



Plan for Instructional Services

2021/2022 School Year

The mission of the Rocky Ford School District is to ensure individual success and learning of all students, within a safe environment. Therefore, Rocky Ford School District is committed to providing a safe environment for staff and students as we look forward to beginning a new school year while still dealing with the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are optimistic that most of our instructional practices will return to “normal” as the Colorado Department of Public Health continues to eliminate restrictions. Please be assured that the district will continue to follow public health guidelines and therefore instructional plans will be adapted as needed. Below, you will find some details regarding instruction for the 2021/2022 school year.

What will instructional services look like when students return in the fall?

Registration:

Registration will take place on August 4th & 5th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Junior Senior High School. In-person registration will be available in the cafeteria area. We also hope to provide a fully online registration process. The district is transitioning to a new student information system called Alma which has the capability of providing online registration.

Jump Start:

Jump Start will be eliminated for the 2021/2022 school year. Rather than bringing in a smaller portion of our students for two weeks of targeted instruction, all students will be expected to begin classes on August 16th. This is an effort to make up for lost instruction time due to the pandemic. Jump Start will return for the 2022/2023 school year.

Instruction will be in-person. We have gained a few useful technology skills and the district has a few effective technology tools at its disposal because of the pandemic; however, in-

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person instruction has proven to be more effective for the academic growth and mental health of our students. The technology tools and skills that we have acquired will be in evidence as we provide instruction to students but the services will be in-person.

Health Protocols:

The district will follow any guidance provided by the department of public health. At this time, we do not anticipate any requirements for face masks or for the daily health screenings and temperature checks. The increased efforts for cleaning and sanitizing high-touch surfaces within the school buildings will remain in place.

Food Service:

Due to a return to in-person instruction for all school buildings, food service will also be returning to “normal”. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the regular times.

Buses:

Transportation services will continue to be affected by restrictions. We do not anticipate being able to load the buses to full capacity. Therefore, the limitations with the number of bus stops will remain. The following is the list of bus stops that will still be eliminated for the 2021/2022 school year:

- 18 th & Hopkins	- 14 th & Pine	- Library Park
- Central Office	- Melonaire Apartments	- Emerald & Rd EE
- Ewers & EE.5	- 1 st & Spruce	- 3 rd & Maple

Bus aides will continue to be hired to assist on all of the bus routes. The aides will help with the seating assignments, with the behavior management of the students, and will continue to sanitize the buses.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

We anticipate a full return of extra-curricular activities including all sports. The sports schedules/seasons should also be returning to the regular timetable.

What if infection rates rise or there is another scare dealing with a communicable disease?

The school district will work closely with public health in the event of another health scare to take appropriate action steps to keep staff and students safe.