

**USD 410 Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh**  
**“Draft” District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person**  
**Instruction and Continuity of Services for 2021-22**

This document is fluid and ever changing, based on the latest information provided to us from KSDE, KDHE, KASB, County and Local Health Departments, and USD 410 Families, Faculty and Staff.

**PART I.**

***Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:***

**(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.**

As of June 15, 2021, the USD 410 Board of Education has revised our face covering and ending temperature check guidelines for all summer programming, which includes Summer Academies, weight room, open gyms and summer camps, beginning June 15, 2021. Face coverings will be optional during June and July for students and staff.

We will continue to follow the same basic safety protocols such as sanitizing, hand washing and social distancing whenever possible. It is at the discretion of staff and parents to whether masks will be worn. Correct mask wearing has been taught in all classrooms and will continue to be addressed as the 2021 school year begins. Masks are available at the entrance of each school for anyone who would like to wear one.

**(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).**

USD 410 schools will continue their plans to practice safe distancing at school. Social distancing dots have been placed on the floors in hallways and the cafeteria has plexiglass dividers where students sit, so students are constantly and visually reminded to stay 6 ft apart. All teacher desks have a sneeze guard, so they can visit with individual students if necessary. The use of cohorts, or podding will be used when necessary according to COVID concerns in our buildings.

**(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.**

Correct handwashing etiquette and respiratory etiquette is addressed by the school nurse at each grade level several times a year. Correct handwashing posters and respiratory etiquette are posted in the restrooms and around each building. Hand sanitizer is available in each main entrance door, office and in individual classrooms. We also have 3oz. bottles of hand sanitizer we give out if individuals ask for them.

**(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.**

We clean and sanitize our buildings daily as recommended. Teachers also have readily available cleaning supplies in their classrooms to help the custodial to sanitize all surfaces at the end of each classroom period. We use MERV-8 filters in our HVAC units and all of our units have been equipped with ionization.

**(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.**

The USD 410 Nurse and Administration will work directly with the Marion County Health Department and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to trace and track quarantines in our two school buildings.

**(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.**

USD 410 Schools work with our parents to send students to their family physician, Hillsboro Community Hospital or Marion County Health Department when students need to be screened for COVID-19 symptoms. School Nurses have been notified of the new CDC & KDHE Grant that was shared by KSDE to provide resources for COVID testing so our students and staff can remain safely in school throughout the coming year.

**(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.**

Vaccinations have been made available to all certified and classified staff, substitutes, and Board of Education Members who work within our school district.

Vaccinations have been made available to all students who are of age at this time.

**(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.**

USD 410 Schools, along with the Marion County Special Education Cooperative Interlocal #617, will continue to make appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities in all aspects including health and safety concerns according to the Individual Education Plan or 504 needs of the student.

**(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.**

USD 410 Schools will continue to coordinate with State and local health officials to keep our students, staff, and community safe. The Superintendent of Schools and school nurse are in contact with the Marion County Health Department weekly on Friday afternoon and daily if needed. The Superintendent of Schools attends Zoom sessions regularly with KSDE and KASB to keep up to date with CDC guidelines and COVID updates.

## Part II.

***Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:***

### **(A) services to address students' academic needs**

- The district will begin the 2021-22 school year with in-person instruction. For parents who choose not to attend in-person, the district provides for top quality instruction through our well-established Technology Excellence In Education Network
- Interlocal #632 (TEEN) Virtual School.
- Add classroom aides where needed to help with student learning loss.
- Provide Summer Academies to address student learning loss K-12 grade.
- The district provided hot spots for several families in need of internet connections. We also provided hot spots in the Lehigh Community Building and the Durham Baptist Church.
- We plan to use ESSER funds to improved our ability to deliver hybrid instruction if needed.

### **(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health**

Each of our USD 410 school buildings has a full-time counselor to meet the student's needs.

Professional development has been on going at USD 410 Schools. In the fall of 2020 we began a collaboration with our local community mental health provider "Prairie View". This collaboration and partnership allowed us to add a Social Worker to each of our buildings and a Therapist to our USD 410 district to help meet the needs of our students and staff at USD 410. On June 2-4, 2021 USD 410 and Prairie View attended a TASN Mental Health Implementation Workshop to formalize our partnership to provide mental health services at USD 410. This workshop was originally set up for early June of 2020, but due to COVID-19 was cancelled. All of the USD 410 certified staff have been trained in Metal Health First Aid for Students. Social and emotional health has been at the forefront of our professional development and will continue to be so in the coming years at USD 410.

Our USD 410 Benefit includes a EAP for all our employees at USD 410, that addresses our employees needs if they chose to participate.

### **(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.**

- We work with our food management company Opa to provide contingency plans for changing our food service delivery as we did in the 2020-21 school year.
- The district follows KSHSAA COVID-19 safety guidelines (not shaking hands with opponents, no swapping benches in volleyball, etc.).

- Students are taught basic protocol besides sanitation (elbow bump, maintaining distance in the hallways, do not come to school if you don't feel well, etc.).
- The district has invested in sanitizing equipment for all of the school buildings including the transportation department for the buses.