

July 22, 2021

From Atkinson County Superintendent of Schools, Bob Brown:

Following one year of schools operating with multiple methods of instruction (Face-to-Face and Virtual) due to the worldwide Pandemic, the Atkinson County School District (ACSD) now presents a plan to reopen schools for the 2022 academic year. With this document, Atkinson County School District intends to provide the information and guidance needed to help the community, families, students, and staff understand the aspects of the reopening and operation of District schools under current public health conditions.

**Atkinson County School District's reopening school plan proposes full in-person instruction, five days per week for the 2021-2022 school year.**

All programs and services offered by the District will be available to students and families. In addition, any students who may be quarantined due to COVID-19 or who must remain at home for any health-related reason during the 2021-2022 school year will have access to academic content for short term absences (approximately two weeks or less). Access to school curriculum and classroom activities will be through District provided technology including support for internet connectivity. Only if and when governmental authorities close schools or limit school operations, a combination of distance education and in-person instruction, or a Hybrid Model may be implemented in response to a universal, public health threat or condition.

**First Day of School for Students:** Schools will reopen for the 2021-2022 school year on **August 2, 2021** for students in grades Pre-K-12.

The Atkinson County School System will follow guidance from the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), and Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). The information below summarizes the steps we are taking to safely open school as scheduled.

**Atkinson County to offer NO LOCAL VIRTUAL LEARNING OPTIONS**

There will be NO Local Virtual Learning Options offered by the Atkinson County School System for the FY22 School Year. Parents interested in Virtual Learning Options are encouraged to visit the GaDOE Clearinghouse for Virtual Learning Enrollment Options

Students in grades K-12 have several non-local virtual learning opportunities:

For students in grades K-12, virtual learning options can be found at this link:  
- GaDOE Clearinghouse

<https://www.gadoe.org/Technology-Services/Pages/ClearinghouseProviders.aspx>

## REOPENING PLAN SPECIFICS

<p><b>Face-to-Face Open House</b></p> <p><b>July 29, 2021</b></p> <p><b>3:00 – 6:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Pearson Elementary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL GRADES</li> </ul> <p><b>Willacoochee Elementary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL GRADES</li> </ul> <p><b>Atkinson County Middle School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6TH GRADE ONLY</li> <li>• Students in 7th &amp; 8th Grade who are new to Atkinson County Schools</li> </ul> <p><b>Atkinson County High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9TH GRADE ONLY</li> <li>• Students in 10th through 12th Grade who are new to Atkinson County Schools</li> </ul> <p><i>Limit visitors to two per household in addition to the student.</i></p> <p><i>Any daily medications for students should be signed in by a parent or guardian to the school nurse clinic during Open House.</i></p>									
<p><b>Online Open House</b></p> <p><b>July 29 – Aug. 1, 2021</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For Students who do not have the option to attend the Face-to-Face Open House.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student class schedules will be available online on Thursday, July 29 at 1:00 PM.</li> <li>• Each teacher will have class information on teacher webpages</li> </ul>									
<p><b>May Parents Walk Their Child(ren) Into School?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the 1<sup>st</sup> week of schools in ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ONLY - Parents may walk their child(ren) to class; parents cannot go into the classroom, however. Only 1 adult may accompany their child(ren) to class.</li> <li>• During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school - Only Parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten students may walk their child to class; parents cannot go into the classroom, however. Only 1 adult may accompany their child(ren) to class.</li> <li>• Beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school - NO parents will be allowed to walk their child(ren) into school.</li> </ul>									
<p><b>School Arrival Time</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students may enter the building at 7:10 or after. No students are allowed in the building prior to 7:10.</li> </ul>									
<p><b>School Start and Dismissal Times</b></p>	<table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">Elementary</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Middle School</th> <th style="width: 33%;">High School</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7:50 AM</td> <td>7:50 AM</td> <td>7:50 AM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2:50 PM</td> <td>2:50 PM</td> <td>2:50 PM</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Elementary	Middle School	High School	7:50 AM	7:50 AM	7:50 AM	2:50 PM	2:50 PM	2:50 PM
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<p><b>Assemblies/ Large Group Gatherings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assemblies/Large gatherings are allowed.</li> </ul>									
<p><b>Cafeteria</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast will be served / eaten in the classroom.</li> <li>• Lunch will be served in the cafeteria.</li> <li>• Breakfast and lunch are served at NO CHARGE to students.</li> </ul>									
<p><b>Communication</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important Communication will be shared through Facebook, Infinite Campus, Atkinson County School System’s district and school websites.</li> </ul>									
<p><b>Extracurricular Activities/Athletics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics will follow GHSA recommendations.</li> <li>• Extracurricular/Academic clubs will follow DPH and GaDOE guidelines.</li> </ul>									
<p><b>Field Trips</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field trips will be allowed.</li> </ul>									

<b>Safe and Healthy Schools Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parents should pre-screen students before sending them to school or bus stops each day. Any student with a measured temperature of 100.4 or higher or any COVID-19 symptoms should not be sent to school. They will be sent home if they come to school with symptoms.</li> <li>● All classrooms will be supplied with hand sanitizer and disinfectant.</li> <li>● Best practices for hand washing will be implemented.</li> <li>● Custodial staff will be provided disinfecting equipment and supplies.</li> </ul>
<b>Special Populations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Families with students that have Individualized Education Plans can contact the district Special Education Office with questions or concerns (912) 422-7373</li> <li>● Families of English Language Learners and Migrant Learners can contact the EL Department at (912) 422-7373</li> <li>● Families with questions about Nutrition Services can call (912) 422-7373</li> <li>● Families with questions about Transportation can call (912) 422-7317</li> </ul>
<b>Student School Supplies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All student school supplies will be provided by the Atkinson County Board of Education.</li> <li>● Parents are asked to provide only personal items such as bookbags.</li> <li>● For help in acquiring bookbags, contact Family Connection Director Jennifer Brown.</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parents may opt to transport students.</li> <li>● Bus students are encouraged to sit with family groups.</li> <li>● Hand sanitizer will be available on all buses.</li> </ul>
<b>Visitor Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Visitors are allowed.</li> <li>● Masks are optional.</li> <li>● Video conferencing is also an option.</li> </ul>
<b>Water</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Water bottles are recommended.</li> <li>● Water filling stations are located at each school.</li> <li>● Water fountains have been turned off.</li> </ul>

## QUARANTINES

***All Atkinson County Schools will implement DPH and GADOE quarantine guidelines for close contacts as well as guidelines for students and faculty who test positive for COVID-19***

## QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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