

FALL REOPENING PLANS IN PROGRESS

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Dear Royal Valley Parents and Staff,

The end of the 2020 school year was filled with a multitude of firsts for students, staff and our district. The pandemic that has been altering our normal way of doing things is affecting everyone at home, at work, and coming this fall will impact the way in which we reopen schools. The administrative team has been discussing how we can reopen schools safely and offer a high quality education for our students. Last week, we met with a group of teachers to gather their perspective on this topic as well. We are not making any final decisions at this time as we are waiting on guidance from the Kansas State Department of Education and their recommendations. Currently we are planning different models for delivering instruction in the fall. We are striving to begin with option 1 in August and understand that some point in the year we may have to switch the delivery model to either option 2 or option 3 based upon the current health guidelines at that time.

Potential Learning Models for 2020

- Option 1: Face to Face Learning – In this model, we will work to provide as normal of a learning environment as possible where students attend in person classes and the district will implement policies and procedures to reduce the transmission of the virus within the different school settings.
- Option 2: Blended Learning – In this model, we will have students attend face to face some days of the week and work online on the other days of the week. This model makes it easier to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing while also providing students with some direct instruction and feedback. This will also allow the social emotional needs of students to be assessed.
- Option 3: Remote Learning – In this model, we will move most or all students to an online learning environment to work from home with a requirement for attendance and participation in learning, and grades will be recorded.

The District will continue to prepare this summer to decrease the risk of spread of COVID-19 in the school environment. We will begin receiving guidance from KSDE on July 10th on safety and learning recommendations.

The District will be putting out an additional survey for parents and staff to complete in the coming week. We encourage everyone to complete the survey so that we know how to best meet the needs of our students, staff and families during the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Aaric Davis,
Superintendent of Schools
USD #337 Royal Valley