



Laverne Public Schools

Reopening Plan

2020-2021

*All plans are subject to change based on local numbers of COVID-19 cases and guidance from the State Department of Education, local and state health departments, and the CDC.

Start Date

Laverne Public Schools will begin classes on August 12th, 2020.

Enrollment

Enrollment for ALL K-12 students will be completed online. For returning students, if you have not already done this, refer to our website www.laverne.k12.ok.us to complete enrollment asap. If your child is new to the district or was not a student last school year, go online and complete enrollment. Once we receive enrollment online, you will be called by the school and scheduled an appointment time to bring required documents to school and complete the enrollment process. If you have not been called, please call the school at 580-921-3361.





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Laverne Public School Teachers and Staff

Harper County Health Department



Health and Safety at School



Safe Entry on a Daily Basis

Each student's temperature should be checked by parents before sending them to school.

- Students who feel sick or who have had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should stay home, monitor their health, and notify the school.
- Students will sanitize their hands after entering the building; student will either wash or sanitize their hands.
- No student should come to school that has a fever of 100.0 or higher. Students should not be in school until fever has subsided for at least 24 hours without the aid of temperature reducing drugs.
- If a student registers a temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, they will be isolated in a designated room, and their parents will be notified to come pick them up.
- Visitors will be in the building as little as possible. If any parents or other visitors have to come into the building, they will have to have their temperatures checked and will be required to wear a mask while they are in the building.
- Doors will open at 7:40 each morning and the bell will ring to start class at 8:15 am.

Bus Protocols

1. Parents check each student's temperature before they get on the bus. If they register a temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, they should not be allowed to ride the bus or attend school.
2. The drivers will keep each bus windows open as much as possible.
3. Students will only be allowed to sit in the same seat as a sibling. There will be at least one row between students sitting on the bus.
4. If a student starts showing symptoms while they are on the bus, the student will be isolated from the other students until the parent can be notified and the student can be picked up.
5. Bus drivers will disinfect buses after dropping off students at school and again after dropping off students at home.
6. Wearing masks on the bus will be optional.

Breakfast

We are excited to be offering our students breakfast this year. Full price will be \$1.00 and reduced price \$.30. Please complete free-reduced lunch form asap. Form can be found on the district website.

1. After safe entry, students will be instructed to go to the cafeteria to get grab-and-go breakfast to bring back to the classroom to eat between 7:40 and 8:15.
2. Elementary students will eat in their classroom.
3. JH/HS students will take meals to their first hour classroom and eat there.

Lunch

No visitors will be allowed for lunch at this time.

Full price for students is \$2.50 and reduced price is \$.40.

ELEMENTARY

The students will eat lunch with the following schedule:

- ☐ Kindergarten, T-1 - 10:40
- ☐ 1st grade/2nd grade – 10:55
- ☐ 3rd grade/4th grade - 11:10



□ 5th grade - 11:25

- Students will sit with their class in the cafeteria; the next class will sit at the next table, and so on in order to keep classes static as possible.
- Tables will be sanitized between classes of students.

JH/HS

The students will eat lunch with the following schedule:

- 6-8th Grades – 11:40-12:10
- 9-12th Grades 12:30-1:00

- Students will be spread out in an effort to socially distance as much as possible.

Masks/Face Shields

Masks or facial coverings are highly recommended for everyone, but are not required. If staff or students choose to wear a face covering, they must provide it on their own. Updates will be provided as we receive further guidance from officials.

Cleaning/Disinfecting Procedures

1. Classrooms will be sprayed using an electrostatic sprayer.
2. Teachers will frequently sanitize desks and other equipment.
3. High-touch areas will be wiped down frequently with disinfectant wipes.
4. Buses will be sanitized after each use.
5. Tables in the cafeteria will be cleaned after each group of students use them.
6. Water fountains will be wiped down frequently.

Water bottles/fountains

Students will all be encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school every day. We want to use the water fountains as little as possible (mainly to refill bottles as needed), and the water fountains and other surfaces that will be touched frequently will be cleaned often during each day.

No Large Gatherings

1. We will not have parent nights before school begins.
2. We will meet with students in smaller groups when needed for assembly purposes.

Handwashing/Hand Sanitizer/Hygiene

Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be expected, such as increased handwashing, sanitizing, and covering mouth/nose when coughing/sneezing. Frequent handwashing will be encouraged, and classrooms will have hand sanitizer that students and staff will be frequently encouraged to use.



COVID Specific Protocols



Protocols for Students or Staff Members Having a Fever or Other COVID-19 Symptoms or becoming ill while at school

1. The student will be isolated in a predetermined room. The staff member will be sent home.
2. The student's parents will be called to come pick the student up.
3. School staff will disinfect any areas where the student or staff member had been.
4. Instructions for return will be given based on health department guidance.
5. The school will consult with local health authorities and incorporate their guidance into the decision on whether to permit a student or staff member access to school facilities on a case-by-case basis.
6. Should a positive case arise within our school/community, the Harper County Health Department will initiate contact tracing in order to help prevent further spread.
7. The student will continue their education via distance learning during the days they are out of school.
8. Time the student spends at home for distance learning will not count against their attendance if the student completes their assigned distance lessons in the allotted time frame.
9. Adjustments in school attendance policies will allow for students to complete assignments without fear of reprisal if they are unable to attend due to COVID-19 related issues. Good health is more important than a perfect attendance record.

