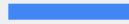


PHS

RETURN TO SCHOOL



2020-2021

PHS Chromebooks Procedures for 2020-2021

- Picked Up During Orientation/Open House
 - “Drive Through” Circle Drive on Thursday, August 13 from 1 pm - 7 pm
 - Enter the orientation at the Baseball field entrance.
 - You will receive your Red Folder of documents - you can be completing the forms while in the “drive through” then drop off at the end of the “drive through”.
 - Parking tag - bring \$3 and a current driver’s license to receive parking tag.
 - Turn in Signed Chromebook Agreement form (must sign to receive Chromebook) - form can be printed and brought with you.
 - Please read Chromebook policy/handbook: Link to [Chromebook Policy/Handbook](#)
 - Chromebook Agreement Form: Link to [Agreement Form](#)
 - Chromebook Opt Out Form (will not receive Chromebook): Link to [Opt Out Form](#)
 - Receive Chromebook
 - Supply Lists are online on the PHS page.

Questions & Answers

- What is the first day of school?
 - The first day of school is set for Monday, August 24.
- Do parents need to provide masks for our students or will they be provided?
 - The district will provide a reusable cloth mask for every student. In addition, all students, faculty, and staff will wear masks/face shields while indoors when social distancing cannot be kept.
- Will transportation be provided?
 - Yes, the district will provide bus transportation for all students. Based on current ADH guidance, students aged 2 years and up will be required to wear face coverings when riding the bus. Bus drivers will wear masks/face shields. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed on all buses. We are planning no changes to bus schedules or bus stops at this time. Parents must screen students and verify they do not have fever prior to putting them on a bus.

Questions & Answers

- What is the difference between on-site (on campus), blended, and virtual?
 - On-site (on campus) - Students are on campus attending classes.
 - Blended - Students are on-campus, however, their classes will continue virtually if they are absent for illness, court, etc. If we have to close for bad weather, then their learning will continue virtually. They will interact with their teachers during normal school hours per their school schedule.
 - Virtual - Students are off campus. They do not come to class on campus. They will interact with their teachers during normal school hours per their school schedule.

Questions & Answers

- How normal will the day be for students?
 - Our goal is for your student(s) to have as normal a day as possible while we also provide as much safety as possible. Students will not remain in the same classroom all day, but will be able to transition from one class to another. Cleaning will take place between classes. Transition times will be staggered to reduce the number of students in the hallways.
 - We will not be able to guarantee social distancing at all times, but students must wear masks during those times.
 - All students should check their email daily whether on campus, blended, or virtual.
- What will lunch look like?
 - We will have three lunch periods to reduce the number of students.
 - Students will have assigned seats.
 - Social distancing cannot be guaranteed at all times.
 - Students will wear masks except when eating or drinking.

Questions & Answers

- Will social distancing be observed, and if so, what will that look like in the classroom?
 - Social distancing will be observed as much as possible, but at times students will be closer than the recommended 6 feet apart. Face coverings will be worn in those instances. We will redesign classrooms and cafeteria spaces to increase space between students, but can't always guarantee 6 feet. Classrooms will be arranged to provide as much space as possible between students.
- Are students going to get to use lockers?
 - Students will not be assigned lockers this year to cut down on social distancing issues between classes. Students will also go directly from one supervised area to another and only two students will be able to go to the restroom at a time for the same reason.
- Will there be assemblies?
 - Any assemblies or meetings must abide by CDC and DESE guidelines. Large groups will not be meeting.

Questions & Answers

- Will students attend school every day?
 - At this time, we anticipate students attending classes daily, very similar to a traditional school day. With that being said, the Pocahontas School District has scheduled Virtual Days on our updated School Calendar for regular facility and system maintenance.
- What happens when someone tests positive for COVID-19?
 - In the event an individual tests positive, we will follow the latest guidance from the ADH. We will be in direct contact with ADH. This could result in a brief closure of a single school or multiple schools within the district to provide time for additional cleaning and sanitation. If a student comes to school with a fever, the nurse will screen that student, check their temperature, and will be sent home if the temperature is over the ADH guidance. If a COVID-19 test isn't necessary, the student will remain home and be free of fever for 48 hours without medication before returning to school. Upon returning to school, the student will immediately check in with the school nurse to be re-screened.

