

2020-2021 Russell County Schools Reopening Plan (Current as of July 24, 2020)

Our preferred method of instructional delivery is the traditional "In-Person" instruction, but we also understand that some families/students may prefer a remote learning environment. We are pleased to offer two choices for families due to current public health conditions (COVID-19).

Choice 1: In-Person Instruction

Format	Students will report directly to their classroom. Classrooms at the elementary and middle school will be self-contained and teachers will rotate. Doing this will enhance contact tracing in case of a positive COVID-19 case in the school.	
Safety Precautions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bus riders, car riders and walkers will all have their temperature taken before entering school in addition to all employees and visitors. (non-essential visitors will not be allowed on campuses) 2. All students entering the school will use hand sanitizer; students and employees will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer on a regular basis. 3. Students will report straight to their classroom each day. 4. K-2 students will stay self-contained with grades 3-8 teachers rotating and some accessibility to specials classes. 5. The amount of time students spend in the hallways and any common areas will be limited. 6. Faculty/Staff & Students will wear masks when social distancing cannot be maintained. 7. Mask wearing is required for all students and staff when in the hallways or where social distancing is not possible. (unless there is a medical exemption) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Entrances and Exits will be clearly marked at each school. 9. Hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the schools. 10. Additional staff will be at each school so that high touch areas can be disinfected regularly throughout the day. 11. Five (5) cloth masks will be provided for each student with disposable masks available as needed. Cloth masks are preferred and should be laundered and machine dried. 12. Playground/Outside time will be on an alternating schedule. 13. School nurse will have procedures in place to deal with students that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms in a separate area away from the Nurse's Office. (If your child is not feeling well before school, DO NOT send him/her to school and ask to be screened by the school nurse, contact your health care provider.) 14. Each school will have water bottle re-filling stations 15. To ensure compliance with state and local recommendations, our Healthy at School Officer, Mrs. Patty Meece, will oversee all procedures and protocols. 16. There will be minimal small group instruction interactions 17. See attached "Decision Tree: COVID-19 Response for Students & Staff" provided by Healthy Kids Clinic. 18. Additional measures may be added as new guidance becomes available.
Transportation	Students (grade 1 and above) are required to wear a mask on the bus at all times (unless there is a medical exemption). Parents/Guardians of students riding the bus must complete the following assurance to help us keep our students 'Healthy at School' https://forms.gle/eXvKBGgpeH1qiT26 A hard copy of this document will be available. Students will have their temperatures checked before exiting the bus at school.	
Feeding Program	Students will eat breakfast in their classroom daily and will be on a rotating schedule to eat lunch in the cafeteria, classroom, or other area where social distancing can be achieved.	
Note	In-person classes may have to switch to distance learning in the event that the decision is made to close a specific class, grade, school or that all of our schools are closed. We will work closely with our local health department in making such decisions. In any of the events noted above, students will then be required to transition to Distance Learning with Google Classroom if they were attending in-person classes.	

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Choice 2: Distance Learning	
Format	The goal of distance learning is to look as much like face-to-face (in-person) instruction as possible; this is <i>not</i> the same format as it was last Spring with packets of worksheets for students to complete. Our distance learning has to be robust and rigorous to provide our students with the best possible education. Students will be required to log into their school issued devices (Chromebook/iPad) daily for instruction/assignments based on their daily schedules-utilizing Google Classroom. Teachers will be providing direct instruction so the students can see the teachers' delivery of content. Teachers will deliver instruction and students will watch in real time during the school day or at times outside normal school hours. Students can be engaged, ask questions, and participate in the class discussion.
Expectations	<p>Daily participation for all students will be recorded for each instructional day on the district calendar. There are a number of ways daily student participation can be counted. Below is a non-exhaustive list of examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students joining classes live (Google Classroom), logging on at a specific time to meet with their teacher or small group • Students logging onto a prerecorded lesson • Students logging on to answer a bell ringer activity • Student logging on to any digital resource assigned by the teacher (such as Reading Plus, IXL, Odysseyware, Study Island, Reading Eggs, etc.) Or a mixture of any of these examples for each class on the students schedule • Students submit any work assignments (such as an assignment previously scheduled from an online textbook). <p>Participation is a measure of a student's engagement in the instructional process, not a measure of quality of student work. <i>Home internet access or access to an internet connection coupled with strong parental/guardian support will help ensure student success with distance learning.</i></p>
Materials	iPads will be issued to students in grades Preschool-1 st grade for distance learning; Chromebooks will be issued to all students in grades 2-12. Additional materials/supplies may be provided for students as applicable.
Distance Learning Paperwork	Students and parents must complete all required paperwork for and adhere to all expectations of Distance Learning.
Feeding Program	Daily Meals may be picked up for enrolled students that are participating in distance learning. There will be no delivery of meals unless distance learning has to be utilized DISTRICT WIDE and then deliveries will be made on case-by-case basis, but pickup will be available each day.
Note	If Distance Learning is initially selected, students must remain on Distance Learning until the end of the nine-week grading term.



