

Forrest City School District

A Guide for the 2020-2021 School Year



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FCSD Approach

Dear Forrest City Family,

The words “One Forrest City, One Community, One Vision” resonates now more than ever. As a community, our united resilience has been evident over the last few months. I am confident now more than ever, that our community will continue to work as “ONE” as we prepare for a unique experience in August as we plan to return to teaching and learning. We are preparing to adjust as needed and understand that some families may choose a fully virtual experience. In all scenarios we will keep safety at the forefront of a positive academic experience. I want to ensure you that our Re-entry Task Force is working diligently to create a plan that works for our community while:

- Adhering to the CDC and ADH guidelines
- Adhering to all restrictions of local and state government
- Providing a quality academic experience that meets the expectations of the families we serve in a blended learning environment
- Protecting the safety and welfare of our OUR community

Our current reality is changing daily, and we will continue to adjust as needed and update our community as information becomes available. Based on the information we have to date we will apply a phased approach and begin the school year with 3 days on campus and 2 days virtually for families that choose the [blended learning](#) option. We will revisit our plan before October 1, 2020.

Respectfully yours,



Dr. Tiffany Hardrick, Superintendent and the Forrest City Leadership Team and Task Force

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Student and Family Resources

The Forrest City community will experience many adjustments during the 2020-2021 school year. However, the Forrest City School District has always and will continue to embrace innovative approaches to education. As we prepare for the first day of school, please be reminded that many of our rich traditions remain similar with a few adjustments. For more information on our annual [back to school fair](#) and [school supply list](#) please review the [Parent Resource Information](#).

Important dates

August 13

First Day for Teachers

August 21

Virtual Open House

August 22

Back to School Fair

August 24

First Day of School

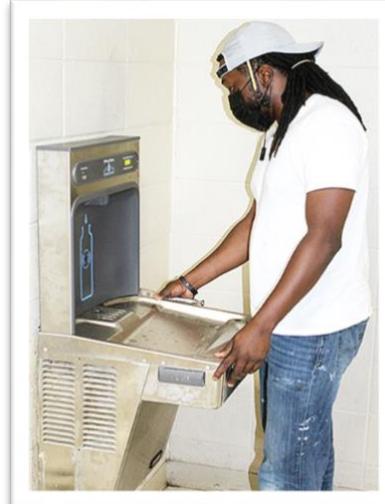
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First Day of School for Kindergarten



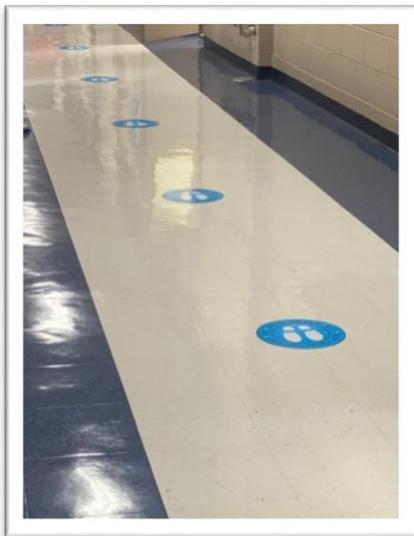
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Campus Preparedness, Safety, and Sanitization



The Forrest City School District, working in conjunction with the Arkansas Ready for Learning (RFL) model is working diligently on a re-engagement plan and the re-opening of school for the 2020-21 school year. The plan is a working document and may be revised.

- The district will implement social distancing guidelines, in accordance with the RFL model, in classrooms and cafeteria spaces. Those social distancing measures will include partitions; additional outdoor seating areas for meals, where applicable; additional meal times; and additional bus routes.
- Appropriate signage will be placed throughout the district emphasizing the importance of social distancing and safety. Hands free sanitizing stations, faucets, water-filling stations and hand dryers are being installed on all district campuses.
- The FCSD will utilize classroom and mobile disinfectant foggers to provide additional sanitation in an effort to ensure the safety of students and staff. ([Click here for sample fogger video](#))
- Additional information on bus routes will be updated on August 14, 2020.



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Teaching and Learning

Remote Learning Modified Scenario(s) for Fall 2020

Preparations have been made to allow all students to be on campus for some full academic days. If the school is permitted to open and if the risk of the spread of COVID-19 minimized and manageable, possible learning scenarios may be implemented.