Questions & Answers

- What will the process be for daily screenings?
 - EVERY student and adult within the district will screen at home prior to arriving on campus. This includes having their temperature taken prior to arriving at school. Individuals must answer the following questions (or questions updated by ADH):
 - Have you had a fever of 100.4 F or greater in the last two days?
 - Have you had a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste and smell?
 - Have you had contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 within the past 14 Days?
 - If you can answer “Yes” to any of the above questions, you will not be admitted to school. Parents, if any of the above apply to your student(s), DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL.

Questions & Answers

- If I don't want my student(s) to return to a traditional classroom, what are my options?
 - The district provided a survey to all parents via our website to collect information regarding their interest in a digital option for students. This would provide a total online education program for students who did not feel comfortable returning to on-site instruction. The link to that survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3NTNRDT>
 - If a virtual option is chosen then students should expect to stay within that option for at least nine weeks. Students may opt in or out after a nine week period.
- If my student(s) choose to do full-time virtual, will they be able to participate in extracurricular activities?
 - Yes. If the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) approves activities for the school year, athletes will follow AAA guidelines for participation. For students who have withdrawn from the school district to enter a Home School program, those students are ineligible for 365 days from the date of withdrawal. They may still enroll in an activity period and participate, but they cannot compete in AAA-sanctioned events.

Questions & Answers

- What will Virtual School look like?
 - Students will check in each class period during the scheduled time of day.
 - 1st hour - 8:00-8:50
 - 2nd hour - 8:56-9:46
 - 3rd hour - 9:53-10:43
 - 4th hour - 10:50--12:27 (4th hour will vary by teacher. Students should check in the first day to find out when they will be meeting for class. We will have three lunch periods during this time, so class meeting time will vary.)
 - 5th hour - 12:35-1:25
 - 6th hour - 1:31-2:24
 - 7th hour - 2:30-3:20
 - There will be live streaming of classroom lessons. The lesson portion will be recorded so it can be reviewed if needed.
 - Student work will be submitted via Google Classroom.
 - Students should check their email daily for additional school information.

Questions & Answers

- What will lunch look like at PHS?
 - At this time, based on current guidance, the ADH is recommending cafeterias limit the capacity of students in the cafeteria. We will have three lunch periods to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria, gym lobby, and student center. Students will have assigned seats.
- What special precautions will be taken in regard to cleaning and sanitizing?
 - Cleaning and sanitizing will be given top priority as we return in the fall. We will be paying additional attention to high touch areas/surfaces such as door knobs, desks, light switches, etc.
- How will you help fill any gaps my student(s) may have from the previous year?
 - Teachers will diagnose students throughout the year by way of Common Formative Assessments. Tests will determine additional support.

Questions & Answers

- What happens if school closes again?
 - If school closes again, then all students will be treated as off-site students. This plan includes the use of Google Classroom as our Learning Management System (LMS), Google Meet as our face-to-face mode of instruction, as well as the rest of the Google Suite (including, but not limited to, Mail, Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, etc). All students will have access to a Chromebook and students will learn how to use the LMS by participating in lessons throughout the week while at school or via online recorded lessons. Blended learning that includes both on-site traditional instruction and off-site digital instruction will become the norm. This approach will allow students who are ill or in quarantine to continue their education even if they aren't on campus. As well as teachers to be able to continue providing direct instruction even if they aren't on campus.

Questions & Answers

- What advice would you have for students with special needs (autism, asthma, panic attacks, anxiety, etc) or students with weakened immune systems or pre-existing conditions?
 - The district will be prepared to accommodate students with special needs through both on-site and off-site instruction. Parents with concerns about their students that may be “high risk” because of COVID-19, may explore the various off-site learning options. In the event of a school closure, students with special needs (IEP, 504, ELL, etc) will participate in digital instruction with their teachers.

Contact Information

- It is the goal of the Pocahontas School District to stay on top of the ever-changing ADH COVID-19 guidelines. We understand that these guidelines change every week and in some cases every day. We will use all available means of communication to keep our stakeholders up-to-date including our district website, mobile texts, mobile calls (robocalls), and social media posts.
- If you have any further questions, please contact Principal Lesa Grooms at 870-892-4573 or lesa.grooms@pocahontaspsd.com or Jerry Martens, Superintendent, at 870-892-4573 or e-mail at jerry.martens@pocahontaspsd.com.