

This was a difficult plan to create. More than anything, we want our teachers and students to be back on campus and for school to return to the productive, creative, lively place it normally is. However, we must take into account the safety of our students and staff while living in the midst of a pandemic that is spreading in our region. What follows are our best efforts at achieving that balance. For students who elect to come to campus, we are guaranteeing access to stable internet, meals, and a safe place where they are cared for by individuals who love and care for them deeply. It will not look or feel the same as normal school for at least the first quarter. We will reassess our needs during October break and make a decision about continuing in the format below or returning to a more traditional in-person approach. The options for blended and virtual will continue throughout the school year.

While school won't look or feel the same, we will do everything we can to promote collaboration, laughter, kindness, excitement, and growth (academically and artistically) all while socially distancing. Thank you for your patience and thank you for choosing Arkansas Arts Academy.

Student Options for Learning:

1. 100% In-Person -- Students will be on campus Monday-Friday. All students on campus will have assigned seats in large common areas (the PAC, the Commons, the library) and teachers will be retrieving small groups from the large common areas to work in the classrooms during their assigned period. Monday and Thursday will be A days, Tuesday and Friday will be B days. There will be little to no in-person instruction on Wednesdays to allow teachers time to manage virtual instruction. Students who choose this option will be working independently in the large common areas on Wednesdays while on campus.
2. Blended Option -- Students who choose this option will be present on campus two days a week (either Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday) and will work virtually the other three days. On the days the student is present on campus, they will have an assigned seat in a large common area and teachers will retrieve small groups of students to work in the classrooms during their assigned period.
3. 100% Virtual -- Students who choose this option will complete all of their assignments online from a location not on campus and will interact with their teachers through video sessions and electronic correspondence.

FAQ:

- *Can I bring my student for only their arts classes or specific academic classes?* Yes, it will be up to the parent, student, and teacher to arrange this. All arrivals to campus will have to enter through the main doors and pass the same pre-screening conditions to be allowed in.
- *Why the assigned seats in the large commons areas?* Having all students assigned to specific seats in the Commons, PAC, or Library allows us to do a better job of reducing

student numbers in hallways, contact-tracing potential exposure when positive cases are found, and maintaining social-distancing guidelines. Students will be allowed to sign up for brain breaks that include physical activity and/or fresh air and short art features will be scattered throughout the day in addition to the time they will spend actively engaged with their teachers in the classroom.

- *Will I be able to switch between options if I need to?* Parents will be able to request a change between options. Moving from in-person to virtual is an easy switch. Moving from virtual to in-person will require at least one week's notice to make sure we have adequate staffing and space to socially distance.

Screening Requirements for Entry:

All students will be screened for fevers and symptoms upon arrival at campus. Personnel on duty will take temperatures of students before they exit vehicles or upon arrival on campus if they walk to school. Students found to have a temperature of 99.8°F or higher will be directed to park temporarily and the school nurse will conduct a more in depth check before making a final determination. Parents will be certifying that their student has not been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, has not travelled to a hot spot outside of our own region in the last 14 days, and has no symptoms that may indicate a potential COVID-19 infection. Students who are cleared for entry will go immediately to their assigned seating area. Breakfast can be picked up in to-go boxes and eaten at their desk. Obviously, this will extend car-line drop off time. We are extending drop off from 7:15 to 9:00 am with no penalty. Please remain patient as we do this as quickly and safely as possible.

All individuals who arrive at campus (faculty, staff, volunteers, and visitors) will complete the same screening before gaining access to the building. Anyone who arrives outside of the drop-off times will complete the screening at the main entrance of the building.

Mask Requirement:

All individuals on campus will be required to wear a mask anytime they are within 6 feet of another individual. Students sitting at their individual desks will be able to remove their masks while they remain seated and socially distanced. This is in accordance with CDC and ADH guidelines and the City of Rogers ordinance.

How Will I Know What My Student Needs to Do?

All student assignments will be posted in Google Classroom along with video lectures and teacher communication resources. Even if an assignment requires an outside site, the assignment will still be posted on Google Classroom with the link embedded. Google Classroom integrates with our email and calendar system for students and teachers. Training will be available for parents and students on how to harness those organizational tools. Parents can sign up for weekly updates from Google Classroom on what has been posted and what is considered missing. This will apply to all students whether they are in person, blended, or virtual.

Teachers will also continue to post/send week-at-a-glance notices to help students and parents stay organized and know what is expected of them each week.

How Will Grades be Calculated?

Unlike in the spring, grades will be calculated as normal. Each assignment will have a point value and grades will be entered into eSchool and calculated according to each teacher's syllabus. Parents and students will be able to check eSchool through the Home Access Center to check current grade status. Grades will be issued on a semester basis rather than a quarterly basis next school year. Progress reports will be made available at 6 and 12 weeks.

How Will Attendance Work?

Students will be counted present based on their interactions with their teachers or posted assignments each day. Attendance will not be based on simply being in the building, but rather on engaging with your teacher for the day. This can include participating in zoom or in-person lectures, completing daily check-ins, actively working on or submitting an assignment, or corresponding with a teacher. All classes will take place during their scheduled time according to the bell schedule in order to avoid overlapping lectures or assignments and provide structure to the day. Zoom lectures will be posted in Google Classroom for asynchronous viewing or review. Students who have selected the in-person option but need to be away for any reason can still be counted present through any of the interactions listed above.

Lunches:

Students who are on campus will have the option of purchasing a lunch from the cafeteria. Students will be taken in small groups to the serving area and choose from the available options. Students will be handed an entire meal in a box according to their choice of main entree and will eat lunch at their desk in one of the large common areas. Trash will be collected in rolling trash cans as students finish their meals. Students who bring their lunches will be able to eat them at their own convenience at their desk. Microwaves will not be available.

Afternoon Pick-up:

All families will be issued name tags to display in their vehicles for afternoon pickup. Student drivers and any students who ride with them will be dismissed at 3:10 pm. Students who walk will be dismissed at 3:30 pm. Car-line will begin at 3:40 pm. On duty personnel will use call names of students from name tags into the building and students will be released from their desks in the common areas as their names are called. The car-line will work as it has in past years with the line beginning on 7th street, turning left on Cedar, then left on 6th, before looping back to Poplar and into the main parking lot. There are two lanes from Poplar st to the PAC east exit for drop off and pick up in the morning.

Sanitation and Cleaning:

SSC, our cleaning contractor, has provided detailed information about their cleaning and sanitizing routines that will be in use on our campuses. This plan can be found on the Covid-19 resource page on our website. Teachers will also be sanitizing all surfaces between students using a cleaning solution called Virex and/or Chlorox wipes. Students will be encouraged to

wash their hands frequently and touchless hand sanitizer dispensers will be located in every classroom. Any hard materials that are shared by students (paint brushes, instruments, calculators) will be sanitized between students and, to the extent possible, we will avoid having shared materials. Library or classroom books that are checked out will be quarantined for 72 hours upon return.

What If My Student Gets Sick at School:

Students who develop symptoms including: a fever of 100 or higher, a persistent cough, diarrhea, or vomiting will be directed to the school nurse who will contact guardians to pick up the student. Students with these symptoms will remain in isolation under the care of the nurse until a parent is able to collect them from school.