

# CROSS COUNTY **THUNDERBIRDS**<sup>TM</sup>

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## READY FOR LEARNING PLAN

*Cross County School District is prepared to respond to COVID-19 outbreaks in our community by following guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). To provide the most choices and flexibility for students and families, Cross County will offer on-site instruction, blended learning, and virtual learning for the 2020-2021 school year. Information on these methods of instruction as well as safety and mitigation measures is in the document below:*

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## ON-SITE LEARNING



### TRANSPORTATION:

- CCSD will continue to provide bus transportation for the 2020-2021 school year
- Parents should screen their students for fever and signs of illness prior to leaving for their bus stop
  - Students who are ill or showing signs of illness should remain at home and their parent should follow the procedure outlined on page 3 of this plan
- Students should remain at least six feet from other bus riders not residing in their household when waiting at the bus stop
- Students, bus drivers, and bus aides must wear a mask or face covering while on the school bus
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available on each school bus and buses will be sanitized after each route
- Seats on school buses will be assigned and when possible, rows or seats may be left empty to increase the space between bus riders
  - Sibling groups or students riding the bus from the same household may be assigned to sit together
- When possible, parents will be encouraged to drive their students to school to decrease the number of students on school buses



### ARRIVAL:

- Cross County Elementary students should arrive to school between 7:30 and 7:50 AM
  - Elementary students should go straight to their homeroom teacher's classroom upon arrival to school
- Cross County High School students should arrive to school between 7:35 and 8:00 AM
  - High School Students should go to normal morning stations (7th-8th in cafeteria, 9th-12th in Commons) while wearing masks and social distancing
- Car rider entrance procedures and traffic patterns will not change from the 2019-2020 school year
- Parents may not exit their vehicles during student arrival



### CLASSROOM TRANSITIONS:

- Cross County Elementary students will transition from one classroom to another with teacher assistance on a staggered schedule when feasible
- Cross County High School students will wear masks and travel independently during passing periods
  - Students will not be allowed to congregate in hallways or common areas during passing periods
  - Teachers will be on duty in the hallway to supervise passing periods and student behavior



### DISMISSAL:

- Cross County Elementary will continue to dismiss at 3:15 PM
- Cross County High School will continue to dismiss at 3:30 PM
- Car rider exit procedures and traffic patterns will not change from the 2019-2020 school year
- To decrease the number of student in the hallways, students will be released in groups (by grade, by mode of transportation, by bus number, etc.)
- Students will not be allowed to congregate in hallways, common areas, parking lots, or campus buildings after school is dismissed

## ON-SITE LEARNING



### VISITOR POLICIES:

- Only visitors providing student services will be allowed on campus at this time
  - There will be no classroom visits or lunch visits until guidance changes
- All visitors will be screened using the [screening questions](#) provided by the ADE and may have their temperature checked upon arrival to the office
- Visitors must follow ADH guidelines including wearing a mask or face covering and practicing social distancing when on campus
- Parents checking out a student should buzz the office using the intercom system outside and follow all secretary or school staff instructions
  - Parents entering the building may be screened and asked to follow the same procedures and guidelines as a visitor
- School offices will have hand sanitizing stations, designated single entry and exit points, signs explaining policies, and information on proper hygiene practices



### ATTENDANCE:

- Attendance policies for on-site learning will be the same as in previous school years
- Parents and students will receive a digital or paper copy of the student handbook detailing all attendance policies for the 2020-2021 school year in August



### MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS:

- All students (preK-12th grade), staff, and administrators will wear opaque masks or face coverings that cover the mouth and nose on campus (masks/face coverings are subject to administrative approval)
- Each student will be provided with three reusable or washable fabric masks
- Masks may be removed when eating, drinking, and at specific times designated by a teacher or staff member when social distancing is possible or there is a curricular reason to do so
- Students or staff members with a documented medical or behavioral need may request permission to be on campus without a mask
- No student or staff member who cannot remove a mask without assistance will be asked to wear a mask
- Teachers may wear a face shield or see-through mask when deemed appropriate for teaching, presenting, or working with students



### CLASSROOMS:

- Classrooms will be arranged so that students are as distanced from each other as possible
  - Plexiglass shields, additional tables, and barriers are in certain classrooms to increase social distancing without negatively impacting the learning environment
- Hand sanitizing stations will be present in all classrooms
- Soft and porous surfaces will be removed whenever possible to make cleaning procedures more effective
- Teachers will include lessons on proper hand washing, personal hygiene, mental health, and social distancing in their classrooms when appropriate

## ON-SITE LEARNING



### SANITATION AND CLEANING:

- Custodians and maintenance staff will be trained on CDC and ADH approved cleaning methods and proper use for cleaning supplies prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year
  - Staff engaged in sanitation and cleaning will be provided appropriate PPE such as gloves, reusable masks, gowns, surgical masks, and/or face shields
- Staff will frequently disinfect high traffic areas and frequently touched items (light switches, door knobs, classroom technology, etc.) on a schedule
- Teachers may sanitize classrooms between groups of students with a disinfectant spray when allowable especially concentrating on hard surfaces
- Custodians and maintenance staff will sanitize classrooms and remove trash daily after school
- Electrostatic sprayers will be used when available on classrooms, hallways, offices, and school buses
- Signs will be posted encouraging good hand hygiene and promoting healthy behaviors