FCSD has defined two learning scenarios

1. Blended Learning

Students will attend full academic days as required by the district. The district will begin the instructional year by requiring students to attend on campus on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and will adjust schedules as more information becomes available by ADH. Online instruction, with required login and engagement with assigned teachers, will occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will give campuses the opportunity to deeply clean the environment as outlined on page 4.

Live instruction in socially distanced classrooms will occur according to the school's set schedule. In the event that a student is symptomatic, ill, quarantined, or potentially exposed to COVID-19 but well enough to complete schoolwork, the blended learning model will allow students to pivot to a fully virtual learning experience temporarily.

2. Fully Virtual Option

Although there is a significant time between now and the start of school, parents who feel that they may be uncomfortable sending their child(ren) on August 24, 2020, should complete the form if (1) you did not complete the first survey or (2) you would like to change your option from on campus to virtual. **Selecting this option obligates parents and students to (1) semester of fully on-line instruction.**

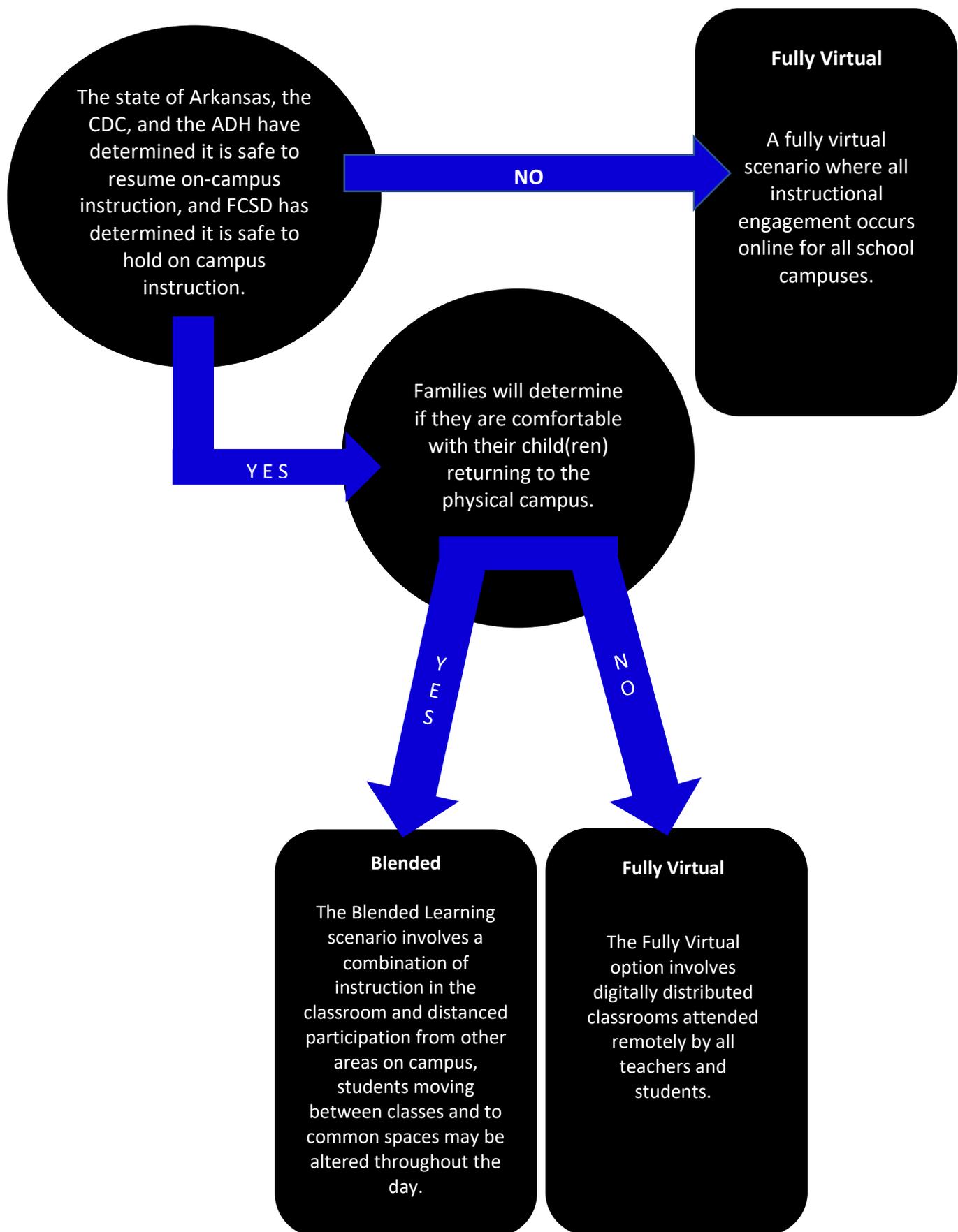
[Click here for FCSD Final School Option Form](#)

