

The Board of Education and/or Superintendent of USD 331 reserves the right to change mitigation protocols as needed based on community transmission data and/or guidance provided by county health authorities.

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.

- USD 331 does not require the wearing of masks. Patrons, staff and students may wear a mask if they choose to do so.

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

- USD 331 currently provides no modification to facilities.

C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

- Staff, students, and patrons are encouraged to continue proper handwashing. Signs are posted in all buildings promoting appropriate hand washing and respiratory etiquette.
- Hand sanitizer is available in all buildings.

D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

- Facilities are cleaned and sanitized in accordance with cleaning protocols.
- Fresh air intakes will be opened on applicable HVAC units to maximize ventilation.

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

- USD 331 cooperates with our county health department and state agencies to provide contact tracing information if such information is available.

F. Diagnostic and screening testing.

- USD 331 continues to offer rapid COVID-19, rapid strep, and rapid flu testing to students, teachers, and staff who request testing.

G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

- USD 331 has provided and will continue to provide the opportunity to staff who wish to receive the vaccine through the County Health Department. Vaccines for children 12 and older are available at the County Health Department as parents have the full decision-making as to whether or not to have their child receive the vaccine.

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

- USD 331 will make necessary accommodations to ensure that our identified

special education students have full access to appropriate educational supports as outlined in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

I. Coordination with State and local health officials.

- USD 331 cooperates with the county health department, KSDE and KDHE to monitor the current situation in the county and district.

Part II.

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

A. services to address students' academic needs

- USD 331 will provide in-person learning for all students for the 23-24 school year.

B. students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

- Time is built into building schedules to address and attend to social-emotional needs.
- Ongoing professional learning opportunities related to social-emotional learning (SEL)
- Information and handouts from our community partners will be made readily available for those seeking mental health support.

C. other needs, which may include student health and food services.

- USD 331 offers breakfast and lunch daily.
- The USD 331 district nurses and building health aides will monitor student absenteeism and meet regularly with building administration to identify trends in student and staff attendance data.
- Building Leadership Teams will review chronic absenteeism data and work with grade-level/department teams to create plans to promote increased student attendance.

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