

Ripley Public Schools

Return to School

2020-2021

We are preparing to return to school in a traditional format for the 2020-2021 school year. In an effort for all students to remain Warriors and learn from our staff, we will be offering different options of learning for our students. Each family may request the learning method that best fits the needs of their student. Each student will participate in traditional/on campus learning unless the student's family has completed the intake process for virtual learning. We will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 in our local and surrounding community and adjust our plan as needed or required.



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Each family will have the option to enroll in virtual learning, but we will have traditional school operations for those still wanting to learn in that manner when we have ZERO or LOW cases in our community. We may be required to activate remote learning for all students if there is a MEDIUM or HIGH community spread of COVID.



Ripley plans to resume traditional transportation. When possible, windows will be down for air circulation. Please know that bus transportation is an area that is very difficult to create social distancing, so please use your best judgement as if this is appropriate for your child. If we have a shortage of drivers, due to COVID, the district may need to reduce the number of routes.



It is important that families partner with us to monitor the health of your student and families. We ask that temperatures be taken on a daily basis at home. No student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, without medicine, may enter any facility at Ripley Public School. It is imperative for the health and safety of all students and staff that students remotely learn on days they have a fever or any symptoms of illness. Remote learning will not count against attendance if the students completes their online lessons in the allotted time frame.



Ripley will make every effort to promote healthy practices and protocols. Physical Distancing will be implemented when possible. Our staff will monitor reportable illnesses. Oklahoma Health Department guidance will be utilized for quarantine for exposure or confirmed cases. Ripley will follow county, city, and state mandates. Requirements and recommendations are subject to change.



Ripley has increased its cleaning and preparation of facilities in an effort to protect our staff and students. Frequent hand-washing and other healthy protocols will be implemented and practiced. Efforts will be made to have hand sanitizer and hand sanitizer stations available. Upon notification of a positive COVID case in a building, we will follow the recommendations of the local and state health officials specifically to our situation to better determine which areas of our facilities need to be closed while sanitation takes place. If specific classrooms must be closed due to a positive case, those students will move to remote learning.

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Learning Options

Option 1: Traditional

On-Campus Instruction

- All classes taken at regularly assigned school site
- In-person instruction
- Traditional academic school day
- Only transition to remote learning if required by state/local officials, or as determined necessary by administration and board of education

Remote Learning Days

- Determined by district, city or state in the event of an outbreak
- Can be utilized by individual students/families in the event of student exposure/illness resulting in quarantine
- Counts as a school day (not a traditional absence if student completes online lessons in the appropriate timeframe)
- Virtual coursework via Google Classroom and our virtual software
- Students will continue to learn new material with teacher support

Option 2: Full Virtual or Supplemental Virtual

- Students report as a Ripley virtual student
- Requires semester commitment
- Full virtual students take all courses online away from campus
- Supplemental virtual students can participate in extra-curricular programs. OSSAA requires on-site attendance for at least one period per day.
- Student learning plans are monitored by a Ripley teacher and/or administrator
- Application process is required

What transportation will be offered for students who choose virtual learning?

If a virtual student participates in extra curricular activities they will need to be on campus at certain times. However, transportation will only be offered during regular a.m. and p.m. routes. Transportation at other times during the school day will be the responsibility of the parent or student.

When will we use remote learning for all students?

Remote learning will be used when school is closed due to COVID, or other unforeseen circumstances. There may be times during the year where it is necessary, or required, to close all or some of our facilities. It is during these times when it would be necessary or required to use remote learning. The most efficient mode of remote learning is via online based technology. If you have barriers that would prevent you from accessing curriculum online, you will need to contact one of our administrators to help find a solution.

Will athletics, electives, and fine arts classes continue to be offered at all current levels and will there be restrictions?

Depending on the level of community spread and governing bodies, all athletics and activities will continue as planned with extra measures taken to ensure safety of students and staff. Additional measures may be implemented as needed and/or required.

Will the school district calendar change for 2020-2021?

It is our goal to keep calendar dates and events the same, however, the district may need to adjust throughout the year depending on the community spread of COVID and state requirements.

What determines the level of community spread?

We will work with the State Department of Health, Payne County Health Department and state epidemiologists to determine the level of community spread, low, medium or high, within our community.

Where will the information come from regarding the number of cases for community spread?

We will monitor the number of COVID cases in our community through the Oklahoma State Department of Health. We will follow any mandates set forth from the county, city or state.

Why will temperatures be taken daily?

Although having a temperature of 100 degrees, or over, can be a sign of different illnesses, one avenue we can try to prevent, or limit, exposure is to check student and staff temperatures daily with a no touch thermometer. If a temperature is at, or exceeding 100 degrees, the student or staff will be placed in a designated area until they can leave the campus. Students who are home due to fever will continue school by remote learning. We are still developing further protocols for response to fever.

What will be used for hand sanitizing?

We will have hand sanitizer stations at main entries and cafeteria, hand sanitizer in classrooms, hand sanitizer on school buses and wipes, if available to purchase, as an alternative for those who are not able to use hand sanitizer. Students can bring their own sanitizer to utilize when appropriate.

What can I do as a parent to help the school?

- Donations of hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, masks, no touch thermometers, and additional school supplies would be helpful
- Taking your child's temperature daily prior to them leaving your house and keeping them home/monitor symptoms if temperature is 100 degrees or greater
- Keeping students home if they exhibit any symptoms of illness
- Keeping students quarantined for 14 days (or the most current health department guideline) or until cleared by health department or physician, if they have had any exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID
- Letting your child's principal know if you need assistance with internet access, devices or meals
- Openly communicating any concerns directly with your child's teacher or school site
- Working with the school as they change visitor protocols and the check in/out Processes
- Assisting with COVID tracing through the State and Local Health Departments
- Provide transportation to and from school for your child to help with social distancing on bus routes

Additional practices to be implemented:

- Requesting that students use their own school supplies and share as little as possible
- Requesting that students bring their own water bottle and not use water fountains in a traditional way. Water fountains will be available for bottle refills

Virtual Learning

What is Virtual Learning?

A virtual learning program means the student takes all of his/her courses in a virtual setting away from the school. A teacher directs the instruction via our online platform. Tutoring, assistance and assessments will be given at an agreed upon location and may be done virtually, but no classes require regular physical attendance. We ask that virtual students commit to at least one semester of virtual learning. This program will be offered for PK-12 students

What is Supplemental Virtual Learning?

A supplemental virtual learning program means the student takes a portion of courses in a virtual setting away from the school, but may take courses on campus such as athletics, band or other possible extra curricular courses.

How do I enroll my student in a virtual program?

All students will be enrolled in a traditional learning option unless the application is completed and finalized. If interested in the virtual option, an application and intake process must be completed and finalized. Once the application has been completed, one of our administrators will contact you to finalize the process.

Questions:

Please do not hesitate to contact our administrators if you have any questions or concerns. You can contact them by phone at 918-372-4242 and follow the prompts to speak with the appropriate administrator. For PK-6th students contact Kaleb Hoffman and for 7th-12th students contact Josh Calavan. You may also contact Superintendent, Brent Meeks at the number above. This school year will have new aspects for all of us and we will need to make adjustments to plans throughout the year, so thank you in advance for your understanding during this difficult time.