

Post-COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How does the school plan to implement health and safety guidelines in the school setting?

Sanitation

What are the plans for sanitation in the schools? (classrooms, restrooms, cafeteria, main office, portables, chrome books, computers, playground equipment). **Sanitation measures will be put into place to include cleaning of common areas, disinfectant wipes, and hand sanitizer for all students entering and exiting classrooms. Frequent handwashing will also be encouraged among students and staff. Hand sanitizer will be provided by the school.**

Will staff and students be trained on safety protocols? **Yes.**

Masks

Will masks be required? **It is the expectation that students and staff will wear masks where social distancing may be a challenge. This includes buses, hallways, and potentially, classrooms. This is an area where we wish we could be more definitive, but as has been demonstrated over the last week the "mask" issue continues to evolve. The use of masks is strongly recommended, especially when social distancing cannot be achieved. However, the District is still awaiting additional guidance from the State and the Arkansas Department of Health and will provide an update as soon as we get clarification.**

Meanwhile, LRSD encourages parents/guardians to send a face mask with their student to school that their child feels comfortable wearing. The District will have 3 ply disposable masks available along with hand sanitizer on campuses, as well.

Will my student be sanctioned for not wearing a mask? **We are still working to determine the best response to this potential concern and will be gathering input from stakeholder groups consisting of parents, staff and students.**

Social Distancing

What is the plan for social distancing during classroom instruction? Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible, including the spacing of desks and limiting physical contact. **LRSD is exploring the potential use of underutilized spaces in the District.**

During transition times (arrival and dismissal, recess, lunch times, restroom breaks, class changes) LRSD will work to ensure social distancing to the extent possible and encourage use of face masks. **Each school will develop a plan to social distance as much as possible during all transitions.**

Will the schools continue to have assemblies? **To achieve social distancing, assemblies may be held virtually.**

What is the plan for athletic and extracurricular team/group activities? Guidelines have been established by the Arkansas Athletic Association (AAA) and the Arkansas Department of Health.

(<https://www.aractivities.org/covid19>)

Temperature Checks

Will there be temperature checks each day? LRSD will establish a procedure based on Arkansas Department of Health guidelines as we get closer to the start of the school year.

Is anything above 98.6 considered a fever? No. A fever is defined as a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater. However, LRSD will isolate any student with a temperature of 100 degrees. We will stay abreast of directives from the state and Arkansas Department of Health and will make adjustments according to updated guidelines.

If so, will the child be sent home immediately? LRSD is working to put a detailed procedure in place.

What about parents who are unable to pick up students immediately, where will they be housed? **LRSD is working to put a detailed procedure in place.**

[For questions below see attached flowchart](#)

If students are sent home, when can they return to school? Here are the procedures governing notification, which also consider HIPPA laws.

Will parents of other students be notified when another student has a fever? [See attached chart.](#)

If so, will the student/family's identity be protected? If so, how? **Notification is based on CDC guidelines.** ([See attached chart](#))

If parents are not notified in an isolated incident, will they ever be notified of fevers/illness in student groups? **Notification is based on CDC guidelines.** ([See attached chart](#))

What is the plan for high risk students and employees? **Notification is based on CDC guidelines.** ([See attached chart](#))

What is the plan for students and staff that are diagnosed with COVID? **Notification is based on CDC guidelines.** ([See attached chart](#))

Food

How will food preparation be monitored for the safety of students? **Safe handling/preparation procedures will be observed/practiced according to USDA guidelines.**

Will the workers be required to wear masks and have temperature checks? **Yes.**

Where will meals be served? **Meals will be available at all school sites.**

What are plans for academic instruction?

How will students be instructed? On-site or virtual? **Students have the option to receive their instruction on-site or virtually.**

Do parents have a choice between on-site or virtual instruction? **Yes, students will be expected to participate in the virtual environment daily, however, will have some flexibility to best meet the needs of students and families. (Referenced in letter, dated June 24, 2020)**

If so, how will student attendance be maintained? **Students who choose on-site instruction will have attendance recorded as normal. Students who choose virtual instruction will have attendance taken based on participation in virtual instruction. Students will be expected to participate in the virtual environment daily, however, will have some flexibility to best meet the needs of students and families. Attendance will be taken daily.**

What if parents don't have the option to do virtual instruction? **All students have the option to choose either virtual or on-site instruction.**

What about families with no internet access? **LRSD is currently researching options to support students.**

Since students will have been out at least five months in August, what protocols are in place to help students catch up (if needed) from the 4th quarter of 2019-2020? **Teacher groups are working over the summer to revise curriculum documents to provide teachers with resources to use in the fall to assess student academic needs upon return. Teachers will utilize diagnostic assessments to determine the needs of students and provide instruction accordingly.**

How will teachers determine who needs increased academic support? **Teachers will utilize diagnostic assessments to determine the needs of students and provide instruction accordingly.**

How will teachers make sure other students who don't need increased support do not fall behind on current instruction? **Teachers provide instruction daily based on grade level standard to all students and interventions during small group instruction. By utilizing Schoology, teachers will be able to personalize instruction for all students. Students can be provided with individualized lessons and activities to either address areas of needed support or extend to learning.**

Are teachers/instructors required to have a different delivery method for teaching? **Teachers will have the autonomy in their classrooms to provide instruction in the method that best meets the needs of their students. All teachers will utilize Schoology to enhance the classroom experience.**

Teaching often requires close contact (typically in Pre-K and elementary, some secondary). How will this be managed by teachers? **To the extent possible buildings will put social distancing procedures in place. Adults will be required to wear face masks when social distancing is not possible.**

What will be the protocol for students moving about the classroom during a project or needing to work in groups? **Social distancing and the use of masks will be required in group settings.**

Will there be a change in teacher-student ratio because of social distancing? **The required student to teacher ratio has not been altered. To the extent possible, we will reduce classroom size by utilizing all available building space and staff.**

Will students be able to participate in extracurricular activities like sports and band?

Band, cheer, other activities? **Yes. All students, virtual and in-person, will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities at the school where they are assigned. LRSD will adhere to guidelines provided by the State and Arkansas Department of Health.**

Athletic activities - sports? **Yes. All students, virtual and in-person, will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities at the school where they are assigned based on guidelines provided by the Arkansas Athletic Association (AAA), the State and Arkansas Department of Health.**

What will counseling services, emotional support, and mental health look like?

Who will help students with their emotions when coming back to school? **Trained LRSD counselors, social workers, Mental Health providers and community agencies will be available to support students.**

What about parental support and engagement? **Workshops for parents will be provided by LRSD Mental Health providers. The following initiatives will be covered in multiple training sessions. All training will include how to make referrals, PCP referrals and yearly exams and education about Screeners and permission needed.**

Will the teachers have support? **Workshops for teachers and Para-Professionals will be provided by LRSD Mental Health providers. The following initiatives will be covered in multiple training sessions. All trainings will include how to make referrals, PCP referrals and yearly exams and education about Screeners and permission needed.**

Emphasis on grief, racial tension, social injustices, new normal, etc.? **Support will be provided to address and include implicit bias training, addition of social workers with site-based directors and counselors, implementation of enhanced intervention services, and intensive support for students and staff.**

Transportation

How will students get to school?

Will there be school buses? **Yes.**

How will students be separated on the bus? **We are working to establish specific guidelines and will share with you, soon. We can say definitively that our decisions will include guidance from the State and Arkansas Department of Health.**

***Please note that this information is fluid and may be updated based on changing health conditions and guidelines.**

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