### WATER FOUNTAINS:

- Water fountain spouts will not be available for use to avoid students placing their mouth near areas other students may have touched
- Students may bring water bottles to drink during the day
  - High school students do not need to have a trust card to carry a water bottle
- Water bottles or other drink containers must have a lid and be kept away from computers or other classroom technology
- Water bottles can be filled at contactless water bottle refilling stations on campus or by a staff member



### ILLNESS PROCEDURES:

- CCSD has a district Point of Contact (P.O.C) for all COVID-19 related inquiries
  - The P.O.C. will work in coordination with the ADH, ADE, school administration, and others on the response team to update procedures as needed, contact trace, and serve as a liaison between CCSD and health officials at the ADH and CDC
- CCSD will use the School Communication flow chart from ADE for decisions around positive COVID-19 tests
- If a student is sick, has a fever, or is showing other symptoms of COVID-19 before school, they should not attend school
  - For more information on what to do if a student is sick, check the [CDC Guide](#)
  - A student must be fever free without medication for 48 hours prior to returning to school
  - A doctor's note or note from ADH may be required to return in certain circumstances
- Students or staff members who are ill or develop symptoms of COVID-19 at school will be isolated in designated areas before being evaluated for infection by the school nurse or designated staff member
- Procedures will be developed in each building for sending a student to the nurse's office to mitigate exposure for other students and staff
- Students or staff members who are ill or displaying signs/symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home
- A separate area will be designated in each building for students and staff seeking medical care who are not ill or infectious so that those who receive routine care avoid coming into contact with someone who is ill
  - Additional protocols will be considered for students with chronic conditions or special medical needs

## ON-SITE LEARNING



### MEAL SERVICE:

- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in all locations meals will be eaten or served and students will be encouraged to wash their hands prior to mealtime
- Breakfast for the elementary will be served in the classrooms similar to the 2019-2020 school year
- High school students will continue to have a grab and go breakfast option before school and during Second Chance breakfast in the morning
- Lunch will be served in the cafeteria at both campuses but additional tables will be added to increase the distance between students
- CCSD is working with our meal service provider, Aramark, to decrease the number of items students touch (including silverware, salad bars, and trays) and limit the exchange of money during lunch



### RECESS:

- Elementary school students will still go outside for recess
- Recess times may be staggered to decrease the number of students out on the playground at one time
- Students will be taught appropriate games and activities that reduce physical contact
- Playground equipment will be sanitized regularly and will be closed after school hours



### SPECIALTY CLASSES:

- CCSD students will still participate in elective and specialty classes such as music, physical education, library, and art
- Activities may be modified to mitigate COVID-19 transmission and teachers may travel to a student's classroom to teach to decrease student movement in the building
- Students may be given activities that do not require sharing materials and teachers will be encouraged to plan lessons that are engaging and collaborative without sacrificing social distancing



### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, AND ATHLETICS

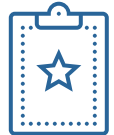
- CCSD will follow all guidance from the ADE and Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) concerning any extracurricular activity, club, or athletics program
- Coaches and sponsors will continue to sanitize equipment (weights, balls, benches, etc.) and wear masks when coaching in close proximity to athletes or participants until additional guidance from ADH, ADE, or AAA is released
- Athletes or participants must wear a mask while on campus unless social distancing can be observed or the activity has been deemed appropriate without masks by ADH, ADE, or AAA
- All nonessential after school events will be postponed, held virtually, or cancelled
  - This includes pep assemblies and other large school events celebrating CCSD activities or athletics
- CCSD facilities, athletic stadiums or gyms, and campus locations will be closed after school hours and cannot be used by community members

## ON-SITE LEARNING



### ESSENTIAL STANDARDS:

- Curriculum teams have revised the 2020-2021 curricula to address the essential standards missed in the last nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year when students return
- Teachers have participated in targeted professional development sessions and virtual cluster meetings to brainstorm effective methods of instruction
- Students will be screened or universally assessed in the first weeks of school to determine learning gaps and inform teachers of instructional needs
  - Potential assessments include DIBELS, DSA, iReady Reading and Math, ACT Aspire, STAR, and teacher created assessments
- Students will have access to supplemental learning materials (IXL, Apex, Kahn Academy, BrainPOP) throughout the year at home and at school to assist in learning recovery



### SPECIAL EDUCATION:

- CCSD is prepared to support students with special needs for both onsite and offsite instruction in the 2020-2021 school year through Individual Virtual Learning Plans
- Teletherapy options will be available, with parent consent, for students participating in offsite learning
- For questions concerning IEPs or 504s please contact Special Education Director Tracey Easton at [tracey.easton@crosscountyschools.com](mailto:tracey.easton@crosscountyschools.com)



### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES AND PARENT COMMUNICATION:

