

FLIPPIN SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-ENTRY PLAN

2020-2021



The goals of Flippin School District are to:

- educate and inspire every child
- work together for the success of all students
- change our students' lives by instilling hope and confidence to achieve their dreams

Regardless of the world situation, FSD will continue to prioritize these goals and provide a quality education for all students.

OUR COMMITMENTS TO YOU

Flippin School District will participate in the Arkansas Department of Education Ready for Learning model. This model focuses on three indicators for student success: blended learning, guaranteed and viable curriculum, and a student-focused approach. Our Ready for Learning plan that addresses specific academic plans can be accessed [here](#). You can view our re-entry Q&A document [here](#). The Q&A document is updated regularly.

To provide a safe learning environment, Flippin School District will adhere to the [Arkansas Department of Health \(ADH\) guidelines](#), the Arkansas Department of Education's [Response Levels for On-Site Learning plan](#) and the American Academy of Pediatrics' [COVID-19 Guidance for School Re-entry](#) document. The following information is intended to give guidance for students and parents about what the reopening of schools will look like.

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You can find the latest information via our website and social media channels.



CAMPUS WELLNESS

Face Coverings

- In accordance with the [Governor's Directive](#), all Bobcats, age 10 and older, are required to wear a face covering when physical distancing of 6ft. cannot be assured.
- Students in grades 4 and above will be provided with a washable face covering.
- Parents are also encouraged to purchase face coverings for their students, if desired.
- Face coverings will be worn in school buildings, on buses, at any school sponsored activities and in the cafeteria, except when eating and drinking.

Tip: Start wearing and discussing the importance of face coverings at home before school starts to help students transition.



Some individuals may have a medical condition that inhibits them from wearing a mask. Those seeking a medical exemption must provide a waiver from a physician. **The waiver may not come from a parent.**

How to Screen at Home

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions, you should stay home:

1. Is your temperature 100.4 degrees or above?
2. Have you had an unexplained cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, shortness of breath or loss of taste or smell?
3. Have you or anyone in your household had contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19?

At Home Screening

- Parents and guardians will be required to screen their children each day before sending them to school. Employees will also self screen before attending school each day.
- At home screening helps reduce the risk of a student being sick at school and sent back home.
- Students who have taken fever reducing medicine within the past 24 hours should remain home until fever free without medication for 48 hours.



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When sick:

- Call your student's office to let them know.
- If needed/possible, make arrangements to pick up the student's device so the student may continue learning from home until able to return to school.

COVID-19 Exposure Procedures

- School staff will be trained on how to properly isolate students and staff members at school should they be symptomatic.
- Students who are isolated to be sent home must be picked up within 30 minutes.
- The FSD COVID-19 Point of Contact (POC) will work closely with school administration and the Arkansas Department of Health for guidance on symptomatic individuals, positive cases and contact tracing.
- The COVID-19 POC will communicate with necessary parents, guardians and/or staff regarding potential exposures.
- The Arkansas Department of Education's [Response Levels for On-Site Learning_guide](#) will direct actions for on-campus responses to exposures.



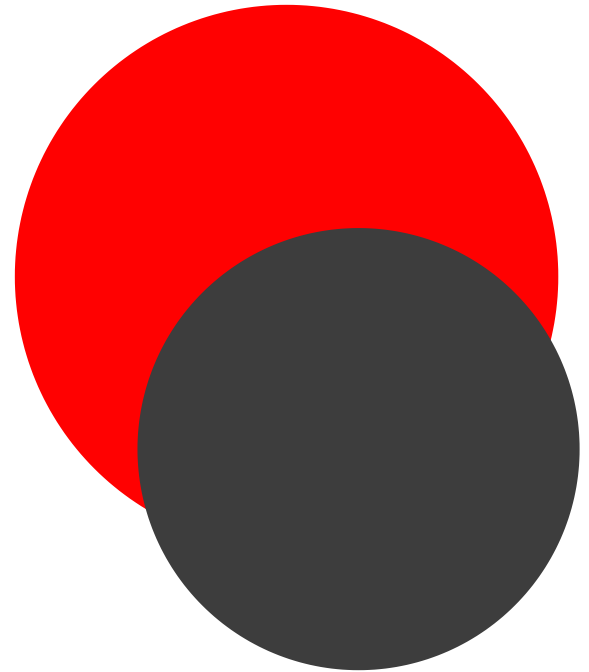
School Closure

- All school closure decisions will be made in coordination with the Arkansas Department of Health.
- The level of virus transmission within the school will be an important consideration when determining how to respond to a COVID-19 outbreak.
- If temporary school closure occurs, teachers and students will transition to online blended digital instruction until a return to campus is permitted.
- Any school closure will be announced in many locations, including our website, social media and local media outlets.

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Visitors

- At this time, visitors will not be allowed on campus except for the office areas.
- Visitors will be asked screening questions when they enter the school office.
- Visits to the school will be limited to essential activity such as student drop off and pick up or dropping off school supplies.
- Under current guidance, parents will not be allowed to eat with their students on campus or deliver flowers, balloons or gifts to campus.
- All office visitors must wear face coverings in accordance with the Governor's Directive.



Transportation

Note to Parents

- Parents and guardians are encouraged to drop off and pick up students, when possible, to decrease the number of students on school buses.
- Parents and guardians are expected to perform screenings at home **prior** to students getting on school transportation.
- Bus transportation will be available and buses will run their normal, existing routes.
- All students age 10 and up and the bus driver will be required to wear face coverings on the bus. Students younger than 10 are encouraged to wear masks, but not required.
- Students will have assigned seats on all routes.
- Buses will travel with windows open, when possible, to increase air circulation.
- Bus seats and hand railings will be sanitized between uses.



