

Pangburn Public Schools

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Continuity of Services/Ready for Learning Plan



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Introduction -

Pangburn Public Schools Ready for Learning Committee has worked to create a well-developed plan for re-entry to PSD. We appreciate our directors, teachers, parents, community members, and board members that have helped as part of our committee.

Pangburn School District Ready for Learn Committee

| NAME | ROLE |
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| David Rolland | Superintendent |
| Mary Rieck, Terri Kane, Ben Jones, Suzanne Louks, Sam Farris | Building Administration |
| Aaron Russell | Director of Maintenance |
| David McKee | Director of Transportation |
| Rob Hayes, Jamie Vernon | Technology - IT Support |
| Pattie Ratton | Child Nutrition |
| Becky Vanwinkle, Sarah Fancher | School Nurses |
| Melissa Allen, Heather Douglas, Karen Wynne, Autumn Yancey, Kelly Barnett, Lisa Brownfield, Diana Ellis, Lori Flint, Kim Klapp | Teachers |
| Stephanie Vernon, Wade Butler, Emily Curl, Aimee Freppon, Karin Burress | Parents |
| Mikel McCord, Nikki King | School Board Members |
| Mike Marsh, Patty Waller, Leasha Hayes, David Wilson, Abbie Douglas | Community and Health Care Members |
| Terri Kane | Special Education |
| Ashley Horne | Social Media |
| Crystal Russell, Dutchess Butler, Devin Thomas | School Counselors |
| Tonya Rider | Federal Program Coordinator |

State of Arkansas Guidance -

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), and the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) have released guidance regarding the reopening of schools. Below are pertinent links to these sources of important information.

[Centers for Disease Control](#)

[Arkansas Department of Health](#)

School Calendar: Start Date -

Pangburn School District will open K-12 campuses on August 14 for on-site instruction.

[School Calendar](#)

Curriculum -

Pangburn School District will resume traditional on-site learning. Diagnostic Assessments

Diagnostic assessments will be utilized to inform teachers of what level students are currently performing at and what interventions are needed to fill in any learning gaps. Those needs will be addressed in the classroom and during intervention periods.

On-Site Instructions -

Elementary School Hours

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| School Hours | 8:00 a.m.- 3:15 p.m. |
| Students may arrive on campus NO earlier than | 7:30 a.m. |

High School Hours

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| School Hours | 7:50 a.m.- 3:15 p.m. |
| Students may arrive on campus no earlier than | 7:30 a.m. |

Student Services -

Social and Emotional Services -

- On-site counseling services will continue to be provided by district counselors.
- Mental health services will be continued through the provider at the parent's discretion.
- Special education services will be provided to on-site.
- Dyslexia services will be provided to on-site.

Bright Futures is a new initiative Pangburn School District has added as an outreach to meet the basic needs of students in our community. Support and resources come from all around our community and district as part of this initiative. Needs being met vary from school supplies, to food bags, clothing and other physical needs to support students in need.

Support and resources for students experiencing homelessness will be provided through the main office social worker and the counselors' offices at each school. The counselor's office at each building are poised and ready to support the needs of students.

Attendance - defines a student absence as not present for on-site instruction provided by the district; not participating in a planned district-approved activity, or not engaged in scheduled instruction at an off-site location. Updates to our student's attendance policy have been added and can be found through the following link.

[Student Attendance Policy 23_24](#)

School Supplies - At Pangburn Schools, we recognize the importance of our students being well-equipped for learning. The district will provide school supplies for all K-12 students for the 2023-2024 school year.

Classrooms - Class sizes will depend on student enrollment. K 12. Seating in the classroom will no longer have restrictions as to distance. Students can be grouped with other students not in their classrooms for small group teaching purposes.

Hallways - Staff will monitor hallways and bathrooms during transition times. Students should remain on the right side of the hallway in the direction they are headed.

Water Bottle Refilling Stations - Water fountains will be open to students along with the water bottle filling stations. Water bottle refilling stations will be open for students to refill their water bottles as needed. This will allow parents to still send water bottles with their child at their discretion.

Food Service -

Procedures: Breakfast and lunch will be served to Pangburn students under the following guidelines:

- Breakfast: Students in grades K-2 will be in the Elementary safe room, grades 3rd-12th will have a grab-n-go style breakfast.
- Lunch: Students in grades 1st-12th will be in the cafeteria; PreK & Kindergarten will eat lunch in the Elementary safe room.

Extracurricular Activities -

Pangburn will follow the guidelines in place by the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) and the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) in regards to participation and policies. All students are eligible for participation in extracurricular activities if they meet the eligibility requirements of the AAA.

PSD Health Screening -

Health and safety of students and adults is top priority for PSD. The district is committed to conducting our daily activities as safely as possible. While we cannot guarantee students and staff will not become ill, we will do all we can to ensure a healthy learning environment for students and staff.

Support Needed from Parents/Guardians -

- Ensure that your student(s)' immunizations/wellness checks are up-to-date
- Stress the importance of regularly washing their hands, both at school and away from school. Please take a moment to demonstrate these actions with our younger students.
- Parents should take their child's temperature each day before coming to school. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher should not go to a school site.
- Support the effective communication from among students, parents, and staff members.

Face Coverings - Masks are not mandatory on the Pangburn School campus. Masks are welcome to be worn by all students, staff, and visitors.

Visitors to the campuses -

Any visitor must check in at the building office before entering and must have essential business.

Maintenance & Transportation -

Transportation: The District will run our regular bus routes Monday through Friday.

- Students will have assigned seats on the route with family units sitting together.
- Each bus will be sanitized on a regular basis.

Communication -

Pangburn knows that communication with stakeholders is essential as we work through this pandemic. We will communicate with our stakeholders in the following manners:

- We will communicate through email.
- We will be using our school app to push out notifications and information.
- We will be using our school website pangburnschools.org to send out information.
- We will be using our school Facebook page to send out information.
- We will be using our Ready for Learning committee to evaluate situations as we move forward and to disseminate information.

Daily School Operations - Administration meetings will be held to problem solve issues and results.

ESSER Funds - ESSR Funds Review

ESSR Funds come in 3 Installments ESSR I, ESSR II and ARP ESSR.

ESSR I - (\$85,033.70) was primarily used to get schools started after the mandatory closures in Spring of 2022. PPE, mask, thermometers, hot spots for virtual learning were the primary expenses of the district.

ESSR II- (\$380,488.32) was used to continue learning during the pandemic. 7 para positions were funded to social distance to avoid mask wearing, prometean boards were purchased for teachers, Chrome books for each teacher to use at home.

Other expenses were moved out of general fund to ESSR to allow for a \$550 raise in 2021 and a \$450 raise for bachelors and \$650 raise for master's level in 2022 above the minimum salary schedule. We also gave classified staff the same percentage raise.

ARP or ESSR III- (\$855,463.41)- Majority on learning loss and summer school. For School Year 2023- \$404,000 Left in ARP Funds. The recommended bonus would cost the district \$625,000.

We have 3.75 Certified Salaries and benefits and 1 Classified Salaries and Benefits are tied to this fund for SY 2023-2024.

Community and Staff Input for spending needs came from Ready for Learning Committees in the summer meetings in 2021 and 2022, PPC Meetings, Grade Level Meetings in K-6 with district office, and surveys with parents, staff and other stakeholders including one that is posted to the website.