

Scranton School District

Plan for Return to Learning

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The Scranton School District is committed to provide as safe an experience as is possible, including a high-quality educational program, opportunities for social interaction, and extracurricular activities, while adhering as much as is practical and possible to the guidelines provided by the Arkansas Department of Health.

Any and all of this plan is subject to change based on new guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

The Scranton School District will utilize the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) guidelines and the Arkansas Ready for Learning report issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in planning for re-opening school. We hope the following information helps to answer many of the questions you may have about re-opening schools.

Are face coverings required?

The State's mask mandate has been lifted; therefore, masks are not required. Students wishing to wear a mask may ask for disposable masks in the office.

Will bus transportation be provided?

Yes, the district will provide bus transportation for all students. There are no changes to bus operations at this time.

How normal will the day be for a student?

Our goal is for students to have as normal a day as possible. Students and teachers will follow the regular schedule with no changes made regarding COVID.

Will students at the elementary still have extra classes like PE, art, music, guidance and library?

Yes, students will continue to participate in activity classes, check out library books, and receive guidance and gifted instruction.

Will my elementary student still have recess?

Yes. Elementary students will have outdoor play time.

Will physical distancing guidelines be observed?

The ADH has no physical distancing restrictions currently in place; therefore, physical distancing will not be observed.

Will classrooms be arranged differently to protect students?

The ADH has no physical distancing restrictions currently in place; therefore, physical distancing will not be observed.

Will students attend school every day or will we have some type of alternative schedule?

The district will operate a regular schedule, with no changes made regarding COVID.

If an individual should test positive for COVID-19, what will happen?

A positive individual should be fever free for a calendar day before returning to school.

What quarantine guidelines will be followed?

Faculty, staff, administration, and students who are a Primary Close Contact will no longer be required to quarantine when exposed to a positive case.

If I don't want my student to return to a traditional classroom, what are my options?

Scranton School District is not offering a virtual option for students.

Will I be able to come to the school and eat lunch with my student, or deliver lunch for them?

Visitors are able to eat lunch at school. Delivering lunches to students is highly discouraged.

What special precautions will be implemented in regard to cleaning and sanitizing?

Sanitation and cleanliness will be a high priority for our district. We will regularly and frequently clean high touch surfaces (door knobs, light switches, etc.), classroom furniture, and restrooms on a continuous basis throughout the day. We have also purchased disinfectant sprays to quickly sanitize rooms between usage. We will also provide time for hand washing and use of hand sanitizer throughout our campuses.

If a student comes to school sick, what will happen?

If a student comes to school sick, the school nurse will screen the student and check their temperature. If temperature is over the ADH guidance, the student will be sent home and will need to be fever free for one full continuous school day without medication before returning to school.

What happens if we have school closures?

If schools must close, plans will be posted on the school webpage and social media platforms.