



## Lee County School District Continuity of Services Plan

*We are proud of the team effort from faculty, staff, students, and parents alike to plan a safe reentry to onsite learning at Lee High School and Anna Strong Learning Academy. Details related to re-engagement can be found below. Please note that changes may be made as new legislation, directives, and/or guidelines are provided. The next regularly-scheduled update is October 15, 2021. Communities are encouraged to review plans and provide feedback to the district. Updates may be made based on the feedback.*

### **Safety Precautions**

The Lee County School District will continue to practice of preventative measures such as encouraging appropriate masking, physical distancing, screening, testing, ventilation, handwashing, respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfecting to the extent practical. Although masks or other face coverings can no longer be mandated in Arkansas public schools, as prohibited by Act 1002 of 2021, the CDC currently recommends the following regarding the wearing of masks in school settings:

- **Indoors:** Mask use is recommended for people who are not fully vaccinated including students, teachers, and staff. Children under two (2) years of age should not wear a mask. Because children under the age of twelve (12) cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19 at this time, LCSD strongly encourages consistent and correct mask usage while indoors in all school settings with children under age twelve (12).
- **Outdoors:** In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. However, particularly in areas of substantial to high transmission, the CDC recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated.

In order to facilitate in-person learning five (5) days/week for LCSD students, each school will continue to implement practices that promote physical distancing to the extent possible between individuals and groups of individuals. Based on studies from the 2020-2021 school year, the CDC recommends schools maintain at least three (3) feet of physical distance between students within classrooms and at least six (6) feet between students and adults (and six (6) feet between adults who are not fully vaccinated). It is suggested that both of these recommendations be combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated to reduce transmission risk. Mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is particularly important when physical distance cannot be maintained. The district will follow the guidance regarding close contacts, quarantine and isolation as described in pages 5-7 of the [Division of Elementary and Secondary document linked here](#).

## **Learning Options for 2021-2022**

Lee County Schools will offer on-site instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

We recognized there is a loss of learning from the disruptions created by the pandemic. Summer school and credit recovery options were offered this summer. There will be a focused effort to provide students the support needed to learn the essential skills from previous grades especially in the core areas of reading and math while ensuring grade appropriate skills are being learned. With that being said, it is imperative that parents/guardians provide students with additional support at home and encourage them to engage in daily learning activities and opportunities.

Spring State testing results will be used and diagnostic assessments will be conducted over skills and concepts using the district-approved digital educational platforms. Instructional time/Interventions during the school day will be allocated at Lee High School and Anna Strong Learning Academy to address remediation as well as extension/enrichment.

Teachers will follow lesson plans that address Essential Standards for all students and monitor student growth.

Building administrators will monitor and support teachers and student performance as well as address any social-emotional needs of students and staff since COVID has affected us in various ways.

Central Office staff will support buildings and also monitor achievement results so as to ensure an optimal school environment that is conducive to learning.

## **ESSER COVID Relief Funds**

We are grateful for the federal funds made available to assist in our response to COVID-19. While the guidance is emerging, we are working to determine needs and develop action plans to use funds to provide direct student support, technology, address the loss of learning, ensure safe and sanitized facilities and transportation, air quality, provide quality instructional materials, curriculum, and professional development. Use of ESSER funds must be COVID- related, necessary, reasonable, and allowable.

## **Public Comment**

We appreciate input from our community, parents, and supporters as we move forward. Please feel free to submit your reflections, needs, and suggestions for public comment through the form link below. If you have personal or confidential concerns, please address them with your student's school counselor or principal.

Please contact the district personnel if needed at the following location:

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Please, click [here](#) to submit your reflections, needs, and suggestions for use of COVID Relief Fund.