

Benton County School

Reopening Plan

2020-2021

Presenter: Dr. Hobson, Superintendent

Academics:

After meeting with building level administrators (6/3/2020, 6/24/2020) and gauging feedback from the parents and staff (results attached), it is my professional belief that the students of Benton County Schools would be best served with the use of the **Hybrid Schedule**. The Hybrid Schedule will allow ½ of a school's student population to attend twice per week on site while the other ½ of the student population is learning the same covered material via Google Classroom/Canvas.

The Hybrid Schedule will allow for maximum learning and information retention. For example, students whose last name begins with A-H will report on Mondays and Thursdays. Students whose last name begins with I-Z will report on Tuesdays and Fridays. During the days that the students are not physically in the building, they will be viewing the teachers either by **Google Classroom** or **Canvas**. Both components will allow continuum in learning. For safety, the teachers and bus drivers will sanitize in between classes/bus trips.

Wednesday of each week, the schools and school buses will be closed for student services to provide a deep sanitation. All faculty and staff will be at their prospective school sites on this day to focus on sanitation, as well as academic instruction. First, the teachers and bus drivers will sanitize their individual locations/buses (as well as in between classes/bus trips.) Secondly, this will give departmental/grade level leaders the opportunity to discuss instruction, collaborate on lesson plans, and create student friendly videos to post on teacher webpages.

Parents/guardians will be given the opportunity to sign a waiver of option preference if the Hybrid Schedule is not best suited for a student from one of the following:

- A. Opt in for my child/ren to attend all 4 days in the traditional classroom setting.
- B. Opt out for my child/ren to attend online classes daily. Students will still be required to take/pass all State mandated exams.

C. Opt for my child/ren to participate in the district's Hybrid Scheduling options.

Parents/guardians will be given the opportunity to **sign a waiver** if they desire that their child goes to school every day or learns completely online. Due to the size of our school district, we are able to offer this option.

In the event of an outbreak, students will utilize the personal device provided to each student at the beginning of the school year.

Physical Environment:

- Hand Sanitizer Stations positioned at all entries and exits.
- Hand Sanitizer Stations positioned in every classroom.
- Temporal no-contact scanners will be placed at the entry of each building.
- Temporal scanners will be provided to each teacher in order to check the temperature of all incoming students.
- Proper Handwashing Technique signs will be placed throughout the school.
- Face shields will be provided to each staff member and highly encouraged for students and visitors.
- No large assemblies.
- Limited contact with visitors.
- Lunch will be provided based on a staggered serving method or brought directly to the classroom.
- District School Nurse will model/teach the proper technique in hand washing skills for lower elementary students.
- Sanitation stations at all school sites with the use of security doors to enclose students who have an elevated temperature to ensure the safety of other students.
- Bottled water will be supplied. The water fountains will not be in use. Students are not to bring their own water/beverage except for lunch purposes.