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Ready for Learning Plan Nashville School District

Please Note: The information in this document is subject to change as directives are provided by governing agencies and/or health officials or as environmental needs change. At this time Nashville School District is open and have all of our students participating in face-to-face education. If there is another outbreak Nashville School District will follow this plan.

Nashville 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 extracurricular activities while adhering to guidelines provided by the Arkansas Department of Health.

What is the first day for students?

School will begin on August 15, 2022

Who will be required to wear face coverings? Masks are highly recommended but not required.

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. Of course, sanitation will take place before a new group of students enter a space.

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. In some cases, the teacher may present their lesson in the student's classroom to reduce the amount of cleaning possible. In others situations, such as PE, students may have an assigned area in the gym with specific materials assigned to their classroom.

Will my elementary student have recess? Yes

Will social distancing guidelines be observed?

Social distancing will be observed as much as feasibly possible but at times students will be closer than the recommended 3ft. apart. We will redesign classrooms and cafeteria spaces to increase the space between students but cannot always guarantee it will be 3ft.

Will classrooms be arranged differently to protect students?

Yes, classrooms will be arranged to provide maximum spacing allowable. 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.

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 very similar schedule to the traditional school day.

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.

Will students and adults be screened daily?

Both students and adults should make sure they do not have any of the following symptoms prior to coming to school.

- 1.) Have you had a fever of 100.4°F or greater in the last 2 days
- 2.) Have you had a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell
- 3.) Have you been in contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 within the previous 10 days

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

We firmly believe onsite instruction is best for students academically, socially, and emotionally. However, we understand that cases have increased over the summer, and parents who may have felt comfortable with their children returning to onsite instruction in August may no longer feel comfortable with onsite instruction. Therefore, we are going to open our application for virtual learning. All K-12 virtual students will utilize online virtual learning through Edmentum EdOptions Academy. Parents who wish for their student to be virtual must contact the building principal no later than Thursday, August 11th at 7 p.m. Students who apply for virtual learning may not be accepted if they were not successful with virtual learning last year. You will be notified of our decision by Friday, August 12th. If you are accepted into virtual learning, you will be contacted with further instructions at a later date. K-12 students, choosing to be virtual, will be making the commitment for the semester. Students who are not successful will be required to return to school in January 2023. Virtual learning will not be an option for current students who have not applied by Thursday, August 11th.

Will we have an open house/meet the teacher night? Yes, August 11th from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Will students be able to participate in extracurricular activities and sports in the fall?

Yes, we anticipate sports activities in the fall with possible modifications as required by the AAA.

Will my student eat lunch in their classroom? No

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. We will clean high touch surfaces (door knobs, light switches, etc.) and restrooms on a continuous basis throughout the day. We have also purchased disinfectant sprays to quickly sanitize rooms between usages. We will also provide time for hand washing and hand sanitizer throughout our campuses.

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 school will follow the ADH guidance.

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 K-12 using Google Classroom to submit assignments. Teachers will utilize videos to deliver lessons. 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?

All Scheduled times will remain the same, depending on guidance from ADH, arrival and dismissal times may be varied if the need arises.

Addressing Unfinished Learning

Nashville School District will address unfinished learning from the prior year by using district developed resources and state and local assessments to address unfinished learning. Student Aspire, ACT, DLM, ELPHA, DIBELS and I-Station assessment data will be evaluated to ensure skills and standards need to be addressed at the beginning of the school year. Grades K-6 will hire three learning loss coaches and three para-professionals. A daily schedule (55 minute) will be devised for small group individualized instruction. During the intervention block, NSD will use a Science of Reading Direct instruction approach utilizing printed materials from Istation. Additionally, all strands of the Scarborough Rope will be addressed through various intervention activities approved by the Arkansas State Department of Education including, but not limited to:

Wonders, Wordly Wise, Amplify, Heggerty and Words Their Way. Students will have progress monitoring associated with the intervention activities completed every ten days to assess growth and make adjustments to intervention lessons. Grades 7-12 will create a 40 minute daily intervention time in their master schedule. Students will be placed in groups based on their specific needs. (If math scores are lower than other areas they will receive specific math instruction, literacy etc...)

- Student screening and assessment of the essential standards
- Student procedure review
- Social-emotional support (Light Speed Software- monitor signs/warnings of mental health distress)
- Review of the learning processes (google classroom)
- Technology use and safety guidelines
- Social distancing, new safety requirements

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 through onsite or other IEP allowed environments in (grades k-12).