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READY FOR LEARNING PLAN 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

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Wynne Public School Point of Contact for COVID-19

Wynne Public Schools will follow the guidelines provided by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Onsite (face-to-face) instruction for students will begin on time on August 16, 2021 five days a week. Wynne Public Schools will also provide a K-12 virtual learning option. The use of personal protective equipment, physical distancing where possible, and in-depth cleaning and sanitizing procedures will continue to be implemented in accordance with DESE guidelines.

Wynne Public School Point of Contact for COVID-19

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus within our staff and student body we are asking all parents/guardians, of students who will be in attendance on-site, and all employees to notify our designated Point of Contact immediately when the following occurs:

- Someone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19
- Someone in the household has been identified as a Close Contact to a positive case of COVID-19 and is requiring quarantine and/or recommended to be tested for COVID 19.
- Students attending on-site and employees who are being tested for COVID-19. If symptomatic, students/staff should remain in quarantine pending results of their COVID-19 test.

Please call Dallas Ellis at (870)318-5835, or email information to dellis@wynneschools.org. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Her hours are 7:30am - 4:00pm M-F.

Together we can help keep our Wynne School District Family safe, healthy and ready to learn during this unique time.

Jacket Learning

TRADITIONAL LEARNING Grades K-12



- Students will go to school buildings to learn and will follow a normal schedule in a setting consistent with Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) guidelines.
- The traditional classroom will allow students to continue learning grade level content standards through face-to-face instruction and technology-based approaches.
- Attendance will be taken based upon a student being physically present. If a student is quarantined or required to isolate by the district or Arkansas Department of Health, he or she will be required to make up work when returning to school or complete their work virtually. Students will follow the Student Handbook for making up missed work.

AMI Plan

Wynne Public Schools has been approved for up to 10 days of AMI (Alternative Methods of Instruction) including remote learning, on days when the district is closed due to exceptional or emergency circumstances. AMI will be used in case of school or district closures due to COVID-19. Students will receive assignments through the following:

Grades K-2: Paper packets and/or assignments posted in Google Classroom
Grades 3-5: Paper packets and/or assignments posted in Google Classroom
Grades 6-12: Assignments through Edgenuity

AMI assignments will be due by the end of the third day following the last AMI day(s).

SPECIAL SERVICES

Wynne Schools will accommodate students with special needs through both traditional and virtual instruction. Teachers will adjust the learning accordingly in the system. If a student is without technology access, paper packets will be given which the student will have modified lessons to meet the IEP goals. If related services are needed during an AMI day the student will have an opportunity to have teletherapy i.e. "Teletherapy is the online delivery of speech, occupational, physical therapy, and mental health therapy services via high-resolution, live video conferencing." If the student does not have access to technology services arrangements will be made to have in-person therapy if it is not hindered by inclement weather or a contagious disease outbreak.

VIRTUAL LEARNING Grades K-12



- Students will learn remotely full time. All instruction will be online. Speech, physical therapy, occupational therapy, dyslexia and mental health services will be offered onsite.
- Students will continue to receive the accommodation included in their 504 plans. Students will continue to receive minutes included in their IEP and service in their LPAC. GT supports will be provided.
- Students will engage in self-paced learning through educational and instructional technology. Attendance will be taken based off of students completing 5% of their course work each week in each class. If a student falls behind more than 10% they will be required to return to onsite learning.
- Families who choose this option should have home Internet available or the ability to use community Internet access points. The district will provide devices to students.
- STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE ONSITE FOR STATE MANDATED ASSESSMENTS.
- Students will follow all policies and procedures including attendance, assignments and behavior as outlined in the Student Handbook.
- Students registered in virtual learning may participate in extracurricular activities, following the guidelines of their respective activity as issued by the coach and the Arkansas Activities Association. Parents will provide transportation.
- Secondary students are expected to complete assigned coursework each week in all enrolled courses to make academic progress. If a student's grades are not passing, or drops below 70%, then the student may be required to participate in intervention support. If academic progress does not improve, a meeting will be held with an administrator, guardian, and student to determine the best instructional option for the student.
- If the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), LPAC, or 504 Plan conflicts with this policy, the requirements of the student's IEP, LPAC, or 504 Plan take precedence.
- If a student has serious medical issues that would preclude onsite learning as advised by their doctor, but the student is not showing success through virtual learning, changes will be necessary. Teachers and administration will work with the parent and student to draft a detailed plan of future actions that must be completed.



