upon reentry into the classroom on educating the students on how to utilize the learning management system, email teachers, work on assignments and various other tasks that students will need to continue their education if the situation arises where they have to educate from home.

It is the plan of the LIS staff to educate the parents before students' reentry into school in order to help them better understand the learning management system, to understand the responsibilities they will have as parents to provide support to their children, and to seek support from the staff to ensure continued growth and education of the students. As school draws near and teachers are more prepared, invitations to engage in a social distancing communication between the parents and the staff will be issued. This training will depend on the needs of the family. It is recognized that families who have an internet-sufficient home will require different instruction than the families who lack internet. The technology department of the Searcy County School District will be vital in making this a success.

Arrival at school - Upon arrival at school, students will unload from their buses or cars in the area of the gym with their masks covering their noses and mouths. From there, they will enter the lobby utilizing the doors on either side. A staff member on outside duty will ensure that students alternate entrances as they enter one-by-one. Once inside, students will have temperatures checked, answer questions pertaining to their health, sanitize their hands, and then go to their designated area in the gym. They may remove the masks from their faces while in their designated spots in the gym area, but it is suggested they keep them connected to their faces in some way, either by dropping it around their necks or keeping it looped on one ear.

Students who have a temperature determined to be unhealthy will be placed in an area separated from other students and will be assessed by the nurse.

Students will be retrieved from the gym by their homeroom teachers. Efforts will be made to practice social distancing as students leave the gym and walk through the hallways. Students will be expected to “mask up” when traveling in the hallways.

Faculty Arrival at School - Faculty who are on morning duty may enter the building at the gym. Faculty who are not on duty may enter the building at their traditional entry point. Faculty will be asked to self assess and complete the required form concerning their temperature and health.

Guidelines for determining if a student or faculty member is sick enough to go home: A link is provided to the ADE document concerning Covid 19 exposure.

http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/public/userfiles/Communications/Ready/ADE_Response_Levels_for_On-Site_Learning_RV5.pdf

Breakfast - Breakfast will be grab and go for the most part.

Entering the classroom - Students will enter the classroom and sit at their designated spots. Once a student is settled, he/she will be allowed to remove the mask from his/her face. Any movement done inside the classroom or the building will require the student to wear a mask.

Changing Classes - Students at Leslie Intermediate School will be allowed to change classes for their subjects. Every effort will be made to change classes between grade levels at staggered intervals to alleviate overcrowding in the hallways. Students will be asked to “mask up” as they travel in the hallways. Before students leave a classroom, their areas must be sanitized according to CDC guidelines. Students will be asked to help sanitize areas where they have sat and places where they have had their belongings, such as tabletops and/or desktops. To help alleviate possible overcrowding in changing classrooms on the fourth and fifth grade end, students in fourth grade will travel through the connecting doors of their classrooms when changing - Horton to Thomas to Baysinger. Mrs. Baysinger’s students will leave her room and line up in the area closest to Mrs. Smith’s and will use good social distance rules as described by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Interaction in classrooms - If students have to move in the classroom, they will be asked to “mask up.” For example, if they need to leave the classroom to go to the restroom, they will be asked to “mask up.” If they need to leave their area to sharpen their pencils, they will be asked to “mask up.” Teachers will also be required to “mask up” as they move throughout the classroom to monitor students’ work or assist them in any way. As long as teachers and students are socially distanced according to the American Academy of Pediatric guidelines, they will be able to remove their masks.

Restroom Breaks - In the past, students have visited the restroom between classes or during recess. Students will now visit the restrooms on a need-to basis. Every effort will be made to educate students on the importance of practicing social distancing while waiting in the hallway when the restroom is overcrowded. There are high frequency times throughout the day that students need to visit the restroom. Extra people on duty in the hallway will help alleviate any problems that might occur during these times. Students from some classrooms will have designated restrooms to use. All restrooms will be sanitized frequently throughout the day.

Lunch - Every effort will be made for students to eat lunch in the cafeteria one grade at a time. LIS will follow the guidelines set forth by the American Pediatric Association while allowing students to eat in the cafeteria. Students will be expected to wear their masks upon entering the cafeteria until they are seated and ready to eat. At that point, they can remove their masks. Students will be directed by duty staff on where to sit and when to put up their trays. Students will be assigned seats. After students have finished eating, staff will wipe down the area, including table tops and seats, before the next grade is allowed to enter. Students will not be able to use the microwaves, therefore students who bring their lunches will need to bring ready-to-eat lunches.

