

# 2021-2022 School Year Plan

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Union R-XI Families,

As the Union R-XI School District prepares to return to school for the 2021-2022 school year, there continues to be many question marks for school districts locally and across the nation. As we approach the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, we are all eager for things to return to normal; but no one can predict when that may happen. The global Coronavirus pandemic has brought about many changes for education as we prioritize the safety of our students. Our schools are designed to educate students through social, face-to-face interactions, in relatively close spaces and in large groups. So, in times like these, we must prepare for multiple scenarios and ultimately educate students in the best way possible under any given circumstance.

As we plan for a new school year, the priorities we continue to hold are:

- Providing environments that are as safe as possible for students and staff;
- Providing an equitable, guaranteed, and viable education.

To prepare individual learners for success in life, the Union R-XI School District provides meaningful experiences in a safe and caring environment. We continue to review countless documents providing guidance, engage professional conversations, and establish protocols aligned to feedback and research in the best way possible.

We recognize that without student safety, our mission cannot happen. During these difficult times, we must keep our expectations high, persevere, and adapt to a changing environment. It is our goal to continue to provide five days a week in person learning for all students as we know this is our most ideal instructional setting for student achievement. The three scenarios outlined in our plan takes into consideration the complexities of the pandemic and our response.

We ask for your understanding and patience as we continue to make this journey together. In the event that modifications to our plan are necessary, please know that our decisions will be guided by our desire to do what is best for our students, employees and community.

**Periodic Review:** As a note, this plan will be periodically reviewed each semester or earlier as necessary with changing local, state and national research and data. During each review, identified district stakeholders will collaborate on necessary changes or updates to the documents processed, procedures and information to the extent possible.

Based on feedback from families and staff, our Return to School Plans are focused on providing two learning schedule options for families this year and three plans that could be used if needed. **We have outlined the 21-22 Educational Plans and your options [here](#).** It's important to know during the upcoming school year we may need to activate some or all of these plans depending on the spread of illness in our community. **See Safety Plan [here](#).**

**In Late July, our Board of Education Meeting voted to begin the 2021-2022 school year in person with a virtual option for families to choose from.** In our 2021-2022 School Year Plan, we offer two learning options for grades K-12. K-12 families will be choosing between Union R-XI School-Based Learning or our virtual learning platform, **Wildcat@Home**.

Families will have two options for enrollment in the 2021-22 school year. We recognize that your preferences may change during the school year. At the end of the first semester, parents will have another opportunity to choose which option meets the needs of each student in your family.

- **Option 1:** School-Based Plan - District may function at Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 when deemed necessary. Level 1: Traditional & Virtual Plan; Level 2: Hybrid (In Person & Virtual) Plan; or Level 3: Connected (At Home) Plan
- **Option 2:** A full-time virtual learning schedule – Wildcat@Home
  - [Elementary/Middle School K-8](#)
  - [High School 9-12](#)

Sincerely,

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Union R-XI School District