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Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan for 2021-22

Information for Parents and Staff Members

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Purpose, Public Comment, and Community Engagement

As a requirement for Federal COVID funding, the district must develop a “Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan.” This draft version is intended to begin the discussion about how the school district can safely return to in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year.

The District will finalize the plan after receiving public comment and conducting community engagement opportunities. To provide public comment, which will be published on the school website, email lasteggerda@rwps.org on or before Sunday, June 13, 2021.

The plan is subject to change, especially because of the changing circumstances related to COVID.

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 online school
- Some secondary classes In-Person and others through 5RiversOnline

Preschool

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

School Information

Grade Configurations

Each elementary school 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 are set, parents of elementary students will be notified of school and classroom placements in July or August.

Daily Starting and Ending Times

In June, the district will announce daily starting and ending times for each school.

Mitigation Strategies

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

- The district will follow all requirements of State law, executive order, Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Human Services, and Minnesota State High School League.
- If mandated by the State, masks will be required.
- Students and adults are expected to stay home if sick.
- If the district is required to quarantine students due to close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID, quarantined individuals may return after their 10th day of quarantine if they can provide evidence of a negative PCR test on the 8th day or later of quarantine. Otherwise, they will be quarantined for 14 days.
- COVID tests and vaccinations will be encouraged and may be available on district grounds, if possible.
- Social distancing of 3 feet is encouraged when feasible.
- Plexiglass barriers and personal protective equipment will be used as needed.
- Hand-washing will continue to be prioritized.
- The district will follow all cleaning and sanitizing protocols required by the State.

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. Lunches will be served in cafeterias and available to students learning online. More information about meal distribution to students learning online and other children in the community will be shared later this summer. Contact bdlexvold@rwps.org.

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. Pick-up and drop-off times will be shared with families in August.

Kids Junction (School-Age Childcare)

Fee-based childcare is available to students in grades K-6 based on space availability and staffing. Contact jiplein@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. Questions should be referred to pmhartmann@rwps.org.

Student and Family Resources

Please refer to [Red Wing Public Schools](#) and [Goodhue County](#) for student and family resources during these challenging times. 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 Amy French, Human Resources Manager, at asfrench@rwps.org. 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.