



COOPER COUNTY R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Health and state agencies have presented many recommendations to school leaders. After reviewing these recommendations, and the Parent Survey Results, the following decisions have been made to provide the safest learning environment possible. Many plans to allow for a safe re-entry into our buildings have been completed. The revised processes for school arrival, lunch, passing time, recess, and school dismissal procedures will all be reviewed with staff during back-to-school meetings.

1. Our new routines will comply with county, state, and federal health departments and DESE recommendations, but will include the following:
 - a. Elementary classes, such as art, music, PE, and library, will be held in the individual classrooms or outside when appropriate to begin the year.
 - b. When possible, teachers will rotate to the appropriate classrooms to reduce crowded hall conditions.
 - c. Staff will create a plan for secondary students' use of lockers with social distancing guidelines; additionally, students are encouraged to utilize backpacks instead of lockers when possible.
 - d. The sharing of common instructional materials by students will be discouraged.
2. Meals will be served in the cafeteria for now. Staggered lunch times will be reviewed. Students will use social distancing guidelines and observe strict hand washing procedures throughout meal times. Hand washing will be scheduled throughout the day. Hand sanitizers are located throughout the building, and sanitization measure have been increased. Plexiglas shields have been installed in the kitchen and office for added protection.
3. Bus transportation will adhere to CDC guidelines. Bus routes will be developed after enrollment numbers have been processed. Students will be seated for social distancing and temperature screened before boarding the bus. *Please keep your child home if he or she is sick.*
4. Assigned seating on the buses, in the classrooms, at lunch, assemblies, and at staff meetings will be completed in order to provide an avenue for contact tracing when necessary.
5. Car riders and walkers will be temperature screened upon entering, and release times will be staggered and supervised by school staff to allow for proper social distancing.
6. Visitors will be limited to the district office only. Parents must use hand sanitizing stations located at the entryway, and are encouraged to wear masks.
7. Masks will be encouraged whenever social distancing cannot be achieved. Teachers will use masks or face shields for instructional sessions when social distancing is not appropriate.
8. Virtual instruction is available upon request, but must be registered for by August 21st. Please contact the office immediately for enrollment, registration and details. Please be aware that Virtual learners will not be eligible for extra-curricular activities due to an increased risk of COVID exposure.
9. Water bottle fillers have been installed and drinking fountains have been disabled.

Finally, all school superintendents have been apprised by the Commissioner of Education of the possibility of a "rolling closure". We appreciated your feedback. In the event our district has to shut down due to a positive COVID-19 exposure, the district will be prepared for all students to move into a virtual instructional environment immediately. Teachers have obtained several additional hours of professional development to help your student be more comfortable and successful with virtual learning formats. Students will begin working through Google Classroom and other virtual learning platforms from the first day of school, in order to be better prepared for this situation. While it would be impossible to forecast all the changes that may occur next year, I am hopeful this information will answer many of your questions. Please review our complete Re-Entry Plan for more detailed information, which is posted on Facebook and our district Website.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your students soon!

Dr. Kathryn A. Anderson, Superintendent

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