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Choctaw County School District
Safe Return to School Plan
2021-2022

Introduction

- Choctaw County School District's safe return to school plan for the 2021-2022 has been developed based on MDHS and MDE guidance in accordance with CDC considerations.
- Should guidance from any of the above agencies change, CCSD will make adjustments to this plan.
- CCSD will regularly review this plan and seek input from all stakeholders concerning the plan.

Academic Programming

- CCSD will provide full in person learning for the 21-22 school year.
- Virtual learning will be provided as an option during the 2021-2022 school year for students in 7th–12th grade who have an underlying medical condition. Students wishing to participate in virtual learning must receive pre-approval.
- CCSD will continue to provide a comprehensive program for all students which includes content area classes, electives, intervention services, enrichment classes, and tutoring.
- CCSD is prepared for a smooth transition to virtual learning should the need arise due to a health-related outbreak. Each student in K-12 will be provided with a technology device. Students will receive instruction and assignments daily.

Academic Programming cont.

- Early diagnostic screenings and periodic benchmark assessments will be conducted and used to make instructional decisions.
- Student progress will be monitored throughout the school year. Data such as benchmark assessment scores, state assessment scores, class grades/test scores, and teacher observations will be used to monitor progress.
- Baseline data will be reviewed and students who have learning gaps will be referred to the MTSS (Multi Tiered System of Supports) Team. Timely and effective interventions will be provided.
- CCSD school administration will continue to provide staff observation and feedback to ensure effective instruction for students.
- Feedback from staff concerning instructional programming and supports will be gathered through surveys.

Operations

- **CCSD will return to the traditional arrival and dismissal procedures for the 21-22 school year.**
- **Students who arrive/leave on a district school bus will unload/load at the designated area at their school.**
- **Bus riders will enter the building at the appropriate designated entrance.**
- **Students who arrive/leave by a private vehicle will unload/load at the designated area for car riders at their school.**
- **Car riders will enter the building at the appropriate designated entrance.**

Operations cont.

- CCSD will continue to provide transportation for students who reside within our school district.
- All buses will be sanitized daily.
- Face masks will be encouraged to be worn on district buses but will not be required.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available on buses.
- Bus windows will be opened slightly for ventilation when possible.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided at each school at no charge to the students for the 21-22 school year.

Operations cont.

- Alternate plans for providing meals to students will include eating meals in the cafeteria, taking meals from the cafeteria to the classroom, and/or having meals delivered from the cafeteria to the classrooms.
- CCSD will operate on a traditional calendar for the 21-22 school year which will consist of 180 instructional days.
- Students will begin school on August 5, 2021.
- The last day of school will be May 25, 2022.
- The 21-22 school calendar is located on the district website.

Family and Community Support

- **CCSD schools will host Open House meetings at school throughout the school year.**
- **Teachers will be available during planning periods for parent/teacher conferences.**
- **Title I parent and family engagement activities will be provided as academic support to families.**
- **Families will be included in the MTSS/intervention process.**
- **Parent Surveys will be used to gather feedback concerning instructional programming and supports.**

Communications

- All news and information will be available on CCSD's website, www.choctawsd.ms, as well as on social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
- School newsletters will be distributed periodically with school specific information.
- CCSD will utilize Blackboard Connect and/or SchoolStatus for mass communication with parents.

Health and Safety

- CCSD will follow quarantine guidance from CDC and MDHS.
- Masks will be encouraged to be worn on school grounds and buses but will not be required.
- CCSD will provide professional development in the areas of social, emotional, mental health so that the needs of students and staff are met.
- Ventilation system upgrades will occur to improve air quality.
- Current ventilation systems will be maintained to ensure they operate properly and maximize air circulation.

Health and Safety cont.

- It is highly recommended that families screen their child(ren) for health-related symptoms each morning. Students with a temperature of 100 degrees or greater can not return to school until fever/symptom free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine.
- Routine temperature screenings will not take place; however, should a student have a fever while at school, they will be isolated from the general population and will be required to wear a mask. A parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child and they will not be allowed to return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication.

Health and Safety cont.

- **Buildings:**
 - Cleaning and sanitizing will be ongoing each day.
 - Hand sanitizer dispensers will be located at all building entryways and various points throughout hallways.
 - Water bottle filling stations will be located throughout the schools.
 - Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
- **Classrooms:**
 - Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided in every classroom.
 - Students will be spaced as far apart from each other as possible.
- **Restrooms:**
 - Hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed in the bathrooms.
 - Bathrooms will be cleaned twice a day or more if needed.

Health and Safety cont.

- **Cafeterias**
 - Hand sanitizer dispensers will be located in each cafeteria.
 - Cafeterias will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
 - Students will be social distanced as much as possible.
- **Transportation:**
 - All buses will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
 - Hand sanitizing dispensers will be located on each bus.
 - Windows will be slightly opened for ventilation when possible.
 - The transportation department buildings will be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.
- **Extracurricular areas:**
 - Gyms and other athletic buildings will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
 - Athletic equipment will be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis after use.

Health and Safety cont.

- The school nurse at each school is responsible for overseeing the health and safety of students.
- CCSD will carefully review all student registration paperwork to identify students who have underlying health conditions.
- Each school nurse will be notified about students with underlying health conditions. They will monitor these students for any health-related issues.
- Each school nurse will monitor staff who have underlying health conditions.

Health and Safety cont.

- School nurses will provide information concerning best practices for a healthy lifestyle for students and staff.
- CCSD takes the safety of staff, students, and spectators at extracurricular events seriously. Social distancing will be encouraged when possible. Quarantine guidelines will be followed in order to prevent the spread of Covid 19 at school events. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be located in buildings where extracurricular events take place.

Technology

- CCSD will provide a reliable technology device for each K-12 student.
- Wi-Fi will be provided that extends to a parking lot at each school.
- Google Classroom will be utilized for both face-to-face instruction and virtual instruction.

Miscellaneous

- **Arrival and Dismissal Times**
- **Ackerman Elementary School**
 - Dropoff – 7:20-7:40
 - Tardy – 7:45
 - Dismissal
 - 2:45 Car Riders
 - 2:55 Bus Riders
- **Choctaw County High School**
 - Dropoff – 7:15-7:30
 - Tardy – 7:32
 - Dismissal – 3:10

Miscellaneous
cont.

- **French Camp Elementary School**

- Dropoff – 7:20-7:40
- Tardy-7:45
- Dismissal
 - Car Riders – 2:50
 - Bus Riders – 3:10

- **Weir Elementary School**

- Dropoff – 7:10-7:30
- Tardy – 7:30
- Dismissal
 - Car Riders – 2:45
 - Bus Riders – 2:55

Miscellaneous cont.

- Nonessential visitors and volunteers will be limited.
- Visitors will only be allowed in an office area or a room designated by the school principal.
- Parent/Teacher conferences may be held by phone call, Zoom, FaceTime, etc. if desired.
- Parents/guardians will not be allowed into the school building to walk students to class.
- If there is an outbreak of Covid-19 cases at one time, the choice may be made to quarantine a class or school. Deep cleaning will take place during this time. Students who are affected by the closure will transition to virtual learning.
- Please provide comments about this plan by emailing helpccsd@choctawsd.