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CONCORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

RE-ENTRY PLAN FOR 2021 - 2022

****As new local, state, and federal guidelines are updated, Concord Schools guidelines are subject to change****

Dear Pirate Family:

The staff at Concord would like to thank our parents and students for how well you handled the unexpected closing last Spring due to COVID-19. Your flexibility and understanding during this time truly reflects the commitment the community has to our students. Our students and staff are truly blessed. While the Concord School District believes face-to-face education is the best learning environment for our students, we will make every effort to meet the individual needs of our students. You will find information below that should help you in understanding what the upcoming 2021-2022 school year will look like.

Terms to Know

On-Site Learner

This refers to a student who attends school on campus just like any typical year.

Virtual/Remote Learner

This refers to a student who decides to enroll in Concord Virtual Academy. Your coursework will be done at home through an online program. You will be enrolled in the same courses as on-site learners. Remote learning will require a contract signed by both parent and student in regards to work and attendance. We will follow the guidelines put forth by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for state assessments. This may require a virtual learner to return to campus during state testing.

Flexible/Blended Learning

This refers to the ability of the District to meet the educational needs of on-site students no matter what happens. If school is closed, the District will have protocols in place so that students can still learn from home. For example, school shuts down for snow, flu, COVID-19, etc... students will still be able to learn from home.

Frequently Asked Questions

When does school start?

The first day of school will be Monday August 18th, 2021. The only way this date will change is if the Arkansas Department of Health decides to make a change. If that were to happen, we would let our parents and students know.

Will students be in school every day?

We plan for students to be in school every day.

What will a “typical” day look like for on-site students?

Our goal is for your student(s) to have as normal of a day as possible while we also provide as much safety as possible. Handwashing and/or the use of hand sanitizer will be a top priority. Classrooms will be disinfected routinely throughout the day. Buildings and school buses will be disinfected daily. Students will not remain in the same classroom all day but will be able to transition from one class to another. This could be subject to change if there is a change in positive cases.

What are the requirements for face coverings?

Face coverings will be required for all students grades 3rd-12th during transition times and when 6ft distancing can not take place. This is a directive from the governor, and is not optional unless your child falls under one of the exemption categories. Students who fall under an exemption will need to provide a letter from a PCP. For students K-2 it is highly recommended you wear a mask when social distancing cannot be adhered to.

****All students, regardless of age, will be required to wear a mask on the bus or any other school transportation.****

Will social distancing guidelines be observed?

Social distancing will be observed as much as feasibly possible but at times students will be closer than the recommended 6 ft. apart. When social distancing requirements can not be maintained such as class exchange time, etc., it will be highly recommended that students wear face coverings. We will redesign

classrooms and cafeteria spaces to increase the space between students but can not always guarantee it will be 6 ft.

Will classrooms be arranged differently to protect students?

Yes, classrooms will be arranged to provide more space between students. That might mean all desks are arranged in rows facing in a single direction. We will make every effort to provide distance but not limit students' ability to interact and communicate with others in their classroom. Additionally, supplies and materials will not be shared by students.

What about bus transportation?

The district will still provide bus transportation for all students. **All students, regardless of age, will be required to wear a mask while on a bus. The only exception is if the student has a medically documented condition from a PCP.** We are planning no changes to bus schedules or stops. Buses will be cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis.

Will students 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. In some cases, the teacher may present their lesson in the student's classroom. In other situations, such as PE, students may have an assigned area in the gym with specific materials assigned to their classroom. Outdoor areas will be utilized for these classes as well.

How will attendance be recorded?

- For on-site students, we will follow the Concord School District Attendance Policy with considerations to circumstances due to COVID-19.
- For students enrolled in CVA, attendance will be based on completion of coursework.

What advice do you have for students with special needs?

The District will be prepared to accommodate students with special needs through both on-site, virtual, and blended learning. Our Special Education staff, along with all other staff, will be taking extra precautions when working with our students. If parents have concerns about their children who may be at high-risk due to COVID-19, they may wish to explore the virtual option.

Do we need to provide masks for our students or will one be provided?

Parents are encouraged to provide face masks for their student(s). The district will provide one if necessary.

What happens if my child gets sick at school?

If a student becomes sick at school, the school nurse will screen the student and follow Arkansas Department of Health guidelines. Students will need to be fever-free for 48 hours without medication before returning to school. Upon their return, they will need to check in with the school nurse.

What do I do if my child is sick?

Parents should complete a daily screening with their child(ren) before sending them to school.

If you can answer YES to any of these questions please do not send your child to school. We do ask that you contact the school office to make us aware.

1. Have you had a fever of 100.4 °F or greater in the last 2 days?
2. Have you had a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, body aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell?
3. Have you been in contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 within the previous 14 days?

What happens if an individual tests positive for COVID-19?

In the event an individual tests positive, we will follow the Arkansas Department of Health guidelines. The district's point of contact will be Mr. Fletcher. He will need to be notified through the district helpline at 501-454-3716.

In the event of a temporary school closure, how will the district serve students who have special needs?

This is where flexible learning comes into play. Students will participate in remote learning through a variety of methods.

Concord Virtual Academy FAQ

Do I provide my own computer?

Concord Schools will provide a chromebook and charger to students who enroll in CVA and during flexible learning. You will need to have a reliable internet connection capable of streaming videos. Students will be responsible for returning their chromebooks in the condition that they were received. The student will be financially responsible for any damage that may occur while in their possession.

Is there a charge to enroll in Concord Virtual Academy?

There is no charge to the family to enroll in CVA. **We encourage all parents who plan on enrolling their child in CVA to enroll as soon as possible.**

How do I enroll my student(s) in CVA?

1. [Read this document first.](#)
2. [Then follow this link to fill out the commitment form.](#)

Will my child be able to participate in extracurricular activities if they are in CVA?

Yes, your child is still a Concord Pirate and part of the family. However, they will be required to come to campus to participate in those activities.

What if Concord Virtual Academy doesn't work for my family? Can I change my mind?

Yes your child can change his/her mind. However, we do ask that families not jump back and forth between virtual and on-site unless there's a need (ex: quarantine, family member sick, etc.)

Who do I contact if I have further questions regarding Concord Virtual Academy?

Contact the building principal of your child's building.

Elementary Principal - Scott Whillock scott.whillock@concordschools.org #870-668-3522

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