

Arkoma Public School Re-Opening Plan Return to Learn 2022 - 2023

Planning for the start of the new school year has been very different. We have spent the past year monitoring a continuous stream of information from health officials, the State Department of Health, and the State Department of Education in an effort to develop a sensible and appropriate plan to reopen school. The upcoming school year will likely have disruptions to instruction in response to COVID-19. We are a strong community and school. We can get through this if we stick together. It is our goal to show understanding, humility, and support to all of our students and parents as they make decisions for this school year. Please show grace to our teachers and staff, it is important to remember that all of us (Teachers, Staff, Administrators, Parents and Community) want the same thing. We want our students to be safe and happy in their learning environment.

To say the information on COVID-19 is all over the map would be an understatement. You can find information to support any position you want in regard to COVID-19.

In developing our plan we have used information that can be documented and supported with facts, not theories and hypotheses. The Oklahoma State Board of Education has adopted the “Oklahoma School Safety Protocols” as guidelines, not mandates, for schools to use in developing their back to school plan.

This guideline is in sync with the Oklahoma State Department of Health color code system for counties, based on the number of new, active cases in each county, each week, per 100,000 people. The Oklahoma State Department of Health updates their color coded county map each week.

Local data is defined as the number of new active cases, the total number that has been identified as having COVID-19, the number of hospitalizations, and the number of deaths per 100,000 of population for each zip code. It is possible that different areas of Leflore County will be affected differently by COVID-19.

SCHOOL START DATE: August 11, 2022
TEACHER REPORTING DATE: August 8, 2022

Extracurricular Activities:

At this time all fall activities (Football, Softball, and Cheer) are scheduled to start as planned. It is reasonable to expect disruptions to each schedule due to COVID-19. The decisions to participate or not will be made on a case by case basis, according to what team is coming here or where we are scheduled to play or participate.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THIS PLAN FOR REOPENING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IMMEDIATELY TO PROTECT THE WELL BEING OF FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS.

Chromebooks:

In preparation for the possibility of distance learning the District has purchased Chromebooks/tablets for every student in grades PK through 12 to use during class, while at school.

If a Chromebook is lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair the replacement cost is \$400. Chromebooks will be available for checkout for distance and virtual learning. Please contact your building Principal if you wish to check out a Chromebook. **We will have a user agreement that will need to be filled out.**

Curriculum Delivery:

There will be two (3) methods of instruction:

1) Return to classroom (Traditional):

Standard teacher delivery of curriculum in a classroom at school.

2) Virtual Learning (Virtual):

These are students who choose not to return to the regular classroom. Students will remain a student at Arkoma Public School.

This instructional will be provided by online resources and teacher provided lessons depending on the grade level.

Students who wish to participate in an extracurricular activity while attending the Virtual Learning platform must be on campus during the activity hour.

Due to scheduling requirements, students desiring to be a full time virtual student must make that decision and notify your building Principal by August 17, 2022.

After the school year starts you will have 10 school days to change your method of receiving instruction. After September 2, 2022 you will not be able to change your choice of virtual instruction until the end of the semester. **Unless approved by principal

Distance Learning:

This method of instruction and learning can only be implemented by the school. We will use this method if school and classroom instruction is interrupted due to COVID-19, flu, or weather.

Our teachers have worked tirelessly through the summer to prepare for distance learning. We will be using a different platform than we did in the spring.

It is our plan to use Google classroom, Edgenuity, and Edmentum for the delivery of instruction. Students will be prepped 2 days a week for the first month of school as to how to access these learning platforms from their device.

In the event of an extended closure of school facilities teachers will report to school and have office hours for students and/or parents for communication. Teacher's office hours will be listed on Google Classroom.

Attendance:

Student attendance for virtual students and distance learning students will be counted as present if they log in daily and complete assignments.

Parents' understanding this is new and uncharted water for our school is critical. Regardless of the time spent and discussions held, it is certainly safe to say the plans for instructional delivery will continue to be evaluated to ensure success for our students and faculty.

Please communicate with us. The only way our school can be successful is with your help.

Arkoma School Protocol and PPE for Faculty, Staff, Students and Visitors

Students:

Parents are asked to check your child's temperature each day prior to allowing them to board a bus or prior to dropping them off at school. If they have a fever at or above 100 degrees, please keep them home until they are fever free for 48 hours without medication. If they have any flu-like symptoms please keep them home until they have 48 hours without any symptoms.

The situation we are in dictates we are understanding of student absences. Students will not be penalized for exceeding absence policy requirements. They will be expected to maintain their classroom assignments. Extended periods of absences will dictate if we transition that student to a different learning method.

Transportation:

We encourage as many parents as possible to provide transportation to and from school for their students. The less crowded buses are the better. We realize this may not be possible. We will run bus routes as we were when the year ended in March. Buses will be sanitized after each trip, morning and evening. **All students, in all grades, are required to wear a mask if riding a bus.**

Temperature Screening:

All students will have their temperature checked as they are entering the building. **Any student with a temperature of 100 or higher will be quarantined and parents called to come and remove their student from school in a timely manner. Please make sure that Parent/Guardian contact information is up to date and there are multiple points of contact.**

Hand Sanitizing Stations:

Hand sanitizing stations will be available in as many places as possible throughout the school. Students will be encouraged to sanitize their hands.

Cafeteria:

Students eating breakfast will be spaced in the cafeteria to allow for social distancing as much as possible. Elementary lunch time schedules will be spaced to allow for classes to social distance.

Arriving at School:

Elementary students will report directly to their home classroom. There will be no playground activity for the elementary prior to school. Staff will be assigned to monitor the temperature scans.

Middle School/High School Students will report to the main entrance of the high school where their temperature will be checked as entering the building. Once their temperature has been checked, the high school students will be directed to their assigned area. Students will not be allowed to congregate in front of the school or under the awnings in large groups social distancing should be used..

Masks:

Wearing a mask has been said to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of the COVID-19. Medical professionals strongly recommend masks be worn at school by adults and students.

- **We highly recommend that students in grades PK – 12 wear a mask.**
- **Students in activities or outside the building will not be required to wear a mask.**

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Students:

We understand that the beginning of school for your 4/5-year old child is sometimes a difficult time for the student and parent. It is our desire to make this transition as smooth as possible in difficult times.

Pre-KG and KG Parents will be allowed to enter the school for the first two days. You will be required to wear a mask and have your temperature checked if you wish to bring your student to their classroom.

Drinking Fountains:

All drinking fountains in the school will be covered or not used. Refill stations will be available.

Visitors:

Visitors are not allowed in the school building without an appointment.

Please call the elementary or high school office to arrange appointments. If you are allowed to enter the school you are required to wear a mask and scan your temperature.

Elementary Office: 918-875-3835

Middle School Office: 918-875-3353

High School Office: 918-875-3351

Faculty and Staff:

All faculty and staff will have hand sanitizer, spray disinfectant, face shields and masks supplied to them. Teachers will spray and wipe down the desks during times of student absence from the classroom.

We will follow state and federal guidelines as they are ever changing. Currently no mask mandates, it is highly recommended to wear a mask for all.

Quarantining will be recommended unless you have symptoms, if you have been in contact with a positive person.

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