

The following plan outlines the strategies for school reopening to be followed by WLSD. These strategies are based on the results from the “School Opening Survey” as well as the guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

OPERATIONS PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULING

- **SCHOOL SCHEDULES** – Based on the results of the survey, we have chosen to run a **HYBRID SCHEDULE** for the first few weeks of school, where there will be a mixture of **FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING** as well as **DISTANCE LEARNING**.
 - School times may be altered to allow for longer arrival times and dismissal times
 - Students in grades 5-12 will be divided into two groups based on residency
 - These students will attend school on our A/B days where they will receive **Face-to-Face** Instruction and **Distance Learning**
 - Grade levels will be split to reduce the number of students in a class and at school during a given time
 - Students in Pre-K to 4th grade will attend Mon. – Thurs. but will be spread across the building to meet social distancing guidelines
 - Classroom sizes will be reduced to no more than 12 students per class at a time
 - When students are not at school they will be completing coursework through **Distance Learning**
 - Fridays will be used to target our special populations, students performing in the lowest 25%, and “Beginning Readers”
- **BUILDING OPERATIONS PLANNING**
 - All buildings will be properly cleaned and sanitized throughout the day when students are not present
 - All classrooms will be provided with hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray
 - There will be hand sanitizing stations placed throughout the buildings
 - Restroom use will be closely monitored and sanitized after each class
 - There will be a high volume of cleaning and disinfecting done by the maintenance and custodial team at the end of each day
 - Air purifiers will be placed through buildings and classrooms to continue to kill germs circulating in the air
 - Visitation to buildings will be limited and visitors will be restricted from moving throughout the buildings
- **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**
 - Both campuses will be divided into A-Day and B-Day zones based on the number of students who are bus riders
 - Bus schedules may be altered to maintain social distancing and to limit the number of students on a bus
 - Seats will be assigned on the bus and will limit (1) student per seat. Relatives in the same household may ride seats together
 - Buses will be sanitized between routes
 - Buses may run elementary and secondary students separately depending on the number of students on a route
 - Cameras will be utilized on buses to enforce guidelines and to assure that proper cleaning is conducted
- **FOOD SERVICE PLANNING**
 - Lunch schedules will be altered to allow for social distancing in the cafeterias
 - Lunches may be delivered to the classrooms when social distancing is not possible in the cafeteria
 - Cafeteria staff will receive additional training on properly preparing and serving food
 - Lunches may be served to students who are not physically attending school but participating in **Distance Learning**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING Reopening Plan

- The district will provide continuous professional development to teachers in the areas of **Distance Learning**
- **Face-to-Face** Instruction will consist of extended blocks of language arts, reading, math, and science
- **Distance Learning** will be used for electives and non-core subjects
- Various forms of instruction will be utilized when students are not physically present at school
- Students in grades 6-12 will receive their elective courses through Edgenuity, which provides the virtual instructor
- ALL in grades K-8 will continue to utilize i-Ready as a part of their daily instruction and **Distance Learning**
- Teachers will utilize virtual teaching platforms, such as ZOOM and Google Classroom to meet with students
- Some students may receive hard copies of work while others will be completing virtual courses
- Student not able to participate in virtual learning for electives will receive **Face-to-Face** time with instructors
- Students in grades Pre-K to 4th will receive **Face-to-Face** instruction daily in small groups focusing on Core Essentials
- Diagnostic screeners will be completed on ALL students throughout the year to determine any learning gaps due to COVID-19 closure
- School Status and Schoology will be used to communicate students' academic progress with parents and students

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS – FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT Reopening Plan

- Surveys were administered to gain valuable knowledge about parents' thoughts on reopening school
- Results of Reopening School surveys will be posted on the district's website
- A new website has been designed to communicate more effectively with parents
- The district will continue to use social media platforms to communicate with parents
- Parents will receive WEB training on how to utilize virtual platforms
- Students in grades Pre-K to 4th will attend school at least four days a week to assist with child care challenges
- The district is developing a plan to provide meals to students who are participating in **Distance Learning**
- We will provide a program called Schoology to allow parents to communicate with teachers and see their child's instructional progress
- Online registration will be provided for returning students using Active Parent
- Email addresses will be established for parents and students to communicate with staff during and after hours
- Each school will designate a COVID-19 response person to answer all school specific concerns from the general public
- Director of Community/Media Relations and will be available during and after hours
- Information on COVID-19 procedures will be posted daily on the district's website, and social media
- Parents should communicate any changes in contact information to the school immediately

TECHNOLOGY AND LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

- Devices are being purchased for ALL students in grades Pre-K to 12th
- Google Pads with touch screen capabilities will be provided to students in grades Pre-K to 2nd
- Chromebooks are being provided to ALL students in grades 3-12
- There is a high demand for these devices across the nation, and they will not be available when school starts
- We will also provide Internet access cards to students with connectivity issues due to their location
- Students with their own devices and Internet may proceed with completing their courses virtually
- Students without Internet access will receive hard copies of classwork when they are not meeting **Face-to-Face**
- Edgenuity will provide instruction to students in grades 6-12 for their elective courses if they have devices
- Students without devices and internet connectivity will meet with elective teachers on their **Face-to-Face Days**
- Teachers will use various strategies for online instruction including Zoom, Google Meets, and Google Classroom etc.
- The district will provide Schoology as the Learning Management System for parents and students
- Parents will be able to monitor students' work, see grades, check students' progress and communicate with teachers in Schoology
- Training and support will be provided to students and parents on how to use the Schoology Learning Management platform

HEALTH AND SAFETY Reopening Plan

- There will be one school nurse at each site in the district with a newly employed Director of Health and Wellness
 - The Director of Health and Wellness will work with school nurses and local physicians to develop safe reopening plans
 - Students will be required to wear masks on buses and in the classroom setting
 - Parents are encouraged to provide students with masks that can be washed and reused
 - The district has purchased additional masks for students and visitors who are without one
 - Students will be allowed to take short breaks from wearing the masks when it is safe to do so
 - ALL students, staff, and visitors will have their temperatures checked daily before entering the building
 - Each school building will have a location where students and staff can be isolated from others should they become ill at school
 - Handwashing and sanitizing will be required throughout the day for all students and staff
 - Students will not be allowed to be within 6-feet of other students when not wearing a mask
 - Students will not be allowed to use water fountains during the day but water will be available
 - Protocols will be in place to notify parents if their child has been in close contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19
 - Classes will be arranged to allow for proper social distancing when students are engaged in **Face-to-Face** instruction
- ❖ Policies and procedures will be reviewed and amended as needed to meet the needs of this Public Health Crisis. It is our goal to bring students back on normal schedule after Labor Day if it is safe to do so. Safety Plans will include a section on Pandemic Procedures. These plans may change when more information is released from the MDE, the CDC, and the Governor's Office.