

Searcy School District  
*Learning Together Wherever We Are*



Guidebook for Re-Entry to School  
2020-2021

**\*Searcy School District will update the guidebook as additional public health guidelines are provided.**

## A Message from Superintendent Diane Barrett



Dear Lion Family,

I am sure that many questions remain and it is difficult to picture what the 2020-2021 school year will look like. Hopefully, the information contained in this reentry guidebook will provide a snapshot of what to expect as we plan for re-engagement in the fall. In this guidebook you will find information on such things as health precautions, school and student procedures, cleaning and sanitizing measures, instructional options, and the school calendar. The guidebook is a fluid document that will be updated periodically as we continue to implement new plans and as more information becomes available. We will continue to monitor and follow the guidance of the Governor, the Arkansas Department of Health, and the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and adjust as necessary.


More information can be found on our website and social media sites. You may wish to refer to the frequently asked questions that have been previously posted. In addition, district policies and revised student handbooks will be posted to our website by August 1.

As we picture the upcoming year, I hope you will refrain from “zooming in” on the individual anxious details of the picture but “zoom out” and notice the overall panorama of the mission to educate students. We are excited to interact once again with students in learning, social and emotional well being, and productive activity. With your help, the Searcy School District and its staff commit ourselves to doing all we can to keep your students safe and provide them with a quality education. As always, we will be “Striving for Educational Excellence.”

With Lion Pride,  
Diane Barrett, Superintendent

# What Should Families Expect When Schools Open in Regards To Health and Safety?

## Face Covering Information

<p><b>What are the requirements for face coverings for students?</b></p> 	<p>Governor Hutchinson issued an executive order mandating face coverings statewide. Searcy School District Board of Directors voted on Wednesday, July 22, to require face coverings for K-12 students for the 2020-2021 school year. After serious consideration and guidance by the Arkansas Department of Health, the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Centers for Disease Control, the board adopted this emergency policy in order to provide a safer and healthier learning environment for Searcy School District students.</p>
<p><b>What are the requirements for face coverings for employees?</b></p>	<p>All Searcy School District employees are required to wear masks or face coverings.</p>

## Sanitation Measures



<p><b>What special measures will be implemented to ensure buildings are clean and sanitized?</b></p>	<p>Searcy School District custodial and grounds department will continue to take extra precautions regarding sanitizing and cleaning in addition to their everyday normal cleaning procedures. Each individual campus has its own fogger and will be used regularly throughout the day in classrooms and other areas. All classrooms will have disinfectant spray that teachers will spray every time the students leave the classroom.</p>
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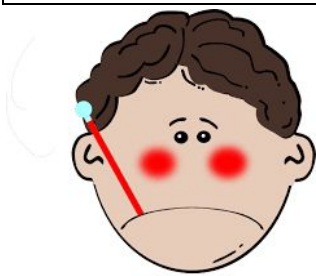
<b>Will students have access to water fountains?</b>	Students will need to have their own personal water bottles. Filling stations will be placed throughout the buildings for water filling.
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### Social Distancing Measures

<b>How will social distancing be implemented in hallways?</b>	Searcy School District will have decals throughout the hallways indicating which direction students should be going and how far apart to stand. At the secondary level, lockers will not be issued, and every student will carry a school issued chromebook from class to class. Classes may be dismissed at different times for clearer hallways.
<b>How will the lunch/breakfast processes be implemented in order to properly social distance?</b>	Each campus will work out daily rotations where some students eat in the cafeteria, classrooms, or other designated areas. Buildings will implement seating charts in order to keep the same students together throughout the day. Grab and Go meals will be easily accessible for students. Students at the secondary level will place an online order each morning through Nutrislice meal system. Meal cost will be based on meal status such as paid, reduced, or free. Searcy School District Child Nutrition Department encourages families to make payments through <a href="https://www.mypaymentsplus.com">https://www.mypaymentsplus.com</a> , but each campus will have a designated place for meal deposits.
<b>How will social distancing on buses take place?</b>	Bus riders will be required to wear masks. A seating chart will be required, and students will be placed as far from one another as feasible. All students should have their temperature checked at home prior to loading the bus.

<b>How will recess take place?</b>	Students will be dismissed by classroom and assigned to a specific outside area on the campus with the same group of students daily.
<b>What will a student do after arriving at school?</b>	Students will be directed by a school employee to a designated area prior to the start of school.
<b>How will students be dismissed from school?</b>	The building will designate different times for students to be dismissed, so all students are not dismissed at the same time. For example: shuttle riders, daycare riders, car riders, and bus riders will all be dismissed at separate times.
<b>How will bathroom breaks be administered?</b>	A minimum amount of students will be allowed to enter the restrooms at designated times. School employees will monitor the number Elementary classes with built-in bathrooms will follow the same protocol as always. Classroom restrooms will be cleaned during the students' lunch hour.



