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DRAFT 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 <u>bakuehl@rwps.org</u> 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	Entry Bell	Student Day	Parent Pick-Up
Elementary Schools	7:35-7:45	7:45	7:50-2:35	2:35-2:45
RWHS	8:30-8:40	8:30	8:50-3:50	3:50-4:00

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

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:

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, more in-person learning, and reduced need for other mitigation strategies. Vaccination clinics may be offered on school grounds; children will need parental consent.

Face Coverings

Information will be included about face covering expectations, if any.

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:

- Immediately if they receive a negative PCR result (not a rapid antigen test); or
- On day 14 if they do not test for COVID and their symptoms have improved.

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.

Isolation, Close Contacts, and Quarantines

Isolation

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

- They feel better. Their cough, shortness of breath, or other systems are better; and
- It has been at least ten days since they first felt sick or tested positive; and
- They have not had a fever for at least 24 hours without using medication that lowers fever.

Close Contacts

Close contacts include anyone who lives with an infected person or 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.

Quarantining

Information will be included about quarantining expectations, if any,

Testing

Routine testing opportunities may be available during the school day.

Maintenance Practices

Custodians will continue to clean/disinfect surfaces and monitor ventilation systems for proper air flow as they did last year.

<u>Handwashing</u>

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 lowcost Internet services to qualifying families, will be shared later this summer. If your child has problems with technology, first contact their teacher and then <u>techsupport@rwps.org</u>.

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 classrooms or cafeterias and available to students learning online. Contact <u>bdlexvold@rwps.org</u> 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 <u>jjplein@rwps.org</u> 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 <u>pmhartmann@rwps.org</u> 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 <u>cjohnson@gced.k12.mn.us</u>. 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.