

# Plan for Reopening of the Arkadelphia Public School District 2020-2021



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# Goals for Reopening



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## **SAFETY**

APSD is committed to the safety of all students and staff and will implement the latest health and safety guidelines.

## **ACADEMICS**

APSD is committed to connecting all K-12 students to high quality instruction and engagement, regardless of location.

## **EQUITY**

APSD is committed to ensuring equitable resources and access for all students.

## **COMMUNICATION**

APSD is committed to communicating information with families, staff, and community stakeholders.

# First Day of School



**Monday  
August 24, 2020**

APSD will implement the latest health and safety guidelines from the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Department of Education.

[Click here to see the revised 2020-21 school calendar.](#)



# Academic Goals for Reopening



- APSD will deliver curriculum, instruction, and assessment in a blended learning environment. **Blended Learning** allows students to continue learning grade level or content standards through the use of technology-based and face-to-face instructional approaches. This will ensure that all K-12 students are connected to high quality instruction and engagement, regardless of location.
- APSD instruction, whether online or on-site will include new content consisting of the appropriate course content standards.
- APSD will identify student knowledge and learning gaps using NWEA diagnostic assessment and develop tailored instructional support for each K-8 student using a student-focused approach.



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# Equity Goals for Reopening



- APSD will provide the opportunity for each student to use a digital device that will enable access to online instructional content.
  - Grades K-8: Acer Touchscreen Chromebooks
  - Grades 9-12: MacBook Air Laptops
- APSD is working to ensure that each student in the District has Internet access that is sufficient to utilize the District's Learning Management System (LMS) that includes coursework containing streamed or uploaded lessons and activities in an event extended school closures become necessary.



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# Ready For Learning Student Options

The Arkadelphia Public School District is committed to meeting the needs of every family in relation to their student's education.

For the 2020-21 school year, APSD will offer two learning options for kindergarten through 12th grade students. Each option will utilize the Online Learning Management System in the event extended school closures become necessary.

These learning opportunities will assist in assuring the safety of students and staff members while providing equity and excellence in the education of all our students. Current deadline to sign up for the Virtual Learning Option is July 31.

## Two Learning Options

- In-Classroom Blended Learning : all five days on-site
- Virtual Learning: All five days remote



# Ready For Learning Student Options Online



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## **APSD VIRTUAL LEARNING OPTION**

This option allows students to enroll in the Virtual Learning offered by APSD.

- ☐ Students will complete all course curriculum online.
- ☐ Students complete coursework at home, but will be enrolled in an APSD course with an APSD teacher. Students have access to APSD teachers both virtually and in-person if necessary.
- ☐ K-12 students must complete the Online Learning Registration Form.
- ☐ Students can participate in APSD activities on campus including athletics, band, choir, and other clubs.
- ☐ Students enrolling in online learning are encouraged to remain in this option for at least a nine-week period.
- ☐ Students will be required to complete all state assessments.
- ☐ Students will be using the same LMS as on campus students.

[Click Here For More Information or  
to Register for Online Learning](#)



# Ready For Learning Student Options On-Site



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## ON CAMPUS BLENDED LEARNING OPTION

The onsite blended learning model allows students to return on campus each day for a more traditional classroom learning experience. It is designed as a blended learning model because of the ability to transition to remote learning, if necessary. Teachers will use online tools through the Learning Management System (LMS) familiarizing students with the virtual learning process. This intends to help ready students for at-home learning in an event of school closure or the need for a student to quarantine at home.

- ☐ K-12 students will attend school on campus for daily instruction.
- ☐ Online content will be incorporated into regular classroom learning.
- ☐ **APSD Grades K-12 will utilize Buzz as its primary (LMS) for blended and online learning.** Other systems that may be included with Buzz:
  - ☐ Seesaw (Grades K-2)
  - ☐ Google Classroom (Grades 6-8)
  - ☐ Echo (Grades 9-12)
- ☐ Families choosing the On Campus Option are **NOT** required to complete the Online Registration Form.



