

Carbon Cliff-Barstow District #36



Modified Return to School Plan 2021-2022

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GUIDANCE FROM ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE)

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) passed a resolution that all schools must resume full in-person learning for all student attendance days for the 2021-2022 school year.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

The Board of Education supports the recommendation of mask-optional for all individuals, effective immediately. We will continue to monitor Federal and state guidance as it becomes available. Local conditions, including the prevalence of the virus in the school and community, will also be monitored. Our mitigation strategies will be adjusted if necessary for the health of our students, staff, and community.

The District will continue social distancing to the greatest extent possible in all settings. The District asks parents to perform symptom screenings on their children prior to arrival to school every morning. Staff will also perform symptom screenings on themselves prior to coming to school as well. We will follow school guidelines for individuals who test positive, have symptoms or are exposed and are “close contact” cases. We will continue to emphasize proper hygiene and school sanitizing routines as recommended from the latest guidance.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

- All students and staff will be encouraged to wash/sanitize hands frequently.
- Desks will be separated as far apart as possible.
- Hand sanitizing stations have been added in all school buildings.
- Touchless water bottle fill stations are available in all schools.
- Students are encouraged to bring a refillable, clear water bottle for individual use.
- Teachers will provide assigned seating for students and require students to remain in these seats to the greatest extent possible.

EMPLOYEE

Employees will perform a symptom check prior to arrival at school. Any employee showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home. Employees are verifying they are symptom free by coming to school.

STUDENT

The District requests all parents to perform a symptom check on their child prior to arrival at school or the bus stop. Any child showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home. By sending their child to school or the bus stop, the parent is certifying that their child is not displaying any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 outlined in this document.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?

In addition to the already established guidelines in our student handbooks, we ask that you keep your child home if he/she is experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

CLEANING PROTOCOLS

- Routine cleaning and disinfecting is key to maintaining a safe school environment.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols will be continued.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected throughout the day.

ILLNESS AND DIAGNOSIS MONITORING

Continual communicable disease diagnosis monitoring and the monitoring of student and staff absenteeism will occur through collaboration of those taking absence reports and school nurses/school health staff. Employees and families are encouraged to report specific symptoms, COVID-19 diagnoses, and COVID-19 exposures when reporting absences.

PROTOCOLS FOR SECRETARIES REGARDING ABSENCE CALLS

When a parent calls to report a student absent, the secretary will ask the following questions:

1. Why is the student going to be absent?
2. If the answer is medically related, ask the following:
 - a. Has your child or anyone in the household had contact with any person who is showing symptoms for COVID-19 within the last 14 days OR with anyone with known COVID-19?
 - b. Does your child have symptoms related to COVID-19, such as cough, shortness of breath, chills, etc.?

PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS REPORTING ILL TO THE NURSE

If a student is sick, the teacher will call the nurse/secretary to explain the symptoms. Do not send a student to the nurse/secretary without calling first. All employees are encouraged to handle any minor medical issues (small cut, etc.) in the classroom.

TRANSPORTATION

- Buses will be sanitized daily.
- Masks are currently optional for both drivers and passengers.
- Students will be assigned seats with an emphasis on family members sitting together.
- The District will not provide transportation for additional children that are not assigned on the regular bus route(s).

- Parents/Guardians will perform a symptom screening on their child prior to arrival at the bus stop. Parents/Guardians are certifying their child is symptom free by sending their child to the bus stop.

FOOD SERVICE

- The USDA extended their free breakfast and lunch program for the 2021-2022 school year. All student meals will be free.
- Social distancing will be followed to the greatest extent feasible.

LOCKERS AND DRINKING FOUNTAINS

- The use of lockers and drinking fountains at all buildings will resume for the 2021-2022 school year. Each school location has a bottle fill station available for student and staff use.
- Lockers for Physical Education will also be available for grades 6-8 BUT at this time students will NOT be changing for Physical Education. The administration will communicate with students and families if any changes will be made.

TECHNOLOGY

- All students in grades 3-8 will utilize Chromebooks as part of their daily assignments and instruction. Chromebooks will be made available assignments.
- All students in grades K-2 will have an iPad assigned to them for daily use in the classroom. Students at these grade levels will not be taking the devices home.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

- We recognize student participation in extracurricular activities is highly important for our students and is an essential part of a well-rounded student.
- Students qualifying for homebound instruction are not allowed to participate or attend extra-curricular activities and may not participate in any classroom experience on campus.

VISITORS

- Visitors in our school buildings will be determined by the district administration.

FIELD TRIPS AND ASSEMBLIES

- Field trips and school assemblies may be possible per district administration approval and will be optional for students to attend.