

# STANLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

*HOME OF THE BLUE JAYS*



## **In-Person Learning & Continuity of Services Plan**

Adopted: June 2021

Reviewed: November 2021; June 2022

## **Our Motto**

Empowering learners. Inspiring success.

---

## **Our Mission**

Preparing today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

---

## **Our Vision**

Stanley Community schools believe in creating relationships and opportunities that will provide skills necessary for learners to become successful through a culture of growth and lifelong learning.

---

## **Priorities**

Stanley Public Schools will continue to work with state agencies and community partners to collaborate to achieve common goals. We will be focusing on these key priorities:

- Health and Safety of Staff and Students
- Equity and Inclusion
- Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners
- Fiscal Accountability and Measurable Results

## **Purpose**

Ensure that every student in Stanley Public Schools receives an equitable education and has equal access to learning and instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Introduction

In March 2020, Stanley schools closed its school buildings for in-person learning due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and related public health orders. For the remainder of the spring semester of 2020, students engaged in remote learning throughout the district. During the 2020-2021 school year students and families had the choice of returning to the school for in-person face-to-face instruction or receiving their education off site through some online options. Also during the 2020-2021 school year, social distancing was put into place wherever possible (desks and students seated as far from each other as possible), visitors in our buildings were not allowed, more stringent cleaning protocols were instituted, students and staff were quarantined when deemed to be a close contact to someone who had tested positive, and face masks were recommended and/or required.

For the 2021-2022 school year it is our desire to return our schools back to a “pre-Covid normal” meaning all instruction will take place in our buildings, no face covering requirements, limited quarantines, and allowing parents and visitors back into our school buildings. The following outlines details of our protocols for the 2021-2022 school year.

## Ensuring Student Success through Robust Relationships

Our district motto is *“Empowering learners. Inspiring success”*. We believe it is necessary to foster robust relationships to fulfill our purpose.

Our first priority is to maintain relationships and the safety of our students and staff. As we continue navigating the waters of uncertain times, we will continue to live out our commitment to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

## Instructional Delivery

We feel the best mode of instructional delivery is a traditional face-to-face educational environment. Therefore, for the 2021-2022 school year, all instruction provided by the school district will be in-person instruction in our school buildings. We will not have an off-site/online learning option as we did last school year.

We will work with students who are quarantined to continue their education throughout the duration of their quarantine.

## High-Quality, Effective, Standards-Based Education

The District will ensure that all learning instruction, resources, and supplemental materials are aligned to ND Standards. Support will be provided to students who experience issues in accessing and engaging in learning. The district understands the need to scaffold instruction to meet the needs of individual students, students with special needs, and to reflect age and

development of the students. Also, teachers will continue to monitor student progress and offer assistance and re-teaching opportunities as needed to support the learning of the students.

## **Ensuring Equitable Services**

The Stanley School District believes students benefit from a continued delivery of educational services. These services provide our families and students with consistency and support. The school district will develop equitable learning plans for students as necessary and will monitor the progress of students with special needs/circumstances to ensure that they are able to access learning resources and engage in the learning process. Education teams will evaluate the needs of students on an individualized plan (i.e. IEP, 504, ILP), and students receiving Title 1 support to create plans and guide accommodations from teachers and ensure that they are receiving an equitable education. All educational decisions for students with individualized plans will be made on an individual basis and be consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504, and the North Dakota Department of Instruction's Office of Special Education guidelines. Procedures for ensuring each student on an individualized plan will be continued while maintaining student and staff safety.

## **Mental Health**

The district will continue to address student mental health needs by building coping skills through our Dare to Define program. Our school counselors will work with students in their traditional settings. Counselors will also be available to work with students individually for short term mental health needs.

As last year, our students will have access to telehealth counseling via a grant through the Northern Plains Special Education Unit. If you would like to seek these services for your child, please contact the building principals for the necessary paperwork.

Our staff has access to our Employee Assistance Program for counseling services and also receives self-care strategies provided through our Dare to Define program and other professional development.

## **Assessment and Grading Process**

The District will continue to follow our policies, practices, and grading structures. Students will be expected to follow timelines and turn in assignments by the due dates. We will continue to use the school board approved grading scale. Grades will be entered into PowerSchool. All students will be assessed through a standardized measure of academic progress (i.e. STAR) four times per year.

## **Food Services**

We will continue to offer meals through our breakfast and school lunch programs. Seating and lunch scheduling will return to pre-covid practices.

Our students will continue to have weekend meal assistance through the SACK program. If you are interested in receiving weekend meal kits, please contact the building administrators.

## **Attendance**

The District will continue to follow attendance procedures as outlined in district policies and in the student handbook.

## **Face Coverings Not Required**

Face coverings will not be required for any student or staff member, however, masks may be worn by those who feel more comfortable doing so. Masks are supported if individuals choose or need to wear them and we will support this choice and work through each situation.

## **COVID Immunizations Not Mandatory**

The school district will continue to provide information to the community about COVID immunization opportunities as a courtesy for those who wish to access the vaccine. However, the COVID immunization will not be required for staff or students.

## **Quarantines Limited**

The use of quarantines will be on a limited basis as follows:

- Quarantines of healthy/non-symptomatic students and staff will be discontinued.
- Should a student or staff member test positive for COVID, or show symptoms commonly associated with COVID, they will be asked to isolate for 10 days (unless they provide documentation of being fully vaccinated).
- The person in isolation may return if they receive a negative COVID test after day 5 of isolation.
- Students who are a household contact will be recommended to stay home for the period of time according to CDC guidelines.

## **Social Distancing No Longer Implemented**

Social distancing will no longer be implemented.

## **Visitors in Stanley Schools Permitted**

In the 2021-2022 school year, visitors will be permitted in schools as they were pre-COVID. Face coverings will not be required for visitors, however, they may wear one if they are more comfortable doing so.

## **Field Trips Resume**

Field trips, including out-of-state trips, will resume in 2021-2022.

## **Athletics and Activities Resume as Normal**

Athletics and activities will resume normal processes in 2021-2022 in partnership with NDHSAA and governing bodies.

## **Foreign Exchange Students Permitted**

Foreign exchange programs will resume in 2021-2022.

## **Facilities Rentals Resume**

Facilities rentals will resume as normal in 2021-2022.

## **Hand Hygiene**

Stanley Public Schools will continue to encourage good hand hygiene, such as reminding students to wash hands after using the restroom, before meals, etc., and provide access to hand sanitizer.

## **Disinfection**

Touchpoints (i.e. doorknobs, light switches, etc.) will continue to be disinfected throughout all buildings on a regular basis.

Teachers and staff will continue to have access to disinfectant supplies, including disinfecting spray, to clean high-touch areas.

## **Ventilation**

The circulation of outdoor air within district buildings, via mechanical systems, will continue to be increased.

## Closing

In addition to the protocols listed above, Stanley Public School will continue to encourage families to keep students at home when showing symptoms of illness.

If the situation worsens with regard to the COVID pandemic, we will revert to our previous Learning and Health & Safety Plans.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and partnership as we have navigated the COVID pandemic. We are looking forward to providing our students and staff with much more normalcy in the coming school year.