Pangburn School District
Guidebook for Re-Entry to School
2020-21

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A message from Superintendent, David Rolland:

Dear Families and Students,

I appreciate everyone’s patience over the summer as our team has worked hard to prepare our school to serve the needs of all of our students and their families. The challenges we faced this year has given us all a new perspective on education and on life in general. As we look to the future, I am confident that we can face the challenges ahead and open our school in a way that is safe, practical and addresses the concerns of everyone.

We are committed to providing a quality education to all our students and we realize that will look different for each and every student. The pages in this plan detail the ways that the Pangburn School District is working toward providing a first-class education.

I would like to thank the Ready for Learning Committees for their expertise, advice and support; our faculty for their work and relentless efforts to address the work which lies ahead to implement this plan; and the support that we have received from the local community.

As we begin the process that lies before us, please remember that if you ever have any questions or concerns throughout the process, our faculty and staff will be here to support you. For the most up to date information about our plans, please continue to check our website and social media platforms.

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The safety and well-being of our students, staff and families is of utmost importance. When the 2020-21 school year begins in Pangburn, on-campus school will look much different than previous years due to new health and safety measures. Pangburn is developing plans to reopen schools based on guidance from Governor Asa Hutchinson, Arkansas Department of Health and Arkansas Department of Education. District plans are subject to change as situations evolve over time.

In the upcoming school year, district leaders will focus on academic instruction to enhance student performance and address learning loss. At the same time, PSD will work to maintain access to extra-curricular activities that are so important to the physical, mental and social well-being of our students.

**TIGERS RETURN TO LEARN 2020-2021**

**WHAT FAMILIES CAN EXPECT WHEN SCHOOLS REOPEN**

The following health and safety guidance has been recommended by the Arkansas Department of Health for the reopening of schools based on current information and will be updated as the situation changes.

**Screening at Home**

- Parents are recommended to take their child’s temperature each day before going to school. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher should not go to a school site.
- Students and adults should also screen themselves for respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath prior to coming to school each day. Students and adults experiencing those symptoms should not attend school.

**Arriving at School**

- Staff members will be wearing face masks when social distancing cannot be assured.
- Parents and visitors will have limited access to the school campus.

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**WHEN SCHOOLS RESUME IN THE FALL, THEY WILL LOOK DIFFERENT. HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:**

Schools will reopen with a continuum of options that include on-campus and remote learning.

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FAMILY CHOICE #1

I WANT MY CHILD TO START BACK TO TRADITIONAL STYLE OF SCHOOL, ON CAMPUS.

Traditional/Blended Learning

K-4th grade students who participate in the traditional/blended learning option will attend school onsite and receive face-to-face instruction and assistance in the traditional classroom. They will follow a regular schedule for full days of instruction Monday through Friday.

5th-12th grade students who participate in the traditional/blended learning option will attend school onsite two (2) days a week and receive face-to-face instruction and assistance in the traditional classroom. Students will be given assignments to be completed on the days that they are not on campus.

Students will receive district issued Chromebooks and will be prepared to seamlessly pivot to instruction delivered virtually should