



DANVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON REOPENING

2020-21 MODELS OF INSTRUCTION:

Currently our first priority is the safety of our students, their families, and our employees. We will follow Healthy at School safety expectations released by KDE in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Public Health, Boyle County Health Department, and the Governor's office. During these uncertain times it is paramount that we provide multiple options for our families. Although we have been working diligently on our 2020-21 restart plan, it has been challenging due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19. As a community we will have to be flexible as we monitor the progress of COVID-19. Plans will have to be fluid and we may need to change models rapidly and multiple times during the school year. Although we will not use all the available options to start the year, we may have to shift quickly throughout the year and want families to understand all possible instructional models.

Families of K-12 students will have an option between the **Enhanced Traditional, Teacher-led Distance Learning, and Independent Virtual Learning** models to start the 2020-21 school year. Students and families are encouraged to review each option and call their school or the district office with any questions or feedback. The Hybrid (A/B) or the Teacher-led Distance Learning models may be required periodically for all students in the event of increased COVID-19 cases in the community or our schools. At times the Teacher-led Distance Learning Model may be required for small groups of students or classes in the event of a COVID-19 case in a classroom.

TRADITIONAL MODEL:

This plan will include traditional face-to-face instruction with extra safety and cleaning precautions in place such as increased hand sanitizer use, increased frequency of cleaning high touch areas, and limited assemblies, field trips and visitors. This plan would require several public health restrictions to be lifted before it could be implemented including face coverings for students and staff and the ability to use common areas. ***We predict current social distancing guidelines will still be in place in August; therefore, this option will not be available when school starts back in August, but we hope to be able to use the traditional model soon.***

Parent Option #1: **ENHANCED TRADITIONAL MODEL**

We will continue to monitor the progress of COVID-19 in Boyle county and may need to adjust plans if cases increase, but at this time, it is our intent for this to be an option for families in August. This plan would include face-to-face instruction at school (5 days a week) with enhanced safety precautions in place. We estimate 75-85% of students will be in the school building under this model.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE IN-PERSON OPTION INCLUDE:

- Students, staff, and visitors will be expected to wear a mask, except those with a medical exception
- Staff, bus riders, car riders, and walkers will be temperature scanned prior to boarding a bus, exiting a car, and/or entering school
- Students will report straight to the classroom
- All students and employees entering the school building will use hand sanitizer
- If classroom space allows for appropriate social distance, then students may remove their masks while at their desks; however, there will be classroom time when masks are required
- Student desks will face the same direction
- Assigned seating will be mandated in all classrooms and on buses
- Staff will keep daily manifests in order to aid in contact tracing
- Teachers and students will be grouped to limit movement in the building
- The amount of time students spend in the hallways and transitions will be limited and require a mask
- Students will be assigned an electronic device and will be responsible for taking home and bringing the device to school each day
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided in classrooms
- All staff will wear PPE when working directly with students
- No assemblies or field trips

ADDITIONAL STEPS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF:

- There will be directional hallway traffic markings on the floor and stairwells with some being designated one way traffic
- Common areas are closed to group activities
- Non-essential visitors will be limited
- There will be increased cleaning throughout the day of high touch areas (e.g. tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, chairs, restrooms, and electronics)
- Each building will be sanitized at the end of each school day
- Playground time will be on an alternating schedule (playgrounds are subject to close)
- Students will hand sanitize before and after using playground equipment
- All schools will stagger arrival and dismissal times
- School nurses will have procedures in place to deal with students that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms in a separate area from the Nurse's Office

Parent Option #2: **TEACHER-LED DISTANCE LEARNING MODEL**

In this plan students will participate virtually (no paper option) in the learning of new grade/content material, interactive lessons, graded assignments, and assessments. This plan will include a combination of DIS teacher-made lessons and some online courses for older students. **Distance learners will complete the same or similar work as their in-person peers.** Students and parents would commit to this plan for at least 9 weeks. Students may choose this plan for the entire year even if public health restrictions are lifted. *If public health restrictions increase and the district is forced to close for more than two consecutive days this plan will be enacted for all students.*

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE TEACHER-LED OPTION INCLUDE:

- Students will attend class virtually, maintaining a regular daily class schedule during traditional school hours
- There will be consistency between virtual and in-person instruction
- Virtual instruction will have daily teacher contact
- Food services will be available for pickup to students on virtual options
- All instruction is 100% online with no paper options
- Keep in mind that students in these programs will not come to campus except by special arrangement
- Students who choose this option are eligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities as long as they meet participation, grade, and attendance guidelines.
- Students will be assigned/loaned an electronic device
- Participation will be required and monitored daily
- Students and parents will be required to sign a commitment to meet the guidelines of virtual learning

