

Okolona Municipal School District

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

May 2021

Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

- Students will return to school on August 6th, 2021
- Students will return to traditional five days of face-to-face instruction
- Provide After School Program and Summer School instruction to help with learning loss
- Hire additional personnel (Chief Academic Officer, supplemental teachers, interventionists)
- Provide instructional coaches for teacher and administrator support
- Approval through an application process and sufficient internet access is required for virtual only class
- Issue chrome books to students and teachers for virtual or distance learning
- Use Canvas to monitor students' progress
- Provide parental feedback at the school level

OPERATIONS

- School personnel will check student and staff temperature daily upon arrival
- Require family members to sit together on buses
- Masks will be **required** by students and all personnel
- Clean/disinfect building surfaces and high touch objects frequently
- Sanitize the bus after morning and afternoon routes each day
- Clean/disinfect buses after each route
- Follow the current Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) guidelines for providing meals to students
- Use school board approved school calendar for 2021-2022
- Follow guidelines and best practices for cleaning and sanitizing the buildings

COMMUNICATIONS

- The Okolona School District will utilize Remind, Canvas, district's website and School Status to help communicate health and safety issues or necessary changes to the district's regular operating schedule
- Use various resources to educate students and their families on proper personal hygiene and sanitation practices

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Provide ongoing professional development for all school staff
- Collaborate with Mental Health agencies
- Provide educational materials and resources to address social, emotional, mental health, and other needs of students and staff
- Provide access to support services (Behavioral Specialist and Counselors)
- Water fountains will not be available for use. Students and Faculty be encouraged to bring their own water bottles
- Replace outdated HVAC systems
- Add bipolar ionization devices to all HVAC units
- Replace windows as needed
- Recommend self-screening at home by both students and staff
- Check student and staff temperature daily upon arrival
- Clean/disinfect buildings and high touch surfaces/objects frequently
- Clean/disinfect buses after each route
- Adhere to CDC and MSDH mask guidelines/recommendations
- Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Implement multiple social distancing strategies for large gatherings (extracurricular/events) based on the CDC and Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) guidelines

TECHNOLOGY

- All grade levels will utilize Canvas for both Face-To-Face and Virtual Instruction
- Provide devices and software to enhance in-person and virtual learning
- Conduct Needs Assessments quarterly