

RETURN 2 LEARN

2021-22

The School District will return to pre-COVID school attendance days and times. The District recommends but doesn't require self-screening/temperature checks before attending school. School events will take place as scheduled and as allowed by state guidelines at the time of the event.

- 1. ACADEMICS** – All students should be at school for in-person instruction unless they are quarantined or sick. Additional support for student's academic, social-emotional, and other needs will be provided through various ways (examples: after-school tutoring, Rtl, counseling). If a parent feels their student needs any of these services, they should contact the building principal.
- 2. QUARANTINES** – If quarantined by the health department, the District will provide learning opportunities to the student. They get an extra day for each day quarantined to complete and turn in the assignments missed. Note: According to the health department's current rules, students who have been in close contact with an individual with COVID-19 may avoid being quarantined if they are vaccinated or if both students are properly wearing masks. Contact the Macon County Health Department for additional information concerning testing, vaccinations, contact tracing, or quarantine guidelines.
- 3. MASKS** – In accordance with the August 4, 2021 Executive Order and IDPH/ISBE guidance, all teachers, staff, students, and visitors are required to wear a mask while indoors in the school building, regardless of vaccination status. Mask use for everyone will follow the state, IDPH, and CDC requirements. Students who fail to properly and consistently wear a mask may be subject to discipline in accordance with the District handbook. The District administration will communicate changes throughout the year.
- 4. BUSES** – Per the CDC, masks are required on all district-provided transportation. Masks are available on all buses for those who need them. Windows should be down when possible to allow open airflow.
- 5. LUNCHES** – The District will return to normal meal options, locations, and times. Students will be socially distanced as much as the cafeteria allows.
- 6. WATER BOTTLES/FOUNTAINS** – Water fountains will be used, but water bottles may also be allowed as the building administration sees fit.
- 7. LOCKERS** – The District will return to locker use in grades 2-12.
- 8. HAND SANITIZER/WASHING** – General good hygiene will continue to be promoted.
- 9. CLEANING** – Our custodians provide appropriate daily cleaning to provide a clean and safe environment. The District has EPA-approved air filters and cleaning solutions.
- 10. SOCIAL DISTANCING** – Students and staff may be subject to physical distancing based on the IDPH guidance.

Many of the mitigation measures previously put into effect have been eased or removed. The administration may add or modify mitigation measures to classrooms, school buildings, or the entire district as needed during the school year to prevent closures. These additional mitigations may include enhanced cleaning, required masks, modified schedules, etc. The district will review the plan at least every six months. The District considers public input that can be emailed to the superintendent or presented at school-board meetings.