Parent Option #3: **INDEPENDENT VIRTUAL LEARNING MODEL**

Principal Approved Option

Self motivated students in grades 6-12 would participate through a virtual platform (no paper option) in the learning of new grade/content material. Students will be self-paced and will have limited interaction with teachers and staff in the schools. Students will have access through office hours and email to a teacher/staff member for support. Students and parents would commit to this plan for at least 9 weeks. Students may choose this plan for the entire year even if public health restrictions are lifted. Students can apply for this option and have to have principal approval to enroll. *If this option might work for your child, please contact their principal for more information.*

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE INDEPENDENT OPTION INCLUDE:

- Food services will be available for pickup to students on virtual options
- All instruction is 100% online with no paper options
- Keep in mind that students in these programs will not come to campus except by special arrangement
- Students will be assigned/loaned an electronic device
- Students and parents will be required to sign a commitment to meet the guidelines of virtual learning
- A staff member will be assigned to each student to monitor progress
- A lack of progress may result in reassignment to the teacher-led distance learning model
- Students are responsible for reaching out to staff when there is a need
- Students will have access through office hours, phone, and email to a teacher/staff member for support
- Instruction will be delivered through one or more online platforms.

Hybrid (A/B) Model:

This plan would be a combination of distance and face-to-face instruction with increased safety and disinfecting measures. Students would attend two days of face-to-face instruction in the school buildings and three days of distance learning. Monday of each week would be reserved for teacher planning, enrichment, intervention, project-based distance learning for students, and some specialized face-to-face student services. In this model, students will follow social distancing guidelines on days they are at school. ***It is not our intent to start with this model in August.*** Although this option is not our first choice and would be challenging for families, there may be times that we would need to implement this in order to significantly reduce class size.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE HYBRID OPTION INCLUDE:

- Students, staff, and visitors will be expected to wear a mask, except those with a medical exception
- Staff, bus riders, car riders, and walkers will be temperature scanned prior to boarding a bus, exiting a car, and/or entering school
- Students will report straight to the classroom
- K-8 students will be self contained with teachers rotating between classes
- There will be consistency between virtual and in-person instruction
- Virtual instruction will have daily teacher contact
- All students and employees entering the school building will use hand sanitizer
- Students seats will be spaced at a minimum 6 ft apart and face the same direction in the classroom
- Student desks will face the same direction
- Assigned seating will be mandated in all classrooms and on buses
- Staff will keep daily manifests in order to aid in contact tracing
- Teachers and students will be grouped to limit movement in the building
- The amount of time students spend in the hallways and transitions will be limited and require a mask
- Students will be assigned an electronic device and will be responsible for taking home and bringing the device to school each day
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided in classrooms
- All staff will wear PPE when working directly with students
- No assemblies or field trips

ADDITIONAL STEPS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF:

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- Common areas are closed to group activities
- Non-essential visitors will be limited
- There will be increased cleaning throughout the day of high touch areas (e.g. tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, chairs, restrooms, and electronics)
- Each building will be sanitized at the end of each school day
- Playground time will be on an alternating schedule (playgrounds are subject to close)
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- School nurses will have procedures in place to handle students who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms in a separate area from the Nurse's Office

TRANSPORTATION:

Currently we are still working on transportation details for the Enhanced Traditional Model. Transportation poses unique challenges for social distancing. The safety of our students, drivers, and monitors is our highest concern.

EXPECTATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION INCLUDE:

- All students will be required to have their temperature checked before boarding
- All students and staff will use hand sanitizer as they get on the bus
- All students and staff will wear a mask on the bus at all times
- Assigned seating will be mandated
- There will be staggered seating when possible
- Students from the same household will sit together
- The bus will load from back to front and offload from front to back
- Due to the need to maintain accurate daily manifests we will not be able to make daily change requests between buses
- DIS will make every effort to provide each bus with a monitor
- Buses will be cleaned after each route and sanitized at the end of each day

We will announce a complete transportation plan by July 31, 2020 which may include staggered, double, or limited routes. Families that will utilize transportation will be asked to submit a request form by August 4, 2020.

PRESCHOOL:

Preschool will start under the Enhanced Traditional Model with half day sessions only. There will not be any full day preschool at this time. Guidance about teaching preschool during COVID has not yet been released by the Kentucky Department of Education. If you have a child who is or may be attending preschool, we will continue to release information as we learn more. Don't hesitate to contact Hogsett Primary if you have any questions about preschool.

FOOD SERVICE:

Food Service will continue with all models of instruction.

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided in classrooms
- Food services will be available for pickup to students on virtual/online options
- Weekly breakfast and lunch meals for virtual/online students will be available at a centralized location in Danville.