Recesses - Students are going to be scheduled for two twenty minute recesses per day. Students will alternate between two locations for recess: the playground and a play area by the gym. Any equipment handled by students will be sanitized before the next group can play with it.

Rainy Day RECESS- Rainy Day Recesses will be in the classroom.

Dismissal - Students will be dismissed by station number in order to alleviate overcrowding in the hallway. (Students will be assigned a bus station to correspond to their classroom number and those buses will be located at different exits from the building.) Students will be expected to “mask up” upon dismissal.

Each student will have a classroom number that corresponds to his/her chromebook as well as their spots in the gym for early morning gathering. Loading stations will also be numbered. Students will be assigned a loading station based on their number that corresponds to their classroom number. Students will be dismissed according to their number to alleviate overcrowding in the hallway. Students will be expected to “mask up” upon dismissal.

Signage - Many signs will be placed in the school reminding the students of proper procedures and guidelines for washing their hands and sanitizing, moving in the hallway, changing classes, sharpening pencils, etc

If a student needs to see the nurse during the day: A student who feels the need to see the nurse will make a request with the teacher. The teacher will assess the condition and notify the nurse. Students given permission to see the nurse will wear their masks when traveling in the hallways and upon arrival at the nurse’s station. They will not be allowed to remove masks until given permission by a supervising adult to do so. Students who visit the nurse with symptoms of Covid 19 will be placed in a quarantine area until they can be picked up from school. Students who are suspected of having Covid19 symptoms will not be allowed to ride the bus.

Water Fountains - Water Fountains will not be accessible. Students will be required to have their own water bottles labeled clearly with their names. There will be ways to have water bottles refilled. Water bottles should go home daily.

Sanitizing - Daily sanitizing schedules of frequented student areas will be implemented . At the end of the day, the hallways and classrooms will be sanitized.

Hand Washing & Sanitizing Stations - Students will be strongly encouraged to wash hands frequently. There will be multiple hand sanitizing stations throughout the school. Students will be encouraged to sanitize their hands frequently: after restroom breaks, after playground time, before and after eating, etc. Teachers will also follow regular hand sanitizing procedures as students enter, move around, and exit the classrooms.

Visitors - We are sad to say that visitors will not be allowed in the building to visit classrooms, eat lunch with their child, etc. Parents or other individuals who want to eat lunch with their children can check them out through the office. We would like to ask that you follow the school schedule and return them to school when class starts. Students who are checked out by someone other than their parent must have appropriate documentation on file stating the student may leave with that individual. Visitors will be allowed to participate in meetings concerning their child via Zoom or Google Meet.

Communication - We will continue to use the communication methods we have always used- call out, website, Facebook, principal's page, etc. We will be looking into other ways to better communicate with you through survey information.

Meetings - Meetings with parents will be held via Zoom or Google Meet. If this arrangement is not acceptable, an appeal can be made to Principal Caston or Superintendent Yarbrough. If a face-to-face meeting is to be held, parents will sign in at the front office and wait to be directed to where the meeting will take place. In most instances, parents will be escorted to the meeting location while respecting social distancing rules. Parents who enter the building for a meeting will be expected to wear masks.

Lockers - Lockers will not be used this year other than for coats or storage of supplies that may be needed later in the year. Students will not be allowed to congregate in the hallways at their lockers. Students will keep most of their belongings in their backpacks. We request students do not bring rolling backpacks as they are a hazard when traveling in the hallway.

Masks- Students are welcome and we encourage students to provide their own masks. They will be issued two masks by the school. There will also be disposable masks purchased by the district for students.

Masks on buses- All students will be required to wear a mask on the bus.

What are we doing if a student/teacher comes down with Covid? **Mr. Y Link on ADE page that describes what to do.**

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This is a living document. That means as changes are made the document will be changed. These are the guidelines at this time. (July 28, 2020) These can be changed at any time as guidelines are handed down from the Arkansas Department of Secondary and Elementary Education as well as the Arkansas Health Department.

As school draws nearer and our classrooms and hallways are more prepared, we will have photos and/or a video helping you better understand our school plan.

At this time we are still working on a plan for an student and parent orientation.