



# BALE BOBCATS

Ready for Learning 2020-2021

## Parent Guide

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Bale Elementary School's Ready for Learning Plan was created with input from parents, students, teachers, administrators, and district-level staff. This plan is intended to aid in guiding the reopening of our school. The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from the Little Rock School District (LRSD), Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH). Regular updates will be based on information provided by the ADH, DESE, and applicable federal, state, and local agencies. Our complete reentry plan can be found at [BALE RFL Full Plan](#).

### DROP OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES

- K-2nd grade- drop off will be at the double doors, toward the back of the parking lot, under the awning.
- 3rd-5th grade-drop off will be at the back door of the cafeteria.
- The building will open at 7:15 a.m. Upon entry to the building, students will go to their designated rooms.
- Dismissal will begin at 2:35. Walkers & sibling groups will be released early at 2:25 from the front of the building and Car Riders will be picked up at the back of the school under the awning.
- K-2nd grade parents should use the lane closest to the school.
- 3rd-5th grade parents should approach the school using the inside lane.
- In order to allow for social distancing, students will be dismissed in staggered form. More details about the staggered times will be published at a later date.
- Bale staff will make efforts to dismiss sibling groups at the same time.

### GENERAL DISINFECTION PROTOCOLS

Bale will follow LRSD's cleaning procedures relative to the building and school grounds. Please refer to the district plan ([LRSD Ready for Learning Plan](#)) for further details.

### SUPPORT NEEDED FROM PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Ensure that your student(s)' immunizations/ wellness checks are up-to-date.
- Stress the importance of protective measures for

the utilization of face coverings, adhering to social distancing, and regularly washing their hands, both at school and away from school.

- Make sure your child does not have a sore throat, temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher without the use of fever reducers such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, ect., or other signs of illness, such as a worrisome cough, diarrhea, severe headache, vomiting, or body aches 48 hours prior to sending them to school.
- If your child has had close contact with a COVID-19 case, they should not go to school. Follow guidance on what to do when someone has known exposure.
- Early check-out should be reserved for emergencies only. Send a written note or call the main office at 501-447-3600 with your child and teacher's name along with the time and reason for pick-up. Notification must be made before noon and no early check-outs will be allowed after 2:00PM.
- Support effective communication among students, parents, and staff members, which is even more critical now. Please take the time to update your contact information in ParentLink.

### STUDENT CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Students in both learning(virtual and in-person) environments will adhere to all expectations/ guidelines that are listed in the LRSD's Student Handbook. If a student refuses to follow safety protocols, including wearing a face covering, in the in-person learning environment, the parent/ guardian will be notified, and if the behavior continues, the student may be changed to the virtual learning environment.

### GRADING AND ATTENDANCE

To receive credit for their current grade level, students are expected to complete their assignments. Grades will be calculated based on student work completed. Teachers are required to enter at least one grade per subject per week. Student attendance will be taken daily in both the virtual and in-person settings. Students not making progress or opting not to participate during virtual instruction will be provided support from the teacher, Bale and LRSD staff. If non-participation continues, a consultation with the principal will take place to determine next steps to support the learning process. After that point and non-participation continues, **the student will be subject to failing the impacted marking period(s).**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

### **As a parent, what are my options for instruction for my child?**

Bale will offer two modes of instruction classes - fully virtual or face-to-face on campus. Detailed information about each mode of instruction is available here:

<https://www.lrsd.org/backtoschool2020>.

### **What will happen if my child becomes ill at school?**

If a student becomes ill at school or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 at school, they will be sent to the school nurse immediately. Before the student leaves the classroom the teacher will call the Nurse's office to be sure there is room for the student in the Health Room. Students with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be considered contagious and will be isolated until a parent/ guardian/ family member takes the student home for care. Parents are expected to call their Primary Care Doctor to determine if a clinic visit, testing or home care is needed. In case of close contact for COVID-19, parents should also call (800)803-7847. In order to return to school, a doctor's note must be given to the school nurse.

### **How will teachers ensure social distancing within the classroom?**

Building plans will incorporate social distancing to the extent possible in the classroom. Teachers will remove all unnecessary personal items from the room to maximize space available for social distancing.

### **Can I eat lunch with my child or visit their classroom?**

Bale Elementary will not allow normal visitation to our campus and facilities once school reopens. Campus and facility visitation will be limited to essential business. In an effort to limit exposure, no one will be allowed in the building outside of LRSD staff members. All teacher contact information will be provided via Schoology and Class Dojo.

### **Who can I contact if I have concerns about my child's social-emotional well being?**

The social-emotional well being of students will be handled using three levels: Individual counseling, group counseling, and classroom guidance. Students will also have access to outside mental health counseling agencies if needed. Parents who want to make a counselor referral for students can do so by calling Ms.Cartwright at 501-447-3604.

### **How will the school ensure learning this year?**

Bale's [20-21 School Improvement Plan](#) provides actions that will be taken to support optimal instruction and learning.

### **What programs should I expect to access in order to assist my child with virtual learning?**

Bale teachers will use Schoology and Class Dojo daily to ensure students are familiar and comfortable with the program to effectively transition to full virtual if needed. Parents can access student grades through the ParentLink or Schoology. All Bale students will be provided with a device as it will be required to complete work in Schoology while at school or learning virtually at home.

### **What can I expect from the teacher if I selected virtual learning for my child?**

Teachers will monitor student learning and engagement via Schoology as well as hold virtual sessions with students in whole group, small group or one-on-one settings. Teachers will provide daily assignments and assessments regularly via Schoology. Students will be expected to login to Schoology daily as attendance will be taken based on student access and completion of daily assignments. Grades will be taken on assignments required by their teacher. Students who are not engaging in the learning will be supported according to the building's established Virtual Learning protocol. Students will have interaction with their teachers daily based on a set schedule that will be provided.

### **Last year, my child received special services. Will my child continue to receive those services?**

Students who receive special services such as SPED, Self Contained, 504, Speech and OT/PT-Therapy, ESOL, Dyslexia, and GT will receive their services in both the virtual and in-person environments.

### **How do I get in contact with my child's teacher or another staff member?**

Bale will use a variety of methods to communicate to all stakeholders. To stay updated on the most up-to-date information:

- Watch for messages via ParentLink and text - check to ensure your contact information is current in ParentLink.
- Check Schoology and Class Dojo daily.
- Teachers, students, and parents need to check their email often.
- Follow our social media platform.
- Visit our district website.