



LRSD Ready for Learning Update Modifications for In-Person Learning January 11, 2022

The Little Rock School District (LRSD) administrative team along with the District's Point of Contact (POC) team has met multiple times over the past week to measure the impact of COVID-19 cases. Much work has gone into tracing each message that we receive, be it from the Department of Health or via direct messages to the POC team. As you can imagine, this is a continual effort, and we appreciate District employees who have handled these calls and/or emails. We are also appreciative of the support of the Arkansas Department of Health.

Today's announcement shares schools that will remain on virtual instruction and all remaining schools will return to in-person learning starting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Please know that this list can be adjusted each day depending on the data coming in.

The schools that will remain delivering instruction virtually are:

- Booker Magnet Elementary School;
- Chicot Elementary School;
- Don Roberts Elementary School;
- JA Fair K-8 School;
- Mabelvale Middle School;
- Pulaski Heights Middle School;
- Rockefeller Early Childhood Center;
- Southwest High School;
- Washington Elementary School.

These schools all have a staff COVID reality where a significant percentage of their staff and/or leadership personnel are out on quarantine. These schools will continue virtual delivery for the remainder of the week (Wednesday, January 12 through Friday, January 14, 2022).

LRSD utilizes data in making decisions such as this. If our workforce is impacted at approximately 10% or beyond, we are challenged to have quality in-person learning. We want the public to know that we do look into the "que" to see what cases are coming forward that we still may not have processed.

In order for us to be successful with in-person learning, it will take all of us to following these simple strategies. Some of the key strategies are full mask compliance, and to utilize other mitigating strategies to keep all students and staff safe. LRSD has been proactive on these approaches. Besides continued

use of masks, we have an abundance of sanitizer, air purification systems in each classroom, and individual sites prepared to limit large group settings.

As a LRSD community, we can all do our part to assist.

1. If you are sick, stay home and report your conditions to a physician who may ask you to get tested. If you get tested, remain at home until you receive negative results.
2. Avoid large crowds whenever possible.
3. Wear a mask in public settings.
4. Get the full complement of vaccines that are available including booster vaccine shots.

We will continue to assess our numbers each day. We know that changes from in-person to virtual are of challenges to parents. We hope to make modifications of delivery prior to 3:00 PM each day if at all possible.

Respectfully,



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Superintendent