

# Whitesboro Public Schools

## Return to School Outline

This Document / Plan addresses the guidelines for reopening our school following the guidelines set forth by the Oklahoma State Dept. of Health, the CDC, and State Dept. of Education. This plan will be reassessed on weekly/ biweekly basis to address the adjustments that are needed to meet the health and safety needs of the students, staff, and community.

**\*\*New this year is a virtual learning option, school start up / ending times, and school start up procedures.**

### Back to School, School Calendars, Instructional Models, and Curricula

- **Back to School**
  - WPS will problem solve to implement precautions and practices intended to mitigate the spread of COVID 19.
  - Students return to school on **Aug. 13th**
- **Return to School Leadership Team Formed** - Superintendent, Principal, SP ED Coordinator, Alt. Ed / Virtual Coordinator, Counselor, Curriculum Coordinator, Nurse, Elementary Teachers, Secondary Teacher, Elementary Coordinator
- **Calendars**
  - **WPS has proposed two Calendars**
    1. **Traditional / Virtual**- Contains Traditional/ Regular School Days and Virtual Days
    2. **Virtual** – Contains Virtual School Days Only
- **Instructional Models**
  - **Traditional / Virtual with Distance Learning**- Blended Learning with Regular Classroom Setting and Virtual Instruction using Internet/ Software based Instruction
  - **Virtual** – Internet/ Software Instruction containing Core Subjects and Electives
  - **Alt Ed. / Nontraditional** – Credit Recovery and Internet/ Software Based Learning.
- **Virtual Instruction**
  - **Computer Hardware**
    1. Students will be issued a chrome book, carry case, head set, and flash drive
    2. Parents/ Guardians and students will sign a contract and will be responsible for all computer hardware and accessories.
  - **Software and Virtual Curricula**
    1. Reading Egg PK-6
    2. Exact Path K-12
    3. Study Island K-12
    4. Courseware 7 -12

## School Operations

- **Communication Plan**
  - **Parent Meetings, School Website, and Facebook**
    1. An Informative Parent/ Community Meeting will be held the first week in August to answer questions and concerns about upcoming school year.
    2. Please check our School Website or Facebook on a daily basis for updates, schedules and, changes to our return to school plan.
  
- **Attendance**
  - **Traditional / Virtual Students**
    1. Attend 7 hour / 8 period school days and complete software based / downloaded assignments on virtual days.
  - **Virtual Students**
    1. Students participating via virtual learning will be considered in attendance for the school day
  
- **Social Distancing and Personal Mitigation**
  - **Social Distancing**
    1. Social distancing will be implemented on campus and buses in accordance with OK State Dept of Ed. / CDC guidelines.
  - **Personal Mitigation**
    1. Masks will be made readily available, and students are encouraged to wear them.
  
- **Screening Policy , Suspected Case / Symptoms and Confirmed Case Plan**
  - **Screening Policy**
    1. All staff will be required to check their temperature daily prior to coming to work
    2. Parents are required to check their child's temperature daily prior to coming to school or getting on the bus
    3. Anyone having a 100 temperature or higher will not attend school or work that day.
    4. Anyone showing signs/ symptoms of possible COVID must remain out of school until fever free for three consecutive days and receive a negative COVID test or 10 days if no test is done.
    5. Anyone knowingly having contact with a confirmed case must quarantine from school for a minimum of 14 days.

6. Faculty and Staff will keep a log of self- screening to submit to their Principal or Supervisor periodically.
- **Suspected Case / Symptoms**
    1. If a student or staff member exhibits a fever of 100 or higher and/or shows signs of symptoms of COVID they will immediately be isolated in a predetermined area or sent home.
  - **Confirmed Case Plan**
    1. In the event of a confirmed case should occur within the school system, we would immediately notify all stakeholders and close on site instruction for the areas that were in contact with the positive case until facilities can be sanitized and disinfected (A minimum of 7 days). **(Parents / Guardians) Please make sure all contact information is updated with the school.)**
    2. During this time, all facilities would be disinfected and, virtual learning would be the model for instruction.
    3. Grab and Go lunches would be delivered and available for pick up unless there are extenuating circumstances.
    4. Teachers and staff will be available in most cases to accommodate virtual instruction.
- **School Building Usage**
    - Only students that attend Whitesboro Public Schools and their Parents/ Guardians may use the facilities on campus
    - Parents / Guardians are encouraged to email, call or face time the admin, faculty, or staff member they are trying to communicate with instead of entering the school campus.
- **Cleaning and Hygiene Practices**
    - **Cleaning Practices**
      1. The school campus will be cleaned on a daily basis
      2. Classrooms and high traffic areas will be disinfected daily and fogged on a rotation schedule.
      3. Buses will be wiped down with disinfectant daily.
    - **Hygiene Practices**
      1. Faculty and staff will promote and demonstrate regular hand washing and positive hygiene behaviors and monitor their uptake
- **Classroom, Cafeteria, and Transportation Procedures/ Protocols**
    - **Classroom Procedures**
      1. Teachers will maximize spacing or desks/ tables where areas allow to create as much social distancing as possible in the classroom.
    - **Cafeteria Procedures**
      1. Students will wash their hands prior to eating.

2. As much as possible, students will be seated in a manner to allow for social distancing.
  3. When cafeteria space is limited, students will be directed to another area to provide for distancing.
- **Transportation Procedures / Protocols**
    1. Buses will be wiped down and disinfected daily and fogged on a rotation basis.
    2. Air flow and ventilation will be increased when climate allows.
    3. Bus Drivers will maximize spacing on buses to create as much social distancing as possible between students.
    4. We highly suggest that anyone that can transport their student(s), please do so.

## **Alternative School**

- **Virtual School**
  - WPS will offer a 100 % virtual instruction for students that have fear or anxiety of return to school for health reasons.
- **Alternative Education**
  - WPS will continue to provide virtual options for at risk students throughout the school year.