- Parent Teacher Conferences originally scheduled as evening events will be replaced by individually scheduled meetings (in-person while socially distanced, by phone, video conference, etc.) taking place over a period of several days between teachers and their student's parents
- Future parent nights or informational events will be postponed and considered on a case-by-case basis
- Parents will be informed of their student's individual progress through the same methods as the 2019-2020 school year (phone call, newsletter, mail, Remind app, email)
- CCSD will continue to release information to community members and parents through social media and the district website:
  - District website- [www.crosscountyschools.com](http://www.crosscountyschools.com)
  - Facebook- @CrossCountySD
  - Twitter- @CrossCountySD
- School closure information will be shared online, through social media, local news media, radio, and the district automated messaging system
  - Parents can add or change their alert phone number by calling their student's office secretary
- CCSD also utilizes push notifications for those who have enabled notifications on their Cross County School District app
  - The Cross County School District app can be downloaded in the Apple App Store or the Google Play store at no cost

## BLENDED LEARNING



### RESPONSE LEVELS:

- CCSD will pivot from on-site instruction to blended learning if deemed necessary by the ADH or the [ADE Response Levels for On-Site Learning guidance document](#)
- Blended learning is at-home digital learning using our regular Learning Management Systems (Google Classroom for elementary students and Echo for high school students)
  - Students will review how to use their school's Learning Management System during the first week of school to prepare for potential blended learning scenarios
- Blended learning may be utilized by students individually (not because of school closure) who are ill, quarantined, or otherwise unable to be in a traditional classroom for a short period of time
- Blended learning is not the same as AMI work utilized during the last nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year
  - Students will be required to complete assignments for a grade during blended learning
  - Assignment completion in conjunction with other accountability measures such as responding to teacher emails or participating in a discussion board will be how a student's attendance is determined during blended learning
  - New learning and assessment may take place during blended learning



### TECHNOLOGY:

- All students will be provided an Apple device (iPad for kindergarten-second grade, Macbook for third-12th grade) and charging device/cord in anticipation of blended learning
- CCSD will create plans for properly sanitizing technology before and after distribution to students
- Technical support will be available Monday-Friday by email or phone call
- Wireless access points will be available in the parking lot of Cross County Elementary and Cross County High School
- Students without internet access may be given pre-downloaded materials prior to the start of blended learning or may be sent a USB flash drive containing assignments
- Blended learning material may be prerecorded lessons by Cross County teachers, open source material, videos, links, readings, assignments, or other interactive material
  - CCSD teachers received an iPad, filming stand, and Macbook to be able to adequately present lessons digitally if needed
- Additional materials (paper, books, textbooks, etc.) may be sent home through bus routes, mail, or in parent pickup lines as needed



### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES:

- Switching from on-site to blended learning or facing quarantine can be stressful for children
- Teachers will receive professional development on trauma-informed care, appropriate use of digital tools, engagement, and challenges of digital learning to prepare to respond to student needs
- Parents are encouraged to use [resources](#) to learn how to talk through trauma with their student
- School counselors will be available to work with students struggling to adapt to a flexible learning situation

## FULLY VIRTUAL LEARNING



### FULLY VIRTUAL LEARNING FAQ AND INTEREST SURVEY:

- CCSD recognizes that some students may not feel comfortable returning to school on-site for the 2020-2021 school year
- A fully virtual (online) learning option is available for students kindergarten-12th grade
- Virtual learners will use Google Classroom (elementary) and Echo (high school) as Learning Management Systems similar to students in blended learning
  - Virtual learners will learn with lessons developed by Cross County teachers and be supported by supplemental tools including IXL, BrainPOP, Kahn Academy, Virtual Arkansas, and Apex
- Virtual learners will be able to interact with and ask questions of CCSD certified staff members during designated times each week
- Students electing virtual learning will complete work entirely from home and will come to campus only to take assessments
- Virtual learners should expect to dedicate three to four hours a day for school work, project creation, assignment completion, and other tasks
  - Amount of time online may vary depending on the class, teacher, and time of year
- Assignment completion in conjunction with other accountability measures such as logging on, responding to teacher emails, or participating in a discussion board will be how a student's virtual attendance is determined
- More detailed information for fully virtual learning is available on the [Virtual Learning FAQ](#)
- Parents must elect to participate in fully virtual learning by completing the [Interest Survey](#)



### TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS:

- All students participating in virtual learning will be provided an Apple device (iPad for kindergarten-third grade, Macbook for fourth-12th grade) and charging device/cord in August prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year
- Students selecting fully virtual learning should have access to reliable internet and power



### QUESTIONS?

- Please reach out to your building principal by email or phone
  - Cross County Elementary Technology Academy- Jessica Stacy
    - [jessica.stacy@crosscountyschools.com](mailto:jessica.stacy@crosscountyschools.com)
  - Cross County High School, A New Tech School- Stephen Prince
    - [stephen.prince@nt.crosscountyschools.com](mailto:stephen.prince@nt.crosscountyschools.com)



### REMEMBER:

- All information in this document is subject to change at any time based on updated guidance from the Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas Department of Health, Arkansas Activities Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or other agency
- Check [www.crosscountyschools.com](http://www.crosscountyschools.com) or @CrossCountySD on Facebook for the most up-to-date information