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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](mailto: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 Brittnei Kuehl at [bakuehl@rwps.org](mailto: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	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.

#### **Face Coverings (Option A)**

The purpose of requiring face coverings is to minimize the risk of transmission and maximize the likelihood of in-person learning.

Students, employees, and others are required to wear face coverings indoors or on a school or contracted vehicle unless they qualify for an exception as per Policy 808.

Students, employees, and others are encouraged but not required to wear face coverings while outdoors (including athletes, spectators, recess, and courses) as long as they are not in sustained close contact with others.

#### **Face Coverings (Option B)**

The purpose of requiring face coverings is to minimize the risk of transmission and maximize the likelihood of in-person learning.

Students, employees, and others are required to wear face coverings in E-6 school buildings or on a school or contracted vehicle unless they qualify for an exception as per Policy 808.

Students, employees, and others are encouraged but not required to wear face coverings while outdoors (including athletes, spectators, recess, and courses) as long as they are not in sustained close contact with others.

Students, employees, and others in Red Wing High School and Tower View are not required to wear face coverings except when:

- Students are on school or contracted vehicles as per federal requirements.
- Students and staff 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.

#### **Face Coverings (Option C)**

Students are not required to wear face coverings except when:

- Students are on school or contracted vehicles as per federal requirements.
- Students and staff 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:

- 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 for E-6 Students**

Elementary students in close contact with an infected person do not need to quarantine if the student and infected person were wearing masks appropriately during the sustained close contact. Otherwise, they will be quarantined.

#### **Quarantining for 7-12 Students (Option A)**

At the beginning of the school year, high school students in close contact with an infected person do not need to quarantine because of the universal face covering requirement. However, vaccination rates, school and community transmission rates, and overall compliance with the face covering policy may result in the implementation of quarantining requirements. When possible, parents will be notified if their child was in close contact with an infected person so symptoms can be monitored.

#### **Quarantining for 7-12 Students (Option B)**

High school students in close contact with an infected person do not need to quarantine if the student is vaccinated or if the student and infected person were wearing masks appropriately during the sustained close contact. Otherwise, they will be quarantined.

### **Quarantining Periods**

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 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.

### **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](mailto: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 classrooms or cafeterias and available to students learning online. Contact [bdlexvold@rwps.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.