

River Valley School District

Soaring into 2020-2021

Reopening School Buildings Overview



Assumptions About Return

Budget Constraints

At this time, the state and federal government do not plan on providing additional funding for schools. The state government may be providing us less, if there is a state budget repair bill. Cares Act money will be insufficient for necessary safety measures and changes related to COVID-19. We will do everything we practicably can within the current budget.

Parent Supervision

Parents will be working and less frequently from home. If parents are home working, they will have limited ability to assist in the education of their child. There will likely be fewer child care options for families.

Flexibility

Conditions are ever-changing, our response will be ever-changing. We will have to flexibly adapt every day to safely provide the best education possible for all students.



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.

- Plan A: In-person schooling
- Plan B: Virtual schooling
- Plan C: In-person/Virtual schooling

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

- Professional development is being provided to staff
- Software purchases for programs have been made



Operations: Overview

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.

Tonight's presentation provides an overview on the work that has been done or is being done. Each building in our District is working on site specific guidelines for staff and student return. These specific guidelines will be available by August 1.

In addition, we are currently working with Lamers on ensuring our transportation services are as safe as practicable and efficient with routes.



Operations: Physical Spaces

Physical Barriers

- Plexiglass barriers in main offices
- Plexiglass barriers for each teacher and instructional assistant

Signage & Floor Adhesives

- Tape will be placed on floors to direct traffic
- Tape will be used as separation stickers in high traffic areas

Safety Signage

- Social Distancing Reminders
- Mask Reminders
- Symptom Reminders

Drinking Water

- Bottle Filling Only
- One time use cups for those without bottles

Hand Sanitation Stations

- Placement in each classroom

Re-configuration of Current Spaces & Items

- Removal of furniture
- Touchless sinks, towel dispensers, soap dispensers
- Identification of spaces for isolation room



Operations: Healthy Environments

Ventilation

- Increased circulation of outside air into buildings
- Eliminate use of circulation fans in classrooms and hallways

Cleaning & Disinfecting

- Daily and Weekly protocols for custodians
- Hourly and Daily protocols for teachers in classrooms

Shared Objects

- Elimination of communal classroom supplies
- Sanitization requirements for shared objects when necessary (i.e. physical education)

Communal Spaces

- Staggered Use & Social Distancing

Hand Hygiene

- Teach and reinforce
- Strategic signage placement

Modified Building Layouts

- Adjusted student pedestrian patterns
- Relocate classroom locations (i.e. Band & Choir at HS) to provide additional distancing when possible.
- Determining classroom capacities



Operations: Daily Resources & Needs

Hand Sanitizer

-District currently has 50 gallons on hand with an additional 50 gallons on order

Face Masks

-District has 5,000 cloth face masks for staff and student use

Face Shields

-One face shield for each staff member

HVAC Filters

-Ordered and installed high-quality filters

PPE

-Gloves and Gowns ordered for nursing staff

Plexiglass barriers

-2 x 3 barrier for each teacher and instructional support staff

-Barriers in each main office

Custodial Disinfectant Sprayers

-Ordered at the end of May, anticipated arrival at end of August for increased efficiency with disinfecting hard surfaces



Operations: Day-to-Day

Visitors

- Buildings closed to non-essential visitors

Cohorts

- Move elementary and middle school classrooms as static groups

Entrances & Exits

- Create directional flow of students and regulate access to entrances & exits

Face Coverings

- Students will wear masks during the entire school day
- Will be collected and laundered on a daily basis.

Symptom Screenings

- Students will be checked at home by a parent/guardian prior to getting on bus or arriving at school
- Staff will self-check at home prior to arriving at work
- Substitutes will be screened by staff upon arrival

Staffing

- Utilize staff flexibly as needed to cover daily operational needs prioritizing student learning and safety.



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.

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



Communication

Regular Updates

-Regular emails will be sent to families via Skylert providing updates on district reopening plans and any other relevant information that has not yet been widely shared

Social Media

-Create and post weekly Facebook updates providing information for the community about the district's plans to reopen schools in the fall

Website

-The website will be continually updated and be the primary source for current information

Weekly Curriculum Templates

-District will post weekly curriculum templates from all teaching staff on website to ensure education in person or virtual is consistent

Notifications for Positive Cases

-The staff and families of students exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 will be notified as quickly as possible. All families of students in a building or on a bus will be notified of positive cases of COVID-19

No personally identifiable information will be shared about students or staff

