

Searcy County School District Re-entry Plan

First day of school: Monday, August 24

Many plans have been made in anticipation of students and staff returning to school in August. Administrators and teachers have been diligently working to prepare curriculum in a multitude of ways in order to offer our students the best education possible in the upcoming school year. Below is our plan for the start of the 2020-21 school year. This plan will be updated as information and guidance change.

Superintendent's office: 870.448.3011

Focus Area 1: Curriculum and Instruction

Two models of learning will be available:

1. Traditional/Blended Learning
 - Students physically present in classrooms on campus.
 - Instruction will consist of
 - traditional teacher-delivered classroom instruction ("regular school") combined with
 - digital content and lessons
 - In the event school is not in session due to inclement weather, illness, etc., instruction will pivot to learning at home. Instruction will consist of digital content and lessons delivered through online management platforms such as Canvas and Google Classroom as well as remote contact with teachers.
 - If a school shutdown occurs, flash drives and mobile hotspots in community locations will be available for those students without internet access.
2. Full-time Virtual Learning (FVL)
Deadline to enroll is July 31st. Call the superintendent's office at 448-3011.
 - Students will
 - be enrolled in our district,
 - access 100% of their classes online,
 - use an online curriculum purchased by the district,
 - be required to have reliable internet access,
 - have limited access to teachers,
 - do self-paced learning,
 - abide by the attendance policy and other requirements,
 - have the option of participating in extracurricular activities.
 - District will provide
 - educational consultation to parents,
 - access to instructional technology,
 - \$50 monthly stipend per family toward internet access,

- 1 chromebook per student,
- state-mandated testing,
- high school diploma upon completion of required credits.
- Parents will
 - complete enrollment forms,
 - report grades to the school every 4 ½ weeks
 - provide significant support to students in order for them to be successful in mastering content,
 - ensure students will be in attendance for state-mandated testing at the school.

Focus Area 2: Connecting With Students

Our blended learning program will allow schools in our district to connect virtually with our students through online platforms called learning management systems (LMS). A learning management system is a software application used to deliver content of educational courses. We have chosen Canvas at MHS and Google Classroom at MES and LIS.

1. Learning management systems will be utilized in blended learning:
 - in combination with onsite teacher instruction, and
 - to deliver instruction in the event we have to transition to off-site learning because of illness, inclement weather, etc.
2. Each student in the district will be issued a Chromebook to use with the LMS.
3. Should off-site learning be necessary, blended learning students without internet will:
 - be provided flash drives loaded with instructional content
 - have access to hot spots placed in strategic locations in the district
 - have access to teachers via cell phones

Focus Area 3: Health and Safety for Students and Staff

1. Teachers and staff will wear masks when appropriate social distancing is not possible. We will continue this practice until state guidance indicates that it is safe to make adjustments.
2. For their protection, students in grades 4 through 12 will be asked to wear masks while on buses and in the hallways as they transition to other locations with other students. The Center for Disease control and the Arkansas Department of Health advise the use of face coverings to slow the spread of the virus.
3. The district will provide 2 washable masks per student.
4. Physical distancing will be observed to the maximum extent possible.
5. Water fountains will be closed. Students will have access to water but are encouraged to bring a water bottle.
6. Good hand hygiene will be encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school buildings.
7. Students will be screened through temperature checks and questionnaires.

8. Schedule modifications will be made, if necessary, to minimize the number of students in the hallways at one time.
9. Lunch schedules may be modified in order to allow physical distancing in the cafeteria.
10. Frequent deep cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces will be performed.
11. In the event an individual tests positive for COVID-19, we will follow the latest guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health.
12. No visitors will be allowed on campus.
13. In the event of an outbreak in the community and for individual cases that occur in school facilities, the district will consult with the Arkansas Department of Health for guidance in determining the level of response.

Focus Area 4: Transportation

1. Students will be required to wear masks while on buses.
2. Physical distancing will be maintained on buses to the maximum extent possible.
3. There is a possibility that additional bus routes could be added, if deemed necessary for physical distancing.
4. Parents are encouraged to transport students to schools in personal vehicles, when possible.

Focus Area 5: Communication

1. The district will have a designated point of contact to answer COVID-19 related questions and to serve as the district's liaison to local and state health officials.
2. We will communicate with families through email, texts, phone messages, social media, district website, and through local news outlets.
3. We will share updates related to the current COVID-19 situation, new or adjusted plans that have been made, and other pertinent information.
4. If a case of COVID-19 is confirmed within the district, we will use communication protocol from the Arkansas Department of Health.