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Learning Plan for 2021-22

Information for Parents and Staff Members

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This plan is subject to change, especially because of the changing circumstances related to the pandemic.

Learning Options for Students in K-12

Students have the following learning options:

- In-Person Learning for five days per week.
- Online-Only Learning through 5RiversOnline, a state-approved K-12 online school affiliated with Red Wing Public Schools. Contact Kim Cory at kcory@gced.k12.mn.us for more information.
- Some secondary classes In-Person and others through 5RiversOnline.

Learning Options for Preschool

Preschool students will be learning in-person with several options for available. Contact Brittni Kuehl at bakuehl@rwps.org for more information.

School Information

Grade Configurations

Each elementary school (Sunnyside, Burnside, and Twin Bluff) will serve students in grades K-6. Red Wing High School will serve students in grades 7-12.

School and Classroom Placements

After attendance zones for elementary schools are set, parents of elementary students will be notified of school, classroom, and transportation assignments.

School Hours (Subject to Slight Modifications)

School	Parent Drop-Off Bus Drop-Off	First Bell	Student Day	Parent Pick-Up Bus Pick-Up
Elementaries	7:30-7:40 7:35	7:40	7:50-2:35	2:35-2:45 2:30
RWHS	8:30-8:40 8:40	8:40	8:50-3:50	3:50-4:00 3:45

Note: Principals will issue drop-off and pick-up procedures for their school.

DRAFT Mitigation Strategies

To prioritize the health and safety of students, employees, and community members, the following mitigation strategies are planned for the beginning of the 2021-22 school year:

Compliance

All state and federal requirements, executive orders, Minnesota Department, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Human Services, and Minnesota High School League will be followed.

Vaccinations

Individuals 12 and older should be vaccinated before the beginning of the school year, if possible. Higher vaccination rates will result in lower transmission rates and reduce the need for other mitigation strategies.

Face Coverings

Students are not required to wear face coverings except when:

- Students are on school or contracted vehicles as per federal requirements.
- Students with symptoms of COVID are being sent home and have not yet left school grounds.
- Other circumstances as determined by the department or building leader.

Physical Distancing

Students and adults are strongly encouraged to be at least three feet apart when feasible. Physical distancing practices (such as keeping cohorts of elementary students together) will be implemented.

Stay Home if Sick

The district's health screening checklist must be followed before entering a school building, vehicle, or school-related activity. If showing at least one common symptom or two less common symptoms, individuals need to stay home even if they are vaccinated. They should also contact their school attendance line, supervisor, or building contact.

Individuals may return:

- On day 14 if they do not have COVID-related symptoms; or
- On day 7 if they receive a negative PCR result (not a rapid antigen test) taken on day 5 or later.

Sending Sick People Home

People with COVID-related symptoms while at school will be sent home regardless of vaccination status or prior history of disease. They are expected to wear a face covering until they leave school grounds.

Close Contacts and Quarantines

People who test positive for COVID are expected to stay away from school until:

- They feel better. Their cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms are better;
- It has been at least ten days since they first felt sick or tested positive; and
- They had had no fever for at least 24 hours without using medication that lowers fever.

Close contacts include anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. However, the definition excludes students who were within 3-6 feet of an infected person if masks were correctly worn by the infected person and close contact and other mitigation strategies followed.

Quarantine due to close contact **is not required** if individuals do not have symptoms and:

- are fully vaccinated; or
- have tested positive in the last 90 days..

Quarantining due to close contact **is required** if individuals:

- test positive for COVID; or
- have symptoms of COVID; or
- live with someone who tests positive or has symptoms of COVID unless they are fully vaccinated and do not have symptoms or they tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days and do not have symptoms.

Quarantined individuals may return on:

- day 7 if there is a negative PCR result (not a rapid antigen test) taken on day 5 or later; or
- day 14 if no test is taken or he/she is a household member of a positive case and is not vaccinated.

Testing

Routine testing opportunities will be announced after the Minnesota Department of Health issues additional guidance.

Maintenance Practices

Routine environmental cleaning and disinfecting will continue, and ventilation systems will be monitored for proper air flow.

Handwashing

Students and adults are encouraged to regularly wash their hands. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Technology Services

The district provides a Chromebook for each student. More information, including possible options for low-cost Internet services to qualifying families, will be shared later this summer. If your child has problems with technology, first contact their teacher and then techsupport@rwps.org.

Food Services

Thanks to additional funding from the State and Federal governments, students will receive free breakfasts and lunches this year. Lunches will be served in cafeterias and available to students learning online. Contact bdlexvold@rwps.org for information.

Transportation Services

Bus transportation will be offered to K-6 students who live at least 1 mile from school and to 7-12 students who live at least 2 miles from school. Bus routing information will be available in mid-August.

Kids Junction (School-Age Childcare)

Fee-based childcare is available to students in grades K-6 based on space availability and staffing. Contact jjplein@rwps.org to register or obtain information about additional eligibility requirements, costs, locations, and times for Kids Junction.

Athletics and Activities

Athletic teams and activities will operate in traditional ways, but the district will continue to monitor guidance from the Minnesota State High School League and Minnesota Department of Education. Contact Paul Hartmann at pmhartmann@rwps.org for more information.

Student and Family Resources

Contact your child's principal for student and family resources. The Red Wing Community Resource Network Guide provides information about supports through Red Wing Schools.

Requests for ADA Accommodations for Students and Employees

Requests for ADA accommodations can be emailed to Cherie Johnson, Executive Director of GCED, at cjohnson@gced.k12.mn.us. If a staff member is at risk and feels he/she been denied a reasonable accommodation, they can call the Minnesota Department of Human Rights' Discrimination Helpline at 833-454-0148.