Jacket Classrooms

With COVID-19 strains (including the Delta variant) still a major health concern, Wynne Public Schools will continue the 2021-22 school year with many of the same safety precautions implemented during the 2020-21 school year.

[SOCIAL DISTANCING]

Wynne Public Schools will work within its buildings to continue practices that minimize crowd flow and reduce crowding during arrival, dismissal, and class changes. Strategies include:

- Directional signage for designated entrances/exits
- Hallways divided to encourage one way traffic patterns
- Signage to encourage social distancing
- Restroom breaks scheduled to avoid congregating (when possible)
- During arrival and dismissal, students will be directed to go straight from their vehicles, buses, and drop off points to the cafeteria, gym or classrooms and vice versa.



Transitions will be unique to each campus due to the layout of the buildings. Each school will have procedures in place to promote social distancing.

Throughout the school year, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the schools, district and community will continue to be monitored. The ability to schedule large group gatherings, traditional field trips, meetings, assemblies, and performances will depend on case numbers, which will be monitored and evaluated throughout the year.

Signage will be placed around schools to provide frequent reminders to students and staff to maintain social distance. Whenever possible, we will aim for a minimum of 3 feet between students in the classroom and 6 feet between students and adults.

Classroom Arrangement

Desks and other seating will be arranged in classrooms to maximize distance between students and teachers. Teachers will remove all non-essential items from their classrooms to allow for the maximum social distancing space possible.

Dividers will be used on tables to protect groups of students (during small group instruction, interventions, etc.). Each class will have a strict seating chart to aid in contact tracing.

FULLY VACCINATED STUDENTS OR STAFF DO NOT NEED TO QUARANTINE IF DEEMED CLOSE CONTACTS, UNLESS THEY HAVE/DEVELOP SYMPTOMS.



[K-5]

- When possible, students will be kept in small cohorts (or classroom groups) during the day and from day-to-day.
- PE instruction will be delivered in the gym (with social distancing) or outside for classes. Measures will be taken to sanitize equipment between classes.
- Outdoor recess will be provided and modified to reduce the mixing of classes. Elementary schools will create playground groups to keep classes together. This will be revisited based on case numbers.

[6-12]

- Students will have individual Chromebooks which will not be shared with other students.
- Staff will be assigned to monitor transitions/class changes to discourage congregating.
- Restroom breaks will be allowed to avoid congregating, if possible.



Jacket Cleaning & [SAFETY]

Personal hygiene practices (such as handwashing and staying home when sick), social distancing, and environmental cleaning and disinfecting are essential to maintain a healthy environment. In an attempt to reduce the spread of the virus, doors at the main entrances to the schools will be cleaned and sanitized multiple times daily.

PPE (personal protective equipment) is allowed for staff, which includes masks, shields, & gloves (when appropriate). Wynne schools will have a mask mandate with a parent opt out option available. Face coverings will be provided for students who wish to wear one.



Staff will review proper hand-washing techniques with students (with soap for at least 20 seconds) and allow for regular hand washing breaks throughout the day. Restrooms will be stocked with antibacterial soap and towels, and students will be strongly encouraged to wash their hands during the school day and before meals. Frequently touched areas such as light switches, faucet levers, paper towel dispensers, and flush levers will be sanitized often by custodial staff.

Hand sanitizer will be provided in entryways, the cafeteria, on buses, and in classrooms. Adequate supplies will be provided to support healthy hygiene behaviors throughout the day (such as hand soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, etc.).

Wastebaskets, tissues, and CDC-approved hand sanitizer will be distributed and stocked in every office and classroom so that these materials can be used upon entry and exit and during transit between sites.

Teachers and custodians will develop systems to clean desks, tables, Chromebooks and other devices. Teachers & custodians will also clean frequently touched classroom surfaces such as door handles, light switches, and interactive boards.

Students will be encouraged to sneeze and cough into their elbows or to cover with a tissue.



Student personal items and school supplies (such as pens, crayons, and scissors) will be kept separately in individual containers at desks or in backpacks. Students will be instructed not to share these items with other students.

