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Stuttgart School District's *Ready for Learning* Plan

Please note that this document is a fluid document and continues to change as new directives come out from the Governor, the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Centers for Disease Control, Stuttgart School Board and the Arkansas Department of Health. In the event of an infectious disease outbreak the following protocols will be implemented in this document.

Our goal will be to create an environment as safe as possible while also providing a rich educational experience that includes opportunities for social interaction and extracurricular activities. Adhering to the guidelines provided by the Arkansas Department of Health will be a top priority.

What is the first day of school for students?

The school year will begin on August 14, 2022. This date will only change if ADH, DESE, or the Governor of Arkansas sends updated guidance related to when school may start.

Who will be required to wear face coverings?

No one is required to wear a face mask unless it is recommended by the state governing bodies. If facemasks are required, the masks will be worn to cover the nose and mouth when social distancing measures are not possible. For those with specific health conditions that require they not wear a facemask, a physician's note shall be provided to the school nurse stating the health condition that prohibits a face covering.

Do we need to provide masks for our students or will one be provided?

The district will provide disposable masks to all K-12 students as long as supplies last.

Will social distancing guidelines be observed?

There are currently no guidelines for social distancing provided by the CDC, ADH, DESE, or the Stuttgart School District.

If a student comes to school sick, what will happen?

If a student comes to school sick, the school nurse will screen the student, and check his/her temperature. If the temperature is over the ADH guidance, the student will be isolated and sent home. The student will need to be fever-free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, what will happen?

In the event an individual tests positive, we will follow the latest guidance and be in direct contact with ADH.

How normal will the day be for a student?

Our goal is for your student(s) to have as normal of a day as possible while also providing an environment that is as safe as possible. In grades K-4, students may remain in the same classroom all day during learning opportunities. In grades 5-12, students will be able to transition from one class to another. Of course, sanitation will take place before a new group of students enters a space. More details regarding your student's day at school may be found on each school's website.

Will bus transportation be provided?

Yes, the district will provide bus transportation as was provided by the previous school.

What happens if we have school closures again?

If schools close again, a plan for at-home digital learning has been developed if approved by DESE. This plan includes K-12 grades using Google Classroom to submit assignments. Teachers may utilize Zoom or Google Meet to deliver live lessons. Students will learn how to use these Learning Management Systems by participating in digital lessons throughout the week while at school. Blended learning that includes both on-site traditional instruction and digital instruction will become the norm. This approach will allow students who might be ill or quarantined for a limited amount of time to continue his/her education even if he/she is not physically present in the classroom.

How will you help fill any gaps my student has from the previous year?

Curriculum teams have worked to revise the curriculum so that missed essential standards will be addressed when students return. Additionally, students will be assessed to determine individual strengths and deficits. These assessments will determine if students need additional support.

In the event of a temporary school closure, how will the district serve students who have special needs (Special Education, 504, Dyslexia, etc)?

In the event of a school closure, students will participate in live instruction with scheduled Zoom or Google Meet sessions. Dyslexia interventions may be provided via scheduled Zoom meetings. Students with disabilities receiving related services (OT, PT, and/or Speech) may receive those services through tele-therapy, tele-intervention, and/or individualized instructional packets. Classroom teachers, special education teachers, and 504 designees will collaborate to ensure students with disabilities are receiving accommodations and modifications during live or virtual instruction.

This plan is subject to change based on guidance from ADH and DESE.