



***PANGBURN***  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**  
**2020-21**



### **When is the first day of school for students?**

School is scheduled to begin on August 24, 2020. This date could change depending on ADH, DESE, or local guidance.

### **What will Open House look like in August?**

Open house will be held virtually on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Parents will be contacted by their child's Advisor, Mentor or Homeroom Teacher to schedule a time for your Open house.

### **Will the school provide students with a Chromebook?**

Yes, Pangburn School District students will have access to Chromebooks. Chromebooks will be loaned to enrolled students.

### **How will students socially distance in their classrooms?**

In accordance with the ADH directives, every effort will be made to limit close contact between students. Class arrangements will be used to maximize spacing between students and teachers to the extent possible.

### **Can I walk my child to class?**

We are sorry but no. You may walk them to the front door of the school building and a staff member we assist them in getting to class.

### **Can I visit the school, classroom or eat lunch with my student? Will parents and visitors be allowed in the buildings?**

We are sorry but no. Visitors inside the school will be limited to essential activity.

### **Will school bus and district transportation be provided?**

Yes. The district will provide bus transportation for students. Because social distancing is not possible on a school bus, all drivers and students are required to wear a face covering. There may be exceptions for students with health, sensory, or other conditions. This should be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Buses will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis.

### **Will buses make more trips to reduce the number of students on the bus?**

No, not at this time.

### **How do you intend to provide a safe, sanitized environment?**

The custodial staff will comply with CDC guidance on cleaning and comply with the Arkansas Department of Health sanitation and safety directives.

### **What happens when a classmate/teacher tests positive for COVID-19? How will parents be notified of positive tests in school and possible exposure?**

The ADH controls the procedures to be followed once a teacher or student tests positive. PSD schools will follow the guidance and direction provided to us by the ADH.



### **Is there a virtual option for my child?**

Yes. Pangburn School District is offering two options for students in grades K-12. The first option will be a traditional onsite blended learning curriculum in a classroom setting. The second option will be a virtual remote learning curriculum provided online by Pangburn School teachers. Pangburn School District will be sending out a survey for parents to choose which option is best for their child for the 2020-21 school year.

### **Can my student do both blended and virtual learning?**

No. Parents must choose blended or virtual learning. We would ask that parents commit to a semester in each of these options unless there is an extenuating circumstances, which would be handled on a case by case basis by the building principal.

### **If my child commits to virtual learning during the fall semester, can he/she return to blended learning for the spring semester?**

Yes. Parents may choose to have their student return to blended learning at semester. Guidelines will be developed and shared concerning the agreement to participate in virtual school.

### **Does the traditional blended learning mean that students will participate in both on-site and off-site instruction?**

No. Traditional blended learning will take place on-site. If schools are mandated to close again or a student becomes ill, students participating in traditional blended learning will easily transition into online instruction at home.

### **Will attendance be taken regardless of traditional onsite learning or *online remote learning*?**

Yes. Attendance will be required and taken regardless of the learning environment.

### **If students choose to do full-time virtual learning, will they be able to participate in extracurricular activities?**

Yes. Pangburn students are allowed to participate in extracurricular activities. Students must fully participate in all practices and other requirements to remain eligible. Students that attend practices that occur during the middle of the day must be taken home after practice is over. Parents are responsible for all practice related transportation.

### **Will students still have elective classes (PE, art, music, guidance, library, etc.) and recess?**

Yes. Students will continue to participate in activity/elective classes and enjoy recess. Some activity/elective classes will be set up differently to comply with social distancing protocols. Outdoor play time may be arranged to limit the number of students during a recess. Additionally, playground equipment will be sanitized between groups of students.

### **How will the needs of my child with a disability be met?**

In the case of on-site learning, your child's IEP or 504 plan will be followed as it is currently written. If your child is participating in blended, remote, or virtual learning, the IEP or 504 committees may need to reconvene to amend the plan to meet your child's needs in that specific style of instruction. All disability-related concerns will be considered on an individual basis with every effort made to meet your child's individual needs.

### **Will face coverings or masks be mandatory?**

In compliance with the latest CDC recommendations, face masks will be required for students ages 10 and above when social distancing cannot be assured. If a child has a health condition or sensory concern that would make it not possible for the child to wear a mask, the parent should contact the building principal to schedule a conference.

### **Will the district provide face coverings for students and staff?**

Yes. The PSD will provide a reusable/washable cloth mask for staff and students who are age 10 and above.

### **Will my student be able to wear a face covering brought from home?**

Yes. As long as the face covering meets [ADH guidelines](#), students may choose to wear a face covering brought from home.

### **Will visitors be screened daily?**

Yes. All visitors entering the building will be screened prior to entering the facility/bus. Entry to each building on campus will be limited to admit only essential visitors.

### **Will parents, PTO members, visitors, volunteers, etc. still be allowed to visit campus or each lunch with their students?**

Current ADH guidance does not allow visitors in the school buildings except for the reception/lobby areas. Parents and families will not be allowed to eat breakfast or lunch with the students. We are saddened by this requirement but we must follow the current guidance.

### **Will water fountains be available?**

No. However, the district is working to install contact-less water dispensing stations in each school for students to use when refilling water bottles. Students will be provided a personal water bottle by the district.

