

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction/SB 1 Plan

Christian County Public Schools implemented our return to school guidance checklist for starting school in September 2020. The guidance document was used to ensure a safe and healthy 20-21 school year for all stakeholders. Christian County Public Schools will continue to use this document and provide updates as deemed necessary through guidance provided by Kentucky Department of Public Health. Each school should utilize the information in the guidance document and tailor it to their specific needs. The information within the guidance checklist was created in conjunction with the safety expectations developed by the Kentucky Department of Public Health and Kentucky Department of Education. The school guidance checklist includes information regarding COVID-19 education and disinfecting; such as a designated staff member to be the school's COVID Officer. COVID Officers are responsible for communicating with the District Health Director, staff, students, and parents regarding possible exposure to COVID-19. Each school has a COVID-19 task force team composed of parents and staff members to provide feedback on the school's re-entry plans.

CCPS began school September 7, 2020 with all elementary school students in-person 5-days a week, middle and high school students were on a hybrid learning schedule with in-person instruction and virtual learning splitting the week. CCPS also offered a Virtual Learning Academy for those students who chose to remain in a virtual classroom setting. Through sanitizing contracts in all buildings, masks for staff/students, purchase of hand sanitizer and thermometers, and maintaining social distance within the classroom, the COVID-19 transmission was monitored and mitigated by CCPS staff. By the end of the 2020-21 school year, all students in CCPS were attending in-person classes five days a week (with the exception of those students who remained in virtual learning). CCPS intends to continue this plan into the future, with updates as provided by CDC guidance and in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Public Health and the Kentucky Department of Education. We will still offer the Virtual Learning Academy for those students which it is deemed medically necessary.

In continuing our plan to offer educational services to all students, CCPS has offered a Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) for those students who have underlying health conditions that prevent them from attending in-person school due to COVID-19. This offering is in response to a large group of parents and students who requested to remain virtual due to health reasons. To support the VLA, ARP ESSER funds will be used to purchase Canvas and Florida Virtual software systems. Florida Virtual is the instructional software that all VLA students will utilize. Canvas is a platform system that all CCPS students will utilize whether

they are VLA or in-person. Canvas software allows for easy transition to non-traditional instruction if necessary. Also in support of virtual learning, technology hardware will be purchased for students and teachers. Chromebooks for students and laptops with docking stations for teachers will be purchased to ensure easy transitions from in-person instruction to non-traditional instruction if the case arises throughout the school year. The chromebooks will allow students at CCPS to have access to the curriculum. Curriculum has evolved and changed and more and more is being delivered electronically. The laptops and docking statements that will be replaced are for teachers. These laptops are needed to replace older desktops that have lapsed on warranty and at times struggle to allow the teacher to work in the new normal classroom. The demands on the processors that are now placed on the teacher computers in order to keep up with changes in the curriculum due to the pandemic.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Senate Bill 1, and safe return to in-person instructional guidance, CCPS will be purchasing touchless, keyless entry access controls, weapons detection scanning devices, and security video cameras for front doors. CCPS will use the touchless, keyless entry access control to allow for teachers to enter the building without having to physically touch the door locks. This will help with the spread of germs but will also help to more fully secure the building as there will be a digital record of who comes in and out of the building and at what time. The weapons detection scanning systems will allow CCPS to scan all students for weapons without holding up the flow of traffic like traditional metal detectors and wandering. Currently students are randomly wanded but these systems would allow for every person who enters a building to be scanned before being allowed full entry into the building. The upgraded security cameras for the front doors will provide a system with a clear picture that will allow for identification prior to entry into our school buildings. These measures will help CCPS to continue to safely remain in school while helping control the spread of germs.