



Randolph County Schools
Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
Re-Opening Plan
July 9, 2021

As a part of the American Rescue Plan, each school district is required to submit and publicly post a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan* to the community and to the Georgia Department of Education.

The primary goal of Randolph County School System (RCSS) throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has been to keep parents, students and the community informed. Since the beginning of the pandemic, RCSS followed guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Randolph County Health Department.

The district will continue to adhere to all guidelines and restrictions outlined by these agencies during the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Please note that this plan is fluid and can be modified based on the conditions of the virus, as well as new requirements set by the CDC, state or local health officials.

Return to In-Person Learning: For the 2021-22 School year, all students will be back for in-person instruction 5 days a week. The district will not offer a virtual learning option unless otherwise notified.

Please take note of the following dates:
July 22-30, 2021- Pre-planning for teachers

July 29, 2021- Open House for ALL Schools

Randolph County Elementary School

Randolph County Middle School

Randolph Clay High School

*Times to be announced

August 2, 2021- First Day of School

RCSS Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Face Masks: Face masks will continue to be required on all RCSS campuses at all times.

Physical Distancing: With all students returning to in-person instruction, physical distancing in the school setting and on the buses will be a challenge. Nevertheless, RCSS will continue to follow recommended distancing guidelines to the greatest extent possible.

Handwashing: Proper handwashing is important to slow the spread of COVID-19. The district will continue to provide hand-sanitizer throughout all school buildings, in every classroom and on every bus. We will continue to encourage handwashing for students and staff throughout the day.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities: RCSS will continue to ensure that our buildings are cleaned and desks sanitized regularly. Bathrooms, buses and other high touch areas will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Health Protocols: Staff and students are encouraged to continue conducting health assessments prior to coming to school. If exhibiting symptoms of illness, stay home until the current CDC criteria is met. As always, we will continue to provide the most up-to-date criteria on our schools and district websites.

Contact Tracing: When made aware of a COVID-19 case, the district will continue to investigate the case and determine quarantine protocol, as well as identify any close contacts. We will continue to work with the Randolph County Health Department to ensure the health and safety of our school community.

Vaccinations: RCSS held a vaccination clinic for all staff members who wished to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in the Spring of 2021. While vaccines are not required, we encourage all those who are eligible to receive a vaccination in order to contain the spread of COVID-19.

School Meals: RCSS students will continue receiving free breakfast and lunch meals throughout the 2021-2022 school year. We will provide updates to our Child Nutrition Program on the district website.

Social-Emotional Learning/Mental Health Needs: RCSS realizes that many of our students have not been in school since spring 2020. For some, the pandemic has created a level of stress that students have not dealt with before. We will work

with our community partners, RESA Wraparound Services Specialist, and our local health department to assist our students in this transition. Many of our teachers and support personnel have received a certification in Mental Health First Aid, and will be working to help students reconnect to school and to each other.

Learning Opportunity Loss: The district is using a Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) using the following to address learning opportunity loss: Credit Recovery, interventions such as summer learning programs, small group instruction, direct instruction using the curriculum framework centered around PBO's (performance-based objectives), school-based tutoring, formative and summative assessments through a variety of programs and platforms. In addition, the district is providing teachers with summer opportunities for professional learning that allows them to be ready to address the needs of students and families as we transition to in-person learning in August 2021.

Extended Learning Programs: RCSS recognizes that student learning has been impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. In an effort to meet students' additional learning needs, we offered a comprehensive Extended Learning Program in the summer of 2021. The district will be offering after school programs for students at all schools.

More information will be available once school starts in the Fall.

Accommodations: RCSS will continue to provide accommodations for students with disabilities, along with providing support services for student's academic, social emotional, and mental health needs through various intervention services.

Periodic Review: RCSS will continue to review this plan every six months, or as CDC, local or state guidelines change.

Public Input: RCSS encourages input from all stakeholders regarding our re-opening plan. We will take into consideration all feedback as we make decisions regarding the health and safety of our students and staff. Please contact the appropriate building administrator with any questions and/or concerns.

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