

# River Valley School District

*Soaring into 2020-2021*

*Reopening Schools Instructional Plan*

**August 1, 2020**



# **Our return to the 2020-21 school year**

Conditions are ever-changing... and so our response will be ever-changing. We will flexibly adapt every day to safely provide the best education possible for all students. We respect the choice of parent(s)/guardian(s) as they choose the best learning environment for their student(s).

Administrators, staff steering committee members, and parent steering committee members have spoken of options for our return to the school year. We have used the data from our surveys from the past school year, as well as the data from the recent family survey.



# Instructional Models

We believe all children have the right to learn and that a one-size-fits-all model may not work due to family beliefs, health concerns or learning style. To accomplish this goal, intentional planning and careful attention to student needs must be followed. The following options are planned and **both options include instruction 5 days a week, Monday through Friday:**

- Option A: 4 (plus 1)



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- Option B: Virtual schooling



Our district is committed to providing equitable resources in all learning formats.

# Option A: 4 (+ 1) + Grades PreK - Grade 12

Plans and protocols are being developed to maintain the academic integrity of the River Valley School District. We must plan by creating safety guidelines and academic plans. The only constant we expect is flexibility.

The River Valley School District will be offering in-person learning on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.**

**Wednesday** (the +1) will be designated as a virtual learning day with no students on campus. Attendance will be taken on all five days. On Wednesday, classroom assessments and advisory time will be provided. Within our surveys, parents and students asked for time to collaborate and seek out help from our staff. Wednesday can provide that time for students and will allow all students to experience our virtual environment. In addition, this allows for a deep disinfecting of our facilities.

- *If we are required to have virtual learning for an extended period, Wednesdays will continue to be an advisory/assessment virtual school day.*

# Option B: Virtual Learning

## Grade PreK - Grade 4



Within the plans and protocols being developed to maintain the academic integrity of the River Valley School District, is the reinvention of virtual learning.

The River Valley School District will be offering virtual learning to students every day (based on parent choice at registration.) Attendance will be taken on all five days.

For grades PreK-grade 4 students we will assign a teacher to meet with your child and provide **small group instruction**; this instruction will be on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday**. On Wednesday, classroom assessments and advisory time will be provided. Within our surveys, parents and students asked for time to collaborate and seek out help from our staff. Wednesday can provide that time for students and will allow all students benefits. Now, we have better planning, tools, and time to prepare our online environment.



# Option B: Virtual Learning

## Grades 5 - 12



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The River Valley School District will be offering virtual learning to students every day (based on parent choice at registration.) Attendance will be taken on all five days.

For grades 5-12, a **synchronous** model of 'live' classroom time will be provided on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday**. *If a student is scheduled for a 8:00 am class, all students need to be present at 8:00 am.*

On Wednesday, classroom assessments and advisory time will be provided. Within our surveys, parents and students asked for time to collaborate and seek out help from our staff. Wednesday can provide that time for students and will allow all students benefits. Now, we have better planning, tools, and time to prepare our online environment.



# Options A & B: How did we get here?

Parent steering committee members, teacher steering committee members, administration and school board have been collaborating for the past month to plan for the school year.

Our goal remains to provide students with a rigorous, relevant, and engaging school experience. We cannot guarantee how the pandemic will look in the months to come, but we can plan for the variables that may occur.

**We did have to prioritize our offerings.** For example, we will continue to offer meals to families, but we cannot offer before/after school care due to maintaining healthy environments.



# Options A & B: Why did we choose these options?

These plans allow our students and families the maximum opportunity to have face-to-face experiences with our staff.

Based on our recent survey, approximately 70% of the River Valley School District families chose a face-to-face model. Yet, we see a need to provide a choice and offer an engaging virtual option for our families.

Within our surveys, parents and students asked for time to collaborate in small groups with teachers. Wednesday will also provide time for all students to experience our virtual learning environment. In addition, there was concern about disinfecting facilities only on a nightly basis. Wednesday's will provide us the time to complete a deep disinfecting of our facilities.





# Communication

We believe that parents, students, and educators achieve more with clear collaboration. The RVSD staff will continue to communicate by email, phone, district portals, or in person to maintain connections with students and families.

- Classroom updates daily
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Strategies for families to help mitigate risk
- County and community feedback



# Safety Guidelines

As a district we have created guidelines of how we can create a safe school environment. The River Valley School District staff will follow building specific guidelines to mitigate risks whenever possible.

The RVSD guidelines can be found on our website under the District tab and hovering over the [2020-21 Reopening School Buildings Plan](#).



# **Please let us know if you have questions.**

Our district staff and families have been very flexible and responsive throughout our planning process. Please reach out to our River Valley School Board President, Kathy Jennings at [jennings.rvsb@rvschools.org](mailto:jennings.rvsb@rvschools.org) and submit questions that we can answer.