COVID-19 Symptoms to Watch For (from cdc.gov):

1. Fever or chills
2. Cough
3. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
4. Fatigue
5. Muscle or body aches
6. Headache
7. New loss of taste or smell
8. Sore throat
9. Congestion or runny nose
10. Nausea or vomiting
11. Diarrhea

Emergency Warning Signs for COVID-19

1. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
2. Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
3. New confusion
4. Inability to wake or stay awake
5. Bluish lips or face

*If your child shows any of the emergency warning signs listed above, **seek emergency medical care immediately.**

Additional Protocols for Students or Staff Members That Test Positive for COVID-19

1. The student or staff member will stay home for 10-14 days from the time symptoms first appeared or 10-14 days since the positive test if they do not show any symptoms.
2. The student or staff member cannot return to school until:
 - They have stayed away from school for 10 days.

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- They have been without a fever for at least 72 hours (3 days) without the use of medication.
 - Their respiratory symptoms (if present) have improved.
 - They have been released to return by health care officials.
3. The school will keep close contact with health officials in reporting and managing cases and will seek guidance on whether it is safe to keep the school open.

Protocols for Students or Staff Members Determined to have been in *Close Contact With a Person Who Has Tested Positive for COVID-19

1. The student or staff member will stay home for 14 days (quarantine).
2. The parents of the student will be encouraged to get the student tested for COVID-19 (or the staff member will be encouraged to get tested).
3. The student will continue their schoolwork via distance learning, and their time away will not count against their attendance if they complete their distance lessons in the allotted time frame
4. The student or staff member may return to school after the 14 days if they are symptom free or have a negative test.

The Harper County Health Dept. will determine close contact.

**Close contact” is defined as any of the following:

1. Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19
2. Caring for a sick person with COVID-19
3. Being within about 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more
4. Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.)

Additional comments

Please contact the school with any questions or concerns you have at 580-921-3361. The Harper County Health Department will be our source of contact when responding to COVID-19 or other health concerns. They can be reached at 580-921-2029. We are looking forward to a one of a kind school year. We are truly blessed to live in a community where education and children, families, and patrons are valued and care about one another. The health and safety of our school and community will continue to be our focus. Thank you for your commitment and support in collectively educating our youth.



Academics



Learning Contingencies

Laverne students will attend the school day in person. All classes will be taken on the school campus during the regularly scheduled time. Students will have in-person instruction with a traditional academic school day. Teachers will utilize pathways during traditional learning which will create an easier transition to distance learning. Traditional will be the main pathway of instruction until distance learning is needed. If a community outbreak, inclement weather, or unforeseen circumstances were to occur, all students could be required to participate in distance learning, and all extracurricular activities could be canceled or postponed. Laverne Public Schools, in coordination with local health officials, will determine when a transition to distance learning needs to occur.

1. Teachers and students will use packets, devices, Google Classroom and other online platforms for at least some assignments in case individuals or groups have to move to distance learning.
2. Communication between teachers and parents will take place through email, phone, text, Dojo, enote, Seesaw, etc.
3. Students having symptoms, testing positive, or quarantining will be provided distance learning until able to return to the classroom.

Distance learning is a means by which instruction will be delivered to students outside a traditional school setting. Laverne Schools distance learning plans will include the following considerations:

1. Equitable access. Participation in the distance learning plan will be accessible to every student regardless of household resources. Distance learning may include a virtual component. The virtual component will be personalized to be class specific. Teachers may use Google Classroom, Exact Path, IXL, and other online platforms. Alternate methods will be provided with limited connectivity. Such alternate means could include approaches such as paper packets of instructional materials supplemented by periodic direct contact with teachers. Communication between teachers, students, and parents will take place through email, phone, text, Dojo, Seesaw, enote, etc.
2. Alignment with standards. Instruction and content provided through distance learning is consistent with the Oklahoma Academic Standards.
3. Attendance. Attendance for distance learning will be recorded based on completion and engagement in assignments. Students will be required to “engage” with the teacher. Student engagement as well as acceptable assignment completion will provide cause to count the student in attendance.
4. Students will be required to complete all assignments (to teacher satisfaction) and turn them in electronically or in person on the first day back at school in order to be counted in attendance for a particular day. No student will be penalized for failure to engage with instructional supports the student does not have the resources to access.

Academics - Lost Learning

We will use diagnostic testing to assess students’ learning gaps and utilize a variety of web-based resources and regular classroom materials to make up for lost learning. In addition, teachers will discuss skills and standards they were not able to adequately cover in the spring with students’ new teachers in the fall so that they know what standards from the previous grade need to be covered. And, teachers will start the school year covering standards missed from the previous school year.



How Can Parents Help?

- 1. If possible, bring your child to school to reduce the number of students together on a bus.**
- 2. Take your child's temperature before leaving for school each morning.**
- 3. Watch for COVID-19 symptoms in your student (listed above).**
- 4. Parents/Guardians/Family members will not be allowed to walk their student into the building or classroom at this time.**
- 5. Be patient with the school site as we modify visitor protocols and check in/check out procedures.**
- 6. Communicate frequently with your child's teacher and principal with your concerns and feedback.**
- 7. Keep your child quarantined for 14 days if they come in contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, and seek guidance from your school administrator and Harper County Health Department about when your student should return to school.**