

Knappa School District Safety Protocols

for 2021-22 School Year

Your School District is dedicated to high quality learning for *every* student. In order to accomplish this, we need students and employees to remain safe. For the 2021-22 school year, with a decrease in the number of COVID cases in our community and in increase in vaccinations, our goal is to continue the journey toward "normal school". Some of the practices we put in place for safety during COVID are good ongoing universal practices which we will continue. Some of our instructional strategies that we learned will continue. Below, please see some of the things we will be doing in 2021-22 to make it a good year.



Daily health check in processes and contact tracing will remain in place for the 2021-22 year.

Students will not be permitted to attend school while sick.



Increased sanitizing of the facility will continue. This includes provision of additional custodial staffing.



Knappa School District will employ a full time nurse this year (Nurse Katie)



School buses will be staggered to allow for additional spacing

Grades K-5 will run first and Grades 6-12 will run later. (after school programs will be run at the elementary school). Please wait until 7:30 to drop off elementary students.

In accordance with Federal Transportation requirements and due to limited ability to distance on the bus, masks must still be worn on the bus.



Frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing will continue.



Social distancing will remain at 3' or greater when possible. In eating areas, distancing will be maintained at 6'



Covid testing at school will remain available (only with parental consent – self consent is acceptable for students older than 17). Home tests will be available for classes/cohorts where a positive test occurs. They will also be made available to families with a symptomatic individual. Continued communication and collaboration with the Local Health Authority pertaining to best practices, illness prevention, and contact tracing.

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Consistent with current state health requirements, facemask use will be required *indoors* for all students, visitors, and staff *during regular school hours*. *As of March 14, 2022, indoor masks will be optional.*

Knappa School District recognizes that vaccines for students are a personal choice.

In accordance with state regulations, all school employees are either vaccinated or have an approved exemption.



Implementation of the Parent Square Communication App to increase the ability for open communication between the school, teachers, parents, and students regarding the latest information.

Blended Learning



While school will be in-person this year, we will continue to use online learning strategies, where appropriate, to share content, conduct asynchronous learning (i.e. discussion boards, video content delivery, assignment collection, and posting tasks/schedules.

We learned a lot about how to blend learning during the last year-and-a-half and want to use technology to the best of our ability to support students and families.

Many parent meetings (for example IEP meetings for students with special needs or parent conferences) may remain virtual to increase efficiency and we may still sign documents virtually.

Employees may conduct professional development virtually to save travel resources.



A full distance learning option (KVA) remains available for families who wish to have students attend virtually.

These materials outline Knappa's 2021-22 plan. Please contact your school with any questions or thoughts at 503-458-5993.

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