

2021-2022 Augusta Independent Safe Opening Plan



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| Learning Options | <p>In-Person Learning Model: Traditional in-person school for all K-12 students, 5-days per week. Preschool will return to a 4-day per week Monday-Thursday schedule.</p> <p>Virtual Learning Model: The Panther Virtual Learning Academy is a complete 100% virtual learning option available for K-12 students. Virtual students' adherence to the virtual learning program guidelines and expectations is required for eligibility. Students not meeting guidelines and expectations will be required to return to traditional in-person school. Visit the district website at www.augusta.kyschools.us for Panther Virtual Learning Academy information.</p> |
| Mask Guidelines | <p>FACULTY and STAFF MASK POLICY: Masks will be REQUIRED for ALL faculty and staff. A copy of staff vaccination cards will be maintained by the school for contact tracing purposes.</p> <p>STUDENT MASK POLICY: Masks will be REQUIRED for ALL students 2 years and older. The district will partner with local health agencies to offer vaccine clinics and assist families seeking to have their child vaccinated (12 years of age or older). The district will provide masks to every student on the first day of school and parents will be responsible for providing masks thereafter. Masks will be available to families in need. A copy of student vaccination cards will be maintained by the school for contact tracing purposes.</p> <p>VISITOR/VOLUNTEER MASK POLICY: Masks will be REQUIRED for ALL visitors/volunteers.</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION: Masks will be REQUIRED for ALL students, staff and bus drivers due to federal transportation mandates. Buses will be sanitized after morning and evening routes.</p> |
| Safety Precautions And Procedures | <p>CLASSROOM PROCEDURES: Teachers will assign seats to maximize distance between students and face students the same direction.</p> <p>FOOD SERVICES: Meal schedules and student seating will be designed to maximize distance between students. Cafeteria tables will be sanitized between each group of students.</p> <p>RECESS: Recess will be one class at a time, masks are optional when outside in fresh air, students will sanitize/wash hands before and after recess, and parents can opt out of recess for their child.</p> |
| Arrival And Dismissal | <p>ARRIVAL: Students will be dropped off at the front entrance and report directly to their assigned classroom no earlier than 7:30 a.m. Early drop-offs will be permitted at 7:00 a.m. if work related and students report to the gym. Parents will not be permitted in the building unless for a parent meeting or for communication with the school nurse.</p> <p>DISMISSAL: Pick-ups will be dismissed from the cafeteria and students will be individually taken to parents/guardians. Parents will remain in parking lot area/outside the cafeteria entrance door. Parents picking up students early will call the school and they will be brought curbside at the front entrance.</p> |
| Other Precautions | <p>SANITATION/CLEANING: Students/staff throughout the day will wash/sanitize hands, disinfect surfaces, use water bottle filling stations for individual water bottles, and open windows for ventilation to greatest extent possible. Teachers and staff will sanitize/disinfect rooms and high traffic areas daily.</p> <p>MISCELLANEOUS: Assemblies will not be full school assemblies and sports and activities will follow health department and KHSAA guidelines.</p> <p>ISOLATION/QUARANTINE/CONTACT TRACING: STAY HOME when students/staff have symptoms of COVID-19, including: Fever or feeling feverish (e.g., chills, sweating), new cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, muscle aches or body aches, vomiting or diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell. SELF-QUARANTINE for 10 days after the start of illness (or testing date) or otherwise follow the directives of the local health department to determine when it is safe to be around others. RETURN TO SCHOOL after quarantine or when tested negative for COVID-19 with no symptoms. FULLY VACCINATED PERSONS do not need to quarantine following an exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 if he/she is not experiencing symptoms. CONTACT TRACING will be conducted as needed in partnership with the local health department to facilitate case investigations to identify individuals diagnosed with COVID-19.</p> |