



Healthy at School Plan 2021-2022

School Opening Date: August 11, 2021

Beginning a new school year is such an important part of each child's life. We are currently making plans to help the students prepare for this. Strong academic support and mental health support are important to help each child be successful. We are very anxious to get started and reconnect with our students; however, the school year will be different to protect students and staff and keep everyone healthy. We are taking steps to prepare for "Healthy at School" with the guidelines included below. These are subject to change as needed to better serve our students and keep them healthy.



Social Distancing

Prevention Strategies

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- Once students arrive and enter the school, they will go straight to their classrooms to avoid congregating.
- There will be increased space between students in the classroom by rearranging seating to maximize space to be 3 feet or greater whenever possible.
- If at all possible, desks will be arranged so students' seats face the same direction to reduce germ transfer.
- Markings will be placed on the wall as a reminder to keep 3 feet apart.
- Students will maintain a social distance of 3 feet in hallways and other common areas during arrival/dismissal as well as any transitions that take place during the day.
- Activities that require close contact will be modified to allow for social distancing such as group work.
- Pre-K thru 5th grade will remain with the same group of students throughout the day.
- Sixth thru eighth grade will rotate classes and rooms will be sanitized in between.
- Field trips, assemblies and other large group activities will be limited to reduce mixing of students in large common areas.
- If social distancing is not possible in the cafeteria, students will have meals served to the classroom or outdoor space.
- The following bus expectations will be implemented:
 - The first bus seat behind the driver will remain empty to distance from the driver.
 - Students will be required to wear a mask while on the bus.
 - Students will load from back to front of the bus.
 - Students will offload from front to back of the bus.
 - Seating will be staggered if not at full capacity.
 - Passengers will be seated from the same household together.
 - Assigned seating for all passengers to help with contact tracing.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided as students enter the bus.



Cloth Face Coverings

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- Masks are recommended to be worn while in the school but are not required. Students should bring their own cloth face covering/mask each day to school if they choose to wear a mask. These should be washed on a regular basis. Cloth face covering/masks that display inappropriate messages, wording, images will not be permitted.
- **Students are required to wear a cloth face covering/mask while riding the bus and in the school buildings.** ***Face Shields cannot be a substitute for the mask*** (This is based on the advice of health professional). The face covering/mask should cover both nose and mouth.

Screening Criteria

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- Temperatures of 100.4 degrees and greater will require that the student or staff member return home until cleared by your medical health professional.
- In order for a student to return to school, they must follow the local health department recommendations and they should be fever free for 24 hours without medication. Please visit the following link on Guidance for the new CDE COVID-19 Quarantine Options:
<https://dnks20yxl1c2u.cloudfront.net/381d0fbb43b611527a8f1c329301ef51fd555fcf/New%20CDC%20Quarantine%20Guidelines%20in%20Plain%20Language.pdf>
- Stay home if you have any of the following symptoms:
 - Temperature greater than 100.4
 - Uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
 - Vomiting/Diarrhea
 - New Rash
 - Exposure to COVID-19 case in 48-hour period

Best Practices

- Backpacks will be permitted. However, please only keep necessary items in them and no metal so they can easily pass through the metal detectors. This will help reduce the spread of the virus through surfaces if backpacks do not have to be emptied.
- No larger trapper keepers or binders are permitted. A small 3-ring binder is acceptable.
- Each child will need their own set of headphones for use in the classroom.
- Good hygiene will be practiced (hand washing, sanitizer, no sharing of school items, etc.)
- The school will participate in contact tracing should a case be diagnosed.
- Deep cleaning protocols will be followed by school personnel to help reduce the spread of the virus.

Communication

- All families should sign up to receive One Calls from the school if you do not already receive these.
- Parents should monitor the website for important announcements.
- Parents should sign up on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by calling the school office for login information. This will allow you to monitor your child's grades and attendance.
- Check backpacks daily for any information sent home. (Please keep backpacks cleaned out daily.)
- Check Teacher Websites and Google Classroom for communications and assignments.

Test to Stay Program

The following are requirements from the Kentucky Public Health for the Test to Stay Program. To be eligible for the Test to Stay modified quarantine, the individual must:

- Be a PK-12 student
- Be entirely asymptomatic, without any signs or symptoms of COVID-19
- Wear a mask indoors when at school for the entirety of the program, even if all test results are negative. The mask should fit securely over the nose and mouth
- Student has been exposed to the person with COVID-19 at school only. This strategy applies to school related exposures only and is not applicable to exposures that occur outside of school or in the community (e.g., in a household, sports team, social activity). For example, an unvaccinated student who is a household member of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 is not eligible for the Test to Stay modified quarantine; AND
- Quarantine when not at school. When not at school, the exposed student must stay home and refrain from all extracurricular activities, including sports and other activities in the community setting.