



# Back to School

## Frequently Asked Questions

- *How often will buildings/classrooms be sanitized?* The Forrest City School District will provide daily sanitization at its campuses. The district, like schools statewide, has opted into the Arkansas Ready For Learning model from the Arkansas Department of Education. That model provides guidelines regarding providing safe cleaning and working spaces for students and staff.
- *How will the district manage providing safe transportation?* The FCSD is exploring several options to ensure that our buses are as safe as possible, including the possibility of additional bus stops to decrease the number of students being transported at one time and reduce the number of students per bus stop. The district is also following the RFL model which requires ALL students over the age of 10 to wear a cloth or three-ply mask before entering a bus.
- *How will the FCSD's Blended Learning Option work?* Parents have one of two options to start the school year. Students may either attend classes on-campus or through a virtual learning environment. All district students will be provided with a device at the beginning of the school year which will substitute for their text book. The district is still exploring the safest options for both students and staff for on-campus learning, but some of those classes may be in a classroom with a teacher or by logging on to particular classes from one location. Teachers may travel between classrooms as a safety precaution to lessen the impact of students traveling from class to class.

Students attending virtually will login to class daily at specified times and participate in class through electronic media which will allow them to ask questions and include one-on-one support from their teacher if needed. Attendance will be mandatory just as if students were participating in the on-campus environment.

- *Can I change my mind once the school year starts regarding which option I want?* To ensure the safety of students and staff, mid-semester changes will NOT be allowed. The district is making adjustments based on the number of students anticipated on campus and will not be able to make adjustments mid-semester.
- *What happens when a child gets sick at school?* The district will follow the recommendations included in the Arkansas RFL model to create safer nursing stations for students suffering from illnesses, including Covid-19. Stations will be ready and in place prior to the opening of school on Aug. 13.
- *If I choose the virtual option, will my child be able to participate in extracurricular activities or sports?* Yes. Students that are not attending on-campus will have limited access to the campus for extracurricular activities and sports.

**For more information on the ARL model visit <http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/arkansas-ready-for-learning>**