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

Campuses will have custodial staff onsite during and after the school day. In response to COVID-19, all Wynne staff have been trained in enhanced cleaning and sanitation techniques.

Throughout the day, custodial services will sanitize high touch surfaces and restrooms to reduce the possible transmission of the virus. Between classes, teachers and/or students will wipe down high touch surfaces and shared instructional materials.



Teachers and students will be expected to pick up all items from the floor and clear desktops and tabletops at the end of the day to allow for more thorough cleaning each evening. After the school day, custodians will clean high touch surface areas with disinfectant.

In the event of a possible exposure to the virus, custodial staff will deep clean impacted classrooms and spaces. Facilities may need to be closed for an extended period of time to deep clean affected areas.



Jacket School Day

[PROCEDURES]

VISITORS

Wynne Public Schools has always welcomed parent support in our buildings; however, for the safety of our students and staff, visitors will be limited to the reception area. While the high level of transmission necessitates limiting



visitors as school begins, the district will periodically reevaluate the safety of opening buildings to guests during the school year.

Plexiglass barriers will be provided for protection at reception desks, cafeteria registers, and other areas where appropriate.

Parent meetings (Student Support Team, Section 504, and Individual Education Plan, etc.) may be conducted virtually.

Parents and guardians may not walk students into the school. Visits to the school should be limited to essential activity.

Students must either bring a lunch or eat in the cafeteria. Meal drop offs will not be permitted at any school. At this time, parents and other guests will not be allowed to eat lunch with students. Lunch guests will be evaluated as the school year continues.

MEDICATION DELIVERY

Parents will be able to enter the buildings at the front office. Nurses will come to the front office to accept medication and dosage instructions.



HYDRATION

Students will be asked to bring filled water bottles each day as water fountains will not be available.

Most schools in the district have hydration stations, which will be available for students to fill their water bottles.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Wynne Schools will continue to support student social and emotional health with intentional relationship building.

Wynne Public Schools has developed a comprehensive counseling plan to support students facing behavioral and mental health challenges.

Mental health support is available for all learners, whether traditional or virtual. School counselors can assist families if additional mental health services are needed. For more information, contact your school counselor.

FOOD SERVICES

Signage will be used to designate areas and to promote social distancing.



All cafeteria spaces will be sanitized prior to student meals and after each student group leaves the cafeteria. Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces will occur between each serving session.

Safety practices for all cafeteria workers include the wearing of gloves (where appropriate) and hand sanitizing.

Students will be required to wash their hands before each meal, and hand sanitizer will be available.

Money will not be accepted in the cafeteria. Meal payment may be made at each school office. Contactless payment for meals is available at ezschoolpay.com.

While the size and setup of each school cafeteria is unique, students will be social distanced to the extent possible.

[K-5]

Students will sit with fellow class members while observing social distancing to the fullest extent possible.

[6-12]

Food options will be limited to discourage waiting/congregating in the service areas. Lines will be designed to help students stay social distanced.

Students who bring their lunch may eat in alternate locations. Social distancing will be maintained to the fullest extent possible.



Keeping Jackets [SAFE]

As we have throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Wynne Schools takes a layered approach to mitigate risk to make in-person learning as safe as possible.



VACCINES

According to the CDC, vaccines are safe and effective at preventing COVID-19, including severe illness and death. Currently, the vaccine is approved for people 12 years and older.

People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they

have received the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson); there is currently no post-vaccination time limit on fully vaccinated status. Unvaccinated people are individuals of all ages, including children that have not completed a vaccination series or received a single-dose vaccine.

FULLY VACCINATED STUDENTS OR STAFF DO NOT NEED TO QUARANTINE IF DEEMED CLOSE CONTACTS, UNLESS THEY HAVE/DEVELOP SYMPTOMS.

Wynne will continue to encourage all eligible students and staff members to be vaccinated. The district plans to host additional vaccination clinics as needed.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The bus is a confined area where social distancing is not feasible. The district strongly recommends that parents provide transportation for their students. Students and staff will be required to wear a mask while on the bus, unless they have an opt out form on file with their school.



Students will use hand sanitizer when entering the bus. Between the morning and afternoon bus routes, buses will be sanitized. Bus windows will be lowered when possible to improve air circulation. To aid with contact tracing, all students will be assigned a seat.



ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

Drop off and pick up procedures will vary at each school. Social distancing protocols will be in place to minimize congregating. Principals will share specifics prior to the first day of school.

During arrival and dismissal, students will be directed to go straight from their vehicles, buses, and drop off points to the cafeteria, gym, or classrooms and vice versa.

We ask that parents please do not park, stop, exit vehicle or congregate at drop off/pick up areas on school campuses.

MASK REQUIREMENTS

New COVID-19 guidelines from DESE and ADH call for all Arkansas schools to maintain as many virus precautions as possible -- including mask use in classrooms where children are under age 12 or where vaccination status of students or staff members cannot be confirmed.



BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR

On August 16, 2021, the Wynne School Board voted to require all students, and employees to wear a face covering while present on a school bus or in a school district building unless an opt out form was on file. All visitors will be required to wear a mask until further notice. The school board opted to do the most they could to protect students, particularly those who are not eligible to receive any COVID-19 vaccine. The requirement will last until the school board can review COVID-19 data and determine next steps. The official start date of this policy will be August 24, 2021.

Individuals exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 will not need to be quarantined if they have no symptoms and BOTH the infected and exposed individual consistently and correctly were wearing a mask.



Jacket Monitoring[COVID-19]

POINT OF CONTACT AND REPORTING POSITIVE CASES



Arkansas Department of Health issues the procedures to be followed once an employee or student tests positive. Wynne Public Schools will follow the guidance and direction provided by the ADH.

In the event of a positive case, names of students and faculty/staff members WILL NOT be shared with the public.

Positive cases of students and staff should be reported to the district Point of Contact (POC) as soon as possible. Call (870)318-5835 (leave a message if needed) or email dellis@wynneschools.org 7:30am – 4:00pm M-F.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 the school will identify probable close contacts (within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24-hour period).

Students 12 years old and up who are fully vaccinated no longer have to quarantine after exposure to someone with COVID-19 unless they have/develop symptoms. They can continue attending school and participating in extracurricular activities.

NOTIFICATION

Parents will be contacted by Wynne Public Schools if their student has been in close contact with a known positive case as determined by Arkansas Department of Health. It is essential that ALL contact information be kept up-to-date so parents can be contacted as quickly as possible.

QUARANTINE

The district Point of Contact (POC) will notify probable close contacts regarding potential exposure and initiate quarantine if necessary.

The district will follow the current quarantine guidelines issued by the Arkansas Department of Health.

ISOLATION

The person testing positive for COVID-19 will follow the current isolation guidelines issued by the Arkansas Department of Health.

ATTENDANCE

Students will have an excused absence during quarantine and/or isolation. Upon return, students will be expected to complete makeup work based on the attendance policy in the Student Handbook.

MONITORING FOR SYMPTOMS

WPS is committed to the health and safety of our students and teachers, and their family members. We expect all of our staff and students to follow appropriate ADH guidelines to minimize exposure. Everyone — students and staff — will be expected to stay home when they are sick or have symptoms.

If a student comes to school sick, the school nurse will screen the student and check his or her temperature. If the temperature is over the ADH guidance, the student will be sent home and required to follow guidance from ADH before returning to school. The student must check in with the nurse when he or she comes back to school.

If a student develops symptoms throughout the day, he/she must notify an adult immediately. Students with symptoms will be assessed by the school nurses who

will determine a course of action. Isolation areas will be established in school health centers.

Sick students must be picked up by a parent or guardian; they will not be allowed on the bus. It is critical that parents pick up sick students in a timely manner.

School health rooms will maintain a designated space for healthy students visiting for routine needs, medications, diabetic checks, asthma management, first aid/injury assessment, etc. If your student has chronic health conditions which mimic symptoms of COVID-19 (such as seasonal allergies) please consult with nursing staff regarding care and treatment.

KEEP CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT

Wynne Schools is dedicated to communicating with our families consistently and with transparency as we navigate these challenges together. We use email and social media as our primary means of contacting parents and the community. Administrators, teachers, and school nurses also rely on correct contact information being available in the student's school record.

We encourage parents to engage and actively follow "Wynne Public Schools" social media platforms and download (or update) the Wynne Public Schools app for the latest news feed items, information, and notifications.

