



## REOPENING SCHOOLS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

***The Lee County School District will follow and implement guidance and directives from the Governor, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), and Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). The Arkansas Ready for Learning plans and documents have been provided to all school districts to assist in planning for school reopening in August. We ask for everyone's cooperation as state guidance and directives will be implemented into school operations.***

The Lee County School District plans to provide information regarding the reopening of schools for the 20-21 school year on a continuous basis. Please understand that the information provided is fluid and may be updated based on changing health conditions and guidelines. We have created the following document in the hopes of addressing some more frequently asked questions. For additional information, please contact your child's principal.

1. How does the school plan to implement health and safety guidelines in the school setting?

In regard to safety, all school buildings will have sanitation measures put in place to include cleaning of all classrooms, restrooms, cafeterias, main offices, computers, chromebooks, playground equipment, etc. Disinfectant sprays, wipes, and hand sanitizer for all students entering and exiting classrooms. Hand-washing will also be encouraged among all students and staff. Hand sanitizer will be provided by the school and parents encouraged to purchase additional hand sanitizer for their child(ren) for their own personal use.

2. How will students receive instruction?

Students will have two options to receive instruction; full on-site (face-to-face) or full remote/online (virtual; by computer).

3. How will student attendance be counted?

Students are expected to attend school for 178 days a year. Students who choose on-site instruction will have attendance counted as normal. Students who choose virtual will have attendance counted by on their participation in virtual instruction. Attendance will be taken daily. Students should be on time and ready to learn each day

4. Will students be allowed to ride school buses?

Yes. Temperatures will be checked each time before boarding a bus. Students who have a fever 100.4 will not be allowed to board and/or will be quarantined and parents will be called for pick up.

5. Will masks be required?

We will require all students and staff to wear masks. We will provide masks for students and staff. Masks will be required in all areas where social/physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain, including cafeterias and buses.

6. What is planned for social/physical distancing in the classroom?

Social/physical distancing will include spacing of desks, chairs, tables, and limiting physical contact. During transitions such as arrival, recess, lunch, restroom breaks, class changes, and dismissal, each school will have a specific plan to address.

7. How much information will be provided to promote/encourage proper safety habits?

The Lee County school District administration team will work to ensure that signage is posted at each building/office and will promote the same through the local newspaper, district webpage, and other social media.

8. Will temperature checks be provided daily?

Screenings, which will include daily temperature checks, will be administered based on the CDC and Arkansas Department of Health guidelines daily and as needed.

9. What if a child has a fever at school?

The child will be quarantined and the parents will be called to pick up the child from school.

10. Will food service workers be required to wear masks and have temperature checks?

Yes. All staff will be required to have temperature checks upon arrival to the school.

11. Where will meals be served?

Meals will be served in the cafeteria at each site (if proper spacing exists) for grades K-12; Pre-K will eat in the classroom.

12. What will the district do to help students with little or no internet access?

The district will do the best that it can to provide necessary internet support for our students. We will continue to utilize our buses with wifi, as well as adapt students' chromebooks with internet capability once determined that it is limited to none. In case of the possibility that there may be students who continue to have limited to no internet access once assisted, those students will be encouraged to attend school on-site.

13. Will my child's teacher be delivering virtual/online instruction through video or live streaming?

Students who are fully virtual may receive instruction in a variety of ways; recorded videos from their assigned teacher, other video sources, or through live video conferencing with their assigned teacher.

14. Will the classroom teacher be providing on-site and virtual instruction simultaneously?

The teacher will be providing onsite instruction and virtual instruction. Instruction may or may not be simultaneous.

15. Will students be able to participate in extracurricular activities like sports and band?

No extracurricular activities, such as sports or band will take place for at least the first nine weeks of school, unless the pandemic dictates differently. All students will (whether virtual and in-person) be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities at the school where they are assigned, once the district decides to begin those activities. Again, as of present, the district plans not to have any fall extracurricular activities. However, LCSD will follow guidelines provided by the state of Arkansas and the Arkansas Department of Health for further guidance.

16. What's the difference between *Homeschooling and Schooling at Home* (virtual/online)?

Homeschooling is a program provided by the parents in which the parent has to teach the curriculum to the student. It is not part of public school education. The concept of schooling at home/virtual/online, the public school will have a teacher to teach the curriculum to the student. Schooling at home and homeschooling is different.

During the COVID19 pandemic, parents have been a more integral part of their child's education. Virtual/online at home learning is not the same as homeschooling.

However, if you would like for information about homeschooling your child, please go to the Arkansas Department of Education website.

17. When is the first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year?

The first day of classes for the new school year begins on Monday, August 24th.

18. How can I register my child in the district?

An online registration form, which will be located on the district's website (beginning August 1, 2020), will have to be completed by parents on/or before Aug.8, 2020. Parents will be able to choose whether their child will be on-site at the school for face-to-face instruction, or they will be schooling at home virtually/online.

19. What happens if the State of Arkansas mandates that schools are closed again?

In the event of another school closure from onsite instruction, or in the case of a student who becomes ill from COVID, the student will be able to readily transition from face-to-face to virtual instruction from home. All Lee County School District students will have equipment assigned to them as needed.

20. What happens if an individual staff member or student tests positive for COVID?

Lee County School District (LCSD) administration will contact the Arkansas Department of Health, Lee County Health Department, and the Lee County Cooperative Clinic in order to follow the guidance on self-quarantining, testing, and closure. LCSD will have a designated district point of contact who will work directly with the Arkansas Department of Health for guidance and contact training.