# Onsite Safety of Students and Staff

## COVID-19 SCHOOL OUTBREAK RESPONSE PROTOCOL

The Arkansas Department of Education has outlined a response protocol that Arkadelphia Public Schools will implement in the event of a positive COVID-19 case within the District. To view the ADE Response Levels for On-site Learning [click here](#).

Beth Hasley, APSD Registered Nurse, will serve as the Point of Contact between the District and the Department of Health. Nurse Hasley will contact the School Hotline when notified of a district-related positive COVID-19 case and work with school personnel to identify Probable Close Contacts (PCC).



# Onsite Safety of Students and Staff



## PPE

- Three washable masks will be provided for all students and for all staff by the District.
- Masks will be required for all adults including faculty, staff, and visitors while on campus.
- Masks will be required for all students (exceptions include health considerations, lunches, athletic activities).



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# Onsite Safety of Students and Staff



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## **TRAFFIC FLOW**

- Signage at entrances and throughout the building posted with the latest health and safety guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout the schools.
- Visitors will be limited to the office only at this time.
- Access and flow of hallways will implement health and safety considerations.
- Floor adhesives will be placed in high-traffic areas.

# Onsite Safety of Students and Staff



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## **CLASSROOM**

- Class seating charts will be implemented.
- 1:1 technology will be available to each student.
- Sanitizing and disinfecting procedures will be performed regularly and during class changes.
- Custodial staff will use electrostatic fogger machines within the buildings each day.
- Individual supplies to limit any contact exposure.
- Plexiglass shields in certain areas.

# Onsite Safety of Students and Staff



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## **RESTROOMS/WATER ACCESS**

- Perritt and Peake will schedule restroom breaks by class.
- Appropriate signage with health and safety guidelines will be posted.
- Regular sanitizing and disinfecting of restrooms.
- Sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer stations.
- Students will be encouraged to bring their own filled water bottles from home at this time.

# Onsite Safety of Students and Staff



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## **CAFETERIA PROCEDURES**

- AHS will expand the current number of lunch periods to three separate lunch groups.
- Perritt, Peake, and Goza campuses will eat lunch within the classroom setting.

## **RECESS**

- Playground equipment will be cleaned and disinfected between each recess and at the beginning of each day.
- Recesses will alternate by grade.
- Areas of the playground will be sectioned for supervision.

# Transportation



Arkadelphia Public Schools recognize the importance of transportation and will continue to provide bus service following current routes for students attending classes in the on-site learning option. However, when possible, parents/guardians are encouraged to bring their children to school.

## **BUS DRIVERS**

Will be required to wear a mask.

## **AT BUS STOPS**

Physical distancing (6 feet apart) between students at bus stops is highly encouraged.

Wearing a face mask at bus stops is highly encouraged.



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# Transportation



## ON THE BUS

- Students will be asked to wear face coverings on the bus due to the inability to properly physically distance.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided on each bus.
- When possible, bus windows will be opened to allow outside air to circulate in the bus.
- Seats, handles, and high touch areas will be disinfected between morning and afternoon routes.
- Disinfectant will be administered on the buses after each morning and afternoon route.
- Sanitizer stations will be located at bus drop-off/pick-up school sites.

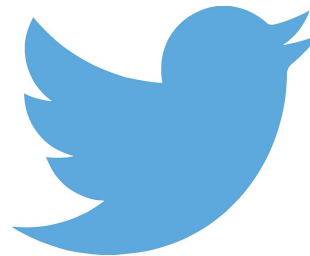


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# Communication

Arkadelphia Public School District will continue to share information with students, families, and staff during the process of reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year through the following media:

- District and Campus Website- [www.arkadelphiaschools.org](http://www.arkadelphiaschools.org)
- Social Media
- Email
- Text Message Service
- Phone Calls



# Communication



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## STAYING CONNECTED

- APSD is committed to building a connected educational community that promotes school spirit and student involvement.
- APSD will provide support for parents and students to innovate and adapt to new learning opportunities. This support includes interacting with parents, students, and the community regarding day-to-day expectations.

# Frequently Asked Questions

Reviewing the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) may help you determine your Ready For Learning Option of online or onsite learning for the 2020-21 school year.

[Click here to view the FAQ page located on the District website.](#)