### **Illness Protocol**

<b>What measures will be taken to remind students of healthy habits?</b>	Signage will be placed in buildings across the district reminding students to maintain a proper social distance, wash hands regularly, and to wear face coverings when applicable. Teachers/students will participate in regularly scheduled hand washing and sanitizing procedures.
<b>What if a student becomes ill?</b>	Any student who may become ill at school will be sent to the school nurse for evaluation. If a student presents symptoms of Covid-19, he/she will be taken to an isolated location until pickup. All students must be fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication

	for 48 hours prior to returning to school. Searcy School District has also partnered with ARCare who will provide telemed services to Searcy School District staff and students whose parents choose to participate in the services offered by ARCare.
<b>What type of screening is required?</b>	Searcy School District recommends that parents check their child's temperature prior to sending him/her to school. Searcy School District requires that anyone with a temperature of 99.9 or higher should not attend school. Students and adults must screen themselves for respiratory issues such as cough or shortness of breath. <b>Students and adults who experience these symptoms should not attend school.</b>
<b>What if a student tests positive for Covid- 19 or is exposed to Covid-19?</b>	Searcy School District will follow the Response Levels of Onsite Learning process that is provided by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), which may be found at the following link: <a href="#">RESPONSE LEVELS FOR ON-SITE LEARNING</a>



### Visitor Policy

<b>How will visitors to the campuses be limited?</b>	Any visitor must call the building office before entering and must have essential business. The Searcy School District onsite volunteer program will be suspended during this time.
<b>May I eat lunch with my child?</b>	No. At this time, we will not have visitors for lunch.

# What Should Families Expect When Schools Open in Regards To Instruction?



## First Day of School

School is scheduled to begin on **Monday, August 24th**. This date will only change if the Arkansas Department of Health and Governor Asa Hutchinson send updated guidance. Registration is currently open and may be found at [searcyschools.org](https://searcyschools.org).



## Traditional/Blended Learning

Students who participate in the traditional/blended learning option will attend school onsite and receive face-to-face instruction and assistance in the traditional classroom. They will follow a regular schedule for full days of instruction Monday through Friday. Students will receive district issued Chromebooks as needed and will be prepared to seamlessly pivot to instruction delivered virtually through Google Classroom should they be absent for a limited time because of illness or other legitimate circumstances or there should be a period of school closure. Virtual lessons provided during these absences will be aligned with the curriculum in the traditional setting so students will be able to complete work and transition back into school without falling behind.



## *Lions Online Virtual Learning*

*Lions Online* is a digital learning option for students in Grades K-12. This platform is for those students who may not feel comfortable with the traditional setting; however, it may not be the best fit for some, particularly students in K-2 that need emphasis on foundational learning. Curriculum in K-3 will focus on the core subjects with supplemental lessons periodically in activity classes. Using a digital device, students will receive instruction delivered by Searcy School District teachers through Google Classroom. The instruction will follow a much more rigorous and comprehensive curriculum than the AMI lessons that were offered last spring. The curriculum will be comparable with the regular classroom and will mirror the learning expectations in the traditional setting. The instruction may include live interaction between students and teachers, previously recorded teacher lessons, instructional videos, research, and independent activities. Teachers will respond to student questions and provide assistance during scheduled times and interact with students through Google Meets (Hangouts) to monitor progress.

Students who need them will be provided school issued Chromebooks. For the digital platform to be effective, sufficient and consistent broadband internet is needed. To the extent possible, the district will work with families to resolve connectivity issues.

Students who enroll in *Lions Online* should be self-motivated, computer literate, committed, and independent learners. They must be effective communicators and have good time management skills. Even though it is expected that students complete the work themselves, it is essential that students who participate in a full time online program have strong parental support and monitoring of student work and progress.