A combination of the following will be used for all school days while remote learning is utilized:

1. Live instruction via Zoom or another virtual platform during the assigned class meeting times according to the on-campus learning scenario being implemented.
2. Assignments, notes, project/lab details, etc. will be delivered through Lincoln Learning (K-6) or AR Virtual (7-12).
3. Students who are enrolled in our learning services program will continue to receive support remotely.
4. Counseling services both face to face and/or tele-counseling will be provided to all students.

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Academic Scenarios



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Athletics and Extracurriculars

The FCSD is committed to the safety and wellbeing of both our students and student athletes. We will follow recommended processes and guidelines to ensure safety on our campuses.



Protocols from the Arkansas Activities Association will be followed and adjusted as needed. Current guidelines based on the youth sports directive may be found at <https://www.aactivities.org/covid19>

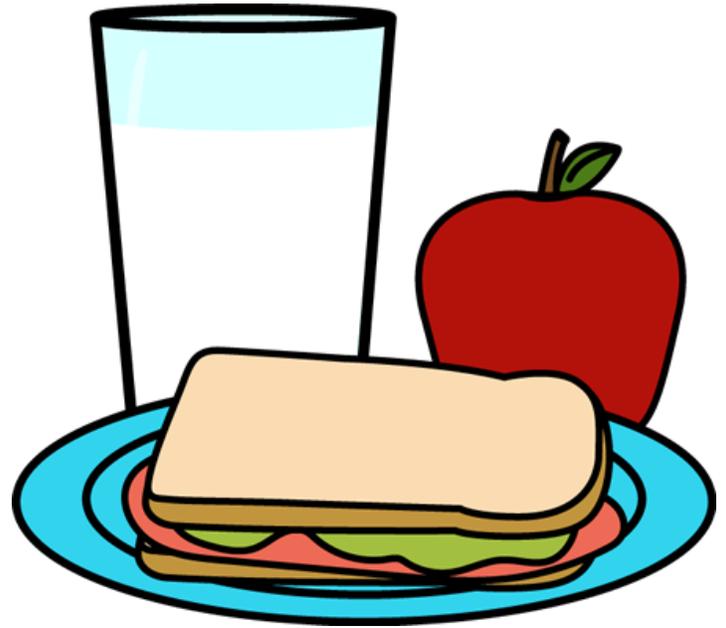


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Lunch Service

In all on campus learning scenarios, lunch will continue to be provided by the Food and Nutrition Department of FCSD. Depending on the scenario, students may alternate days they eat in the classroom and days they eat in the dining halls or in outdoor areas designated by the school. In all scenarios, the following can be expected:

- Students may bring lunch from home
- Breakfast in the classroom option will be utilized
- A touchless checkout system for additional purchases will be implemented
- Food delivery services are not permitted
- Parent lunch drop off is not permitted



Personal and Community Health

When school resumes in August, the school will have designed courses of action for instances where a student has been exposed or potentially exposed to COVID-19, has related symptoms, has tested positive, or is requiring a period of quarantine. This includes separate designated space for students receiving routine nursing services as opposed to students who may be experiencing symptoms due to Covid-19. If any of these circumstances apply to your family, please contact the school nurse to discuss appropriate measures to maintain the health of the school community.

[Click here for Point of Contact Flow Chart](#)



The District Point of Contact (POC), Dr. Zrano Bowles, is a district employee who serves as the liaison between the district and the ADH to contact the School Hotline when notified of a district-related positive case and work with school personnel to initiate the identification of Probable Close Contacts (PCC). Some of the responsibilities of the POC will be:

- Maintaining up-to-date knowledge of ADH directives and guidance
- Maintaining the district records of positive cases and probable close contacts and sharing the information with the ADH
- Implementing (with district leadership and the ADH) the district's communication plan for notifying the PCC or parent/guardian of the PCC of potential exposure & necessity of immediate quarantine for 14 days awaiting ADH contact.
- Working with the district administration and ADH to monitor timelines for acceptable returns to work/school.

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