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Sanitation

- PPE, hand sanitizer, soap, paper towels and tissues will be provided throughout the three schools.
- Each classroom will have hand sanitizer available.
- Each classroom will be cleaned daily with disinfectant. Classrooms that have multiple groups of students throughout the day will be sanitized between each group of students.
- Lockers will not be used in grades 5-12, at this time.
- Buses, hallways, high use areas and individual classrooms will be regularly fogged with disinfectant when students are not present.
- Water fountains will not be open; students should bring a water bottle with a lid to refill through the day.
- In the event of a positive COVID-19 test, deep cleaning procedures will be enacted.



Physical Distancing

- Social, or physical, distancing means keeping at least six feet between you and others.
- Signs will be placed in the hallways to help direct traffic and help students space appropriately.
- Whole school assemblies and larger group gatherings will not be held at this time.
- Lunch and recess schedules will be slightly altered to minimize the number of students together at one time and allow for increased physical distancing.

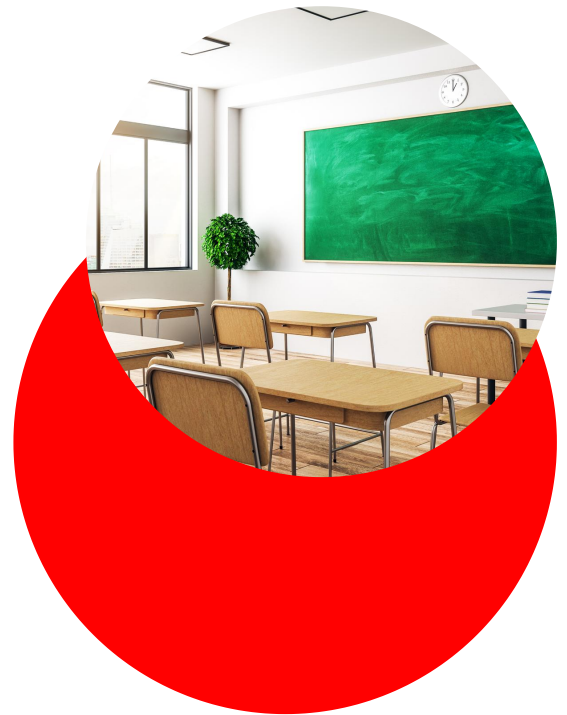
Safety Tip

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Practice physical distancing. Keep at least six (6) feet distance between you and others.
- Wear face coverings when you are exposed to non-household family members and physical distancing cannot be assured.

CAMPUS PROCEDURES

In the Classroom

- Instruction on handwashing and personal hygiene will be provided to all students.
- Assigned seats will be implemented in all classrooms, the cafeteria and buses.
- Spacing will be increased between desks and tables in classrooms.
- Sharing of supplies and materials will be limited to the extent possible.
- Any student or employee exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent to the nurse immediately for evaluation and may be sent home.



Response Levels for On-Site Learning

- The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) has provided specific guidance for schools in the [Response Levels for On-Site Learning plan](#) and FSD is utilizing that plan for procedures and response to COVID-19 cases on campus.
- Terminology to be familiar with:
 - **Point of Contact (POC)**- A district employee appointed by the Superintendent to be responsible for contacting the School Hotline, school administrators and other necessary school personnel when a Confirmed Positive is identified within the district.
 - **Probable Close Contact**- District identified individuals that have likely been within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24-hour period to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. This person will be expected to self-quarantine immediately for 14 days from the last date of contact with the positive case and await communication from the ADH.
 - **Close Contact**- An individual confirmed by ADH Contact Tracing who was within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24-hour period to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. The Close Contact will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with the infected person.
 - **Secondary Contact**- An individual who has had contact with someone identified as a Close Contact. These individuals do not require quarantine, but will monitor signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

CAMPUS LEARNING

Blended Digital

- Students will attend five days per week for a blend of face to face and digital instruction from their regular teachers.
- Should school be closed due to an outbreak or inclement weather, students and teachers will pivot to online blended learning from home.
- Students in all grades will have access to a device daily and will be able to take those devices home in the event of a school closure.
- Courses will be available in Google Classroom for K-4 and Canvas LMS for 5-12.
- Teachers will address unfinished learning from the end of last year to help students fill in the gaps of essential knowledge missed.
- Families who are in need of support for internet access during times of learning at home may contact their building office for help.



Bobcat Virtual Academy

- The Bobcat Virtual Academy (BVA) is a remote-only learning program offered through Flippin School District so students can remain at home while learning.
- The BVA is free to families and includes:
 - Direct Support from the BVA Director
 - A device for each student
 - Help with internet access
 - Progress monitoring with state assessments to ensure growth
 - Tutoring services with certified teachers on campus, as needed
 - Extracurricular sports and enrichment class participation on campus





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For further help and information you may reach out to your student's building principal:

- Dale Horn, Principal, Flippin High School
 - dalehorn@flippinschools.net
 - 870-453-2233
- Gregg Yarbrough, Principal, Flippin Middle School
 - greggyarbrough@flippinschools.net
 - 870-453-6464
- Tracie Luttrell, Principal, Flippin Elementary School
 - tracieluttrell@flippinschools.net
 - 870-453-8860

RESOURCES

- Our Ready for Learning plan that addresses specific academic plans can be accessed [here](#).
- View the FSD COVID Re-entry Q&A document [here](#). The Q&A document is updated regularly.
- FSD's [Ready for Learning page](#) on our website is regularly updated with more info.
- [Arkansas Department of Health \(ADH\) guidelines](#)
- Arkansas Department of Education's [Response Levels for On-Site Learning plan](#)
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- Governor Asa Hutchinson's Daily Press Conferences can be accessed [here](#).

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