Traditional/Blended Learning	<i>Lions Online</i> Virtual Learning
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Curriculum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arkansas State Standards taught</li> <li>● Course offerings remain the same</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Curriculum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arkansas State Standards taught</li> <li>● Course offerings remain the same</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Instruction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Face to Face</li> <li>● Direct interaction between student/teacher</li> <li>● All activity/elective classes remain the same</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Instruction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teachers provide instruction through Google Classroom and Google Meets</li> <li>● Teacher videos are method of lessons</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance courses remain the same</li> <li>• Assignments uploaded to Google Classroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers will communicate with students/parents both at designated times and as questions arise</li> <li>• Activity/elective classes are customized for virtual learning</li> <li>• Student-paced learning throughout the school day</li> <li>• Assignments uploaded to Google Classroom</li> <li>• Pre-Ap and AP Courses offered with the same rigor as face to face instruction</li> </ul>
<p><b>Intervention and Special Education Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any student who receives interventions and special services continues to receive these services onsite</li> </ul>	<p><b>Intervention and Special Education Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intervention teachers and resource teachers meet with students through Google Meets</li> <li>• Students who receive therapies such as PT, OT, Speech may come on onsite at specified times or may utilize teletherapy</li> </ul>
<p><b>Supplies/Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students are assigned a chromebook at school</li> <li>• No lockers are assigned</li> <li>• Students utilize campus school supply lists</li> <li>• Students obtain individual supply packs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Supplies/Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School issues chromebooks if students don't have home devices</li> <li>• Students may request school-issued internet</li> </ul>

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<b>Extra-Curricular Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will participate in activities onsite at the designated location and time</li> <li>Currently awaiting guidelines in regards to band, choir, orchestra, and certain sports</li> </ul>	<b>Extra-Curricular Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be required to come onsite at the designated location and time</li> <li>Currently awaiting guidelines in regards to band, choir, orchestra, and certain sports</li> </ul>
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**The Arkansas Activities Association is preparing to resume activities and athletics this fall in accordance with the regular AAA calendar; however, guidance is continuing to evolve daily. These preparations are contingent upon compliance with all directives as issued by the Governor's Office and Department of Health.**

# Searcy School District 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday	August 3	New Employee Orientation
Thursday-Friday	August 13-14	District Professional Development
Monday-Friday	August 17-20	District Professional Development
Friday	August 21	Teacher Work Day
Monday	August 24	First Day of School
Monday	September 7	Labor Day Holiday
Thursday	September 24	Progress Reports
Friday	October 23	<u>End of First Quarter—44 Days</u>
Tuesday	October 27	P/T Conferences—Grades 7-12 (3:40—7:30 P.M.)
Thursday	October 29	P/T Conferences—Grades K-6 (3:40—7:30 P.M.)
Tuesday	November 24	Progress Reports
Wednesday - Friday	November 25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday-Friday	December 21 – January 1	Christmas Holiday
Friday	January 15	<u>End of Second Quarter—47 Days</u>
Monday	January 18	MLK Day / Make Up Day*
Tuesday	January 19	First Day of Second Semester
Thursday	January 21	Report Cards
Monday	February 15	President's Day / Make Up Day*
Thursday	February 18	Progress Reports 7-12
Thursday	February 18	P/T Conferences—Grades 7-12 (3:40—7:30 P.M.)
Thursday	February 25	Progress Reports K-6
Thursday	February 25	P/T Conferences—Grades K-6 (3:40—7:30 P.M.)
Friday	March 19	<u>End Third Quarter—43 Days</u>
Monday-Friday	March 22-26	Spring Break
Thursday	April 1	Report Cards
Thursday	April 29	Progress Reports Sent Home
Thursday	May 27	<u>End Fourth Quarter—44 Days</u>
Friday	May 28	Make Up Day *
Monday	May 31	Memorial Day
Tuesday	June 1	Make Up Day *
Wednesday	June 2	Make Up Day*

\* There are five (5) make up days built into this calendar for inclement weather or some other exceptional or emergency circumstance. If either make up days are NOT used or remote learning is utilized instead, students will be dismissed on designated make up days and school will dismiss for the year on Thursday, May 27. If additional make up days are required due to inclement weather or some other exceptional or emergency circumstance, the days will be added to the end of the school calendar (weekdays only). \*A.C.A. § 6-10-106, A.C.A. § 6-10-127

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1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	44 days	178 Student/Teacher Instruction Days
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	47 days	10 Teacher Contracted/PD Days
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	43 days	2 Parent/Teacher Conference Days
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	44 days	1 Teacher Work Day
Student days	178	191 Teacher Contract Days

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Teacher Contracted/PD Days—60 hours	
4 Professional Growth Plan Days Prior to August 6, 2020	24 hours
6 District PD Days August 13-14, 17-20.	36 hours

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2020-2021 Board Holidays  
Independence Day—July 3  
Labor Day—September 7  
Thanksgiving—November 26-27

Christmas—December 24, 25  
New Year's—December 31, January 1  
Memorial Day—May 31

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