



Dollarway School District

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Dear Dollarway School District Family,

The Dollarway School District is pleased to share details from Ready for Learning 2020-2021 Back-to-School plan with you. Our goal is to provide a safe environment that includes a rich educational experience with opportunities for social interaction and co-curricular activities, while adhering to guidelines and directives issued from the Governor, the Arkansas Department of Health, and the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions we have received. Please look forward to hearing more details in the future through our social media platforms and other communication outlets as planning continues.

Q1: When will students return to school?

A: Students will return to school on August 13, 2020 at the regularly scheduled time for each campus. Students may begin arriving at their assigned campus at 7:30 AM. The daily schedule may be modified to provide adequate time for daily screening activities.

Q2: Will students eat in the cafeteria?

A: The district will serve breakfast in the classroom. As we monitor conditions, to ensure social distancing guidelines are maintained, we may have to consider serving lunch in the classroom as well. The district will continue to evaluate the feasibility and conditions for the most appropriate lunch service.

Q3: How will instruction be delivered?

A: Parents/guardians will be able to choose what is best for their family. The options will be:

Option 1: Face-to-face blended instruction at the school site

The face-to-face blended option will be delivered on campus each day. Digital platforms, Chromebooks, and other instructional technology will be used daily and will allow a seamless transition from on-site to virtual instruction in the event that the normal school day is interrupted or closed.

Option 2: Virtual instruction at home - DSD Virtual

The virtual option is available for parents who want their student(s) to receive instruction remotely from home using technology-based learning platforms. Students will not be on campus, but will be taught by Dollarway School District teachers. Attendance will be taken and lessons will be graded as required

[Please complete the Back-to-School Survey using the link below to select the option that is best for your student..](#)

[We need your response as soon as possible.](#)

<https://bit.ly/DSDPlanning2020>



Q4: What if I decide that I want my child to switch to DSD Virtual instruction after having selected face-to-face instruction at any point throughout the year?

A: Changing back and forth between instructional delivery systems can be difficult for students and is discouraged. We realize that some changes will be necessary. When possible, changes should be made at the beginning/end of the nine weeks or semester. To make a change, families will need to communicate with the building counselor and follow the procedures for changing their student's placement.

Q5: How will Dollarway School District keep students safe?

A: The district is preparing to perform a daily screening of each student, staff member, and visitor upon entry to the campus. This screening will include daily temperature readings. Adults who fail the screening will be directed to exit the campus immediately. Students will be held in isolation rooms and the parent/guardian will be required to pick up their student as soon as possible.

Dollarway School District will require all students and staff members to wear masks as a safety precaution. The district will provide (one-time) a specific number of reusable, washable face coverings for all students and staff at the beginning of the school year. Families and staff members will be required to provide additional face coverings, if needed. Social distancing, good hand hygiene, and sanitizing protocols and procedures will be performed according to ADH/CDC guidelines.

Q6: Will students still wear uniforms?

A: Students who engage in face-to-face instruction will be required to follow all uniform policies as currently outlined.

Q7: Will devices be provided to every student?

A: The district is in the process of securing an adequate number of devices to ensure that each student will be issued the necessary equipment. Devices will be issued before school starts. Additional details on device distribution will be forthcoming.

Q8: What if I don't have internet access?

A: The district will support its families by strategically placing buses equipped with Wi-Fi throughout the district. We will work with families to help them with internet connectivity. Be sure to share this challenge with us by completing the survey that we are asking all families to complete.

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Q9: Will the community have an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback?

A: Yes! We have scheduled community engagement sessions specifically related to Back-to-School 2020-2021. We want to have open and transparent conversations with the Dollarway community and its staff members. This will allow us to work together to ensure safety and learning for all of our students. Three (3) community conversations forums have been scheduled to be held from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM via Zoom conferencing on July 21st, July 28th, and August 4th.

Please note that as we receive information and guidance over the coming days, we will be forwarding it out to you as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to help us Collaborate...Educate...Graduate...**ALL** Children in the Dollarway School District!

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