

SCCSD Restart and Recovery Plan Guidance and Summary

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INTRODUCTION

The Sunflower County Consolidated School District is committed to Empowering Staff, Engaging Communities and Educating Students. The safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and families are the foundation of fulfilling that mission. When developing the plan for a safe return to school, the Sunflower County Consolidated School District consulted with parents, teachers, students, health officials, and community stakeholders to better understand their concerns and ensure we were taking necessary precautions. We have developed and will continue to refine our Restart and Recovery Plan. The plan will be revised as necessary. The Restart and Recovery Plan is subject to change based on updates and recommendations from the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Center for Disease Control (CDC), and Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) guidelines.

The Sunflower County Consolidated School District will implement the following safety protocols:

- Daily cleaning and maintaining of facilities, including ventilation improvements
- Daily temperature checks, health screening, and social distancing when possible
- Mandatory mask wearing regardless of vaccination status
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout campuses
- To protect the safety of our students and staff, SCCSD will limit visitors to the school buildings
- Parent/guardian (or employee) must notify the principal (or supervisor) immediately upon receiving positive test results
- Isolation and quarantine protocols will continue following MSDH and CDC guidelines
- Each campus will have quarantine protocols
- Administration may transition school(s), class(es), or grade(s) between learning modes according to MSDH and CDC guidelines.

GENERAL INFORMATION

District Name: **Sunflower County Consolidated School District**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

1. What is the school district's plan for scheduling instructional delivery students when school opens?

1 Traditional schedule

Beginning August 9, 2021 students will attend school traditionally for 8 hours Monday through Friday.

1 Hybrid schedule

1 Virtual schedule

2. Briefly describe the school district's contingency plan for scheduling instructional delivery to students should the district or school(s) have to close due to an outbreak?

1 Option A: Distance/Virtual/e-Learning/Remote Method(s)

1 Option B: Packets/Assignments (portfolio, project-based, etc.)

1 Option C: Blended Combination of Packets and Virtual (Option A + Option B)

1 Option D: Other (provide details)

Details: In the event that the district or individual schools have to close due to an outbreak, instruction will immediately transition to 100% virtual, via our Learning Management System, CANVAS. Individual students who need to be quarantined will complete assignments provided until quarantine days have been completed. Exceptional Education students who are quarantined will be provided services via Zoom for one hour daily.

3. How does the district plan to ensure mastery of content for Carnegie credit courses? [NOTE: The district's plan to address this requirement must be approved by the local school board and posted on the district website no later

than September 30, 2020.]

Details: Students will achieve mastery through face-to-face learning. Students who have to quarantine will complete approved virtual lessons via our Learning Management System, CANVAS. We will also utilize our Credit Recovery online platform for students to receive Carnegie credit.

4. How will the school district take attendance in a hybrid or virtual schedule? Mark all that apply.

1 Attendance monitored by learning management system (LMS)

- 1 Attendance taken via one-on-one teacher-student contact

1 Attendance taken via student progress on daily assignments / established learning goals / assignment completion

5. Provide a link to the LEA-defined policies being used to meet the criteria for reporting students present in a virtual learning environment.

Link:

<https://sccsd.msba policy.org/DistrictPolicies/ViewsAdmin/SelectedDocumentReadOnly/tabid/9418/Default.aspx?docId=139054>

OPERATIONS

6. How will the school district provide transportation?

- 1 Regular bus routes

Details (windows open, masks on bus, cleaning schedule, seating arrangement based on loading / unloading order):

1 Bus routes with reduced student capacity

Details (windows open, masks on bus, cleaning schedule, seating arrangement based on loading order / unloading order):

Everyone will be required to wear a mask on the bus. Students will have assigned seats and will load the bus from back to front. Buses will be sanitized according to safety guidelines.

7. Where will the school district provide meals to students?

1 Cafeteria

1 Classrooms

1 Other common space

1 Other

Details: All meals will be prepared by cafeteria staff. Serving processes are dependent upon school and the classroom sizes. Students may be served in the cafeteria or in the classroom, based on the specific needs of the school. Students will have a scheduled time for both breakfast and lunch and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

8. What are the planned start and end dates for students?

a. start date for fall semester (08/09/2021)

b. end date for fall semester (12/17/2021)

c. start date for spring semester (01/04/2022)

d. end date for spring semester (05/26/2022)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

9. Does the district plan to require masks of students and adults while being transported and on campus?

1 Masks required of adults only

1 Masks required of students only

1 Masks required of all individuals regardless of vaccination status

10. If requiring masks of students, what ages / grade levels will be required to wear a mask? Mark all that apply.

1 Pre-K (ages 3-4)

1 Elementary school (grades K-5)

1 Middle school (grades 6-8)

1 High school (grades 9-12)

11. Which of the following cleaning and sanitation topics are addressed in the district's comprehensive plan? Mark all that apply.

1 Buildings, classrooms, and common areas

1 Food and nutritional service areas

1 Transportation (buses, service areas, and equipment)

1 Areas associated with co-curricular or extracurricular events

12. How will the district identify and address the needs of students and staff with underlying health conditions?

Details:

- a. Parents of students and staff with underlying health conditions are encouraged to abide by the recommendations of their healthcare provider.
- b. Health/Medical Information forms are provided to parents/guardians during student registration.
- c. Parents and staff are encouraged to provide written medical statements from their healthcare provider outlining the modifications required.
- d. The district has 3 nurses who provide individualized support to students with underlying health conditions.
- e. All elementary schools have nursing stations, via partnership with Delta Health Center.
- f. The district has 6 social workers to address staff and students' social, emotional, and mental health needs.

Address the needs

- a. When feasible, the district will modify the learning/working environment according to their healthcare provider's recommendation.
- b. Provide places to store routine or emergency medications and equipment.
- c. Encourage and educate high-risk individuals on the proper use of masks, handwashing, sanitation, and staying home when ill.
- d. Have masks and sanitizers available for use.

13. Who is responsible for overseeing health and safety within the district?

Name / contact information: **Kakawonda Hibbler, District Nurse**
Nurses@sunflower.k12.ms.us

14. How does the district intend to ensure safety of students, staff, and spectators involved in co-curricular and extracurricular activities (athletics, band, choir,

etc.)?

Details for each activity:

- a. The district will adhere to local government and CDC recommendations for the maximum number of individuals allowed during indoor and outdoor activities.
- b. The district will adhere to local government mandates for wearing face masks.
- c. The district will provide handwashing facilities and visible sanitizer stations.
- d. The district will post signage indicating social distancing, mask-wearing, and hand hygiene.
- e. The district will promote, encourage, and educate students to have their equipment/supplies necessary for each activity, and avoid sharing equipment/supplies.
- f. The district will conduct temperature checks before entering the activity.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

15. How will the district provide technology and academic support to families?

Details:

At the onset of the pandemic, the district extended a technology survey to all of its stakeholders. Based on this information, we determined it was imperative that we invest in technology that would allow for all of our students to have access to viable technology and internet where available.

The Sunflower County Consolidated School District (SCCSD) is a 1:1 district. All students have access to a Chromebook and a wireless internet hotspot. In addition to the technology, the SCCSD has purchased the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS). Canvas will serve as the “digital locker” for all classes, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Outside of the LMS, the SCCSD has purchased iReady (K-12), Study Island (K-12), Edmentum (9-12), and USATestPrep (9-12) as an instructional program to assist with academic support. These programs can be used at home or at school to support our families in the tradition, hybrid or fully virtual model of instruction.

COMMUNICATIONS

16. How will the district communicate its comprehensive plan regularly with families?

The district began (in June) and will continue a weekly information blast that is shared with stakeholders via the district's website, Facebook page, Twitter account, and also in text to parents via a messaging system. The weekly newspaper also has been used to share from these blasts. The district also has virtual Community Conversations where pertinent information is shared with stakeholders via the ZOOM platform. Stakeholders are allowed to submit questions prior to the virtual meeting, and those questions are addressed in the meeting. Recordings of the Community Conversations are placed on our website and social media platforms.

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Dedicated email address: sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us
Dedicated website address: www.sunflower.k12.ms.us

17. How will the district communicate with families should there be an outbreak that necessitates immediate closure?

Details: The district will release an immediate letter, call, and text message to families, notifying them of any possible outbreaks or even if there is potential for exposure for a specific group. A call will go to the specific school population, or the district, via our all-call management system.