

**UPDATED** for 2021-2022 School Year



## **BOONEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **Booneville Public Schools Back to School Ready for Learning Plan**

Booneville School District staff members are working diligently to plan for the 2021-22 school year. Below is a detailed plan which will address eight key areas:

1. District Governance
2. Facilities and Transportation
3. Human Resources
4. Academics
5. Student Support
6. Health and Safety
7. Technology
8. Communication/Parent Engagement

A task force has been formed to address the key areas for school entry for August 16, 2021.

In an effort to answer many of the questions you have in relation to the 2021-22 school year, we are releasing the information below with the understanding that this is a changing situation with continued updates and directives from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and the Department of Education. The information included in this document is based on what we know today and is subject to change.

Sincerely,

Trent Goff  
Superintendent

August 1, 2021

## **Booneville Public Schools COVID-19 Guidelines for 2021 - 2022**

**Booneville Public Schools will follow the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) guidelines and the Arkansas Ready for Learning report issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in planning for re-opening in the fall. We hope the following information helps answer many of the questions you may have about reopening schools.**

*Our goal will be to provide as safe an experience as possible that includes a rich educational experience, with opportunities for social interaction and extra curricular activities while adhering to guidelines provided by the Arkansas Department of Health.*

### **What is the first day for students?**

School will begin on Monday, August 16, 2021.

### **Will bus transportation be provided?**

Yes, the district will provide bus transportation for all students.

### **How normal will the day be for a student?**

Our goal is for your student(s) to have as normal of a day as possible while we also provide as much safety as possible. Students will not remain in the same classroom all day but will be able to transition from one class to another.

### **Will students at the elementary still have extra classes like PE, art, music, guidance and library?**

Yes, students will continue to participate in activity classes, check out library books, and receive guidance and gifted instruction.

### **Will my elementary student have recess?**

Yes. Elementary students will have outdoor play time.

### **Will social distancing guidelines be observed?**

Social distancing will be observed as much as feasibly possible, but when not possible, students will be required to wear a mask.(Updated 8/20/21)

**Will classrooms be arranged differently to protect students?**

Yes, classrooms will be arranged to provide more space between students. That might mean all desks are arranged in rows facing in a single direction. It might result in reading areas with bean bags, couches or comfy chairs being removed. It might include dividers between students who are seated at a table. We will make every effort to provide distance but not limit students' ability to interact and communicate with others in their classroom.

**Will students attend school every day or will we have some type of alternative schedule?**

We plan for students to attend school daily following a traditional school day schedule.

**If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, what will happen?**

In the event an individual tests positive, we will follow the latest guidance from the ADH. We will be in direct contact with ADH. This could result in a brief closure of a single school within the district to provide time for additional cleaning and sanitation.

**If I don't want my student to return to a traditional classroom, what are my options?**

The District will provide a virtual learning option. The option is RedComet for K-6 and Virtual Arkansas for 7-12 students. Parents and students will be required to commit to the Virtual Education option no later than August 1st.

**If students choose to do full-time virtual, will they be able to participate in extracurricular activities?**

Booneville Online Program students in grades 7-12 may participate in AAA activities in person at the school, including band, choir, and athletics. Students must attend at least ONE class in person on the campus to participate in an AAA activity. The activity can be the one class on campus if provided during the school day.

**Will we have an Open House?**

Elementary: August 10th, 2021 @ 4:30pm-6:30pm

Jr. High: August 10th, 2021 @ 4:30pm-6:30pm

Sr. High-N/A

**What special precautions will be implemented in regard to cleaning and sanitizing?**

Sanitation and cleanliness will be a high priority for our district as we return in the fall. Staff will clean high touch surfaces (door knobs, light switches, etc.) and restrooms on a continuous basis throughout the day. We will also provide time for hand washing and hand sanitizer throughout our campuses. Students will be asked to sanitize their hands each time they leave a space and/or enter a new space.

**If a student comes to school sick, what will happen?**

If a student comes to school sick, the school nurse will screen the student and check their temperature. If temperature is over the ADH guidance, the student will be sent home and will need to be fever free for 48 hours -without medication- before returning to school. When the child returns to school they will check in with the school nurse.

**What happens if we have school closures again?**

If schools close again, a plan for at-home digital learning has been developed. This plan includes Pre-K thru 2nd grade using SeeSaw; and grades 3-12 using Google Classroom to submit assignments. Teachers will utilize Zoom/Google Hangouts to deliver live lessons when possible. Students will learn how to use these Learning Management Systems by participating in lessons throughout the week while at school. Blended learning that included both on-site traditional instruction and digital instruction will become the norm. This approach will allow students who might be ill or quarantined for a limited amount of time to continue their education even if they are not physically present in the classroom.

**Will our students have the same arrival and dismissal times?**

Yes-Regular School Day

**What advice do you have for students with special needs (autism, asthma, panic attacks, anxiety, etc.) or students with weakened immune systems and pre-existing conditions?**

The district will be prepared to accommodate students with special needs through both onsite and offsite instruction. Our Special Education instructors will be taking extra precautions when working with students. If parents have concerns about their students who may be at high-risk because of COVID-19, they may explore the virtual learning option which allows the student to continue their education from the safety of their own home.

**In the event of a temporary school closure, how will the district serve students who have special needs (Special Education, 504, Dyslexia, etc).**

In the event of a school closure, students will participate in live instruction with scheduled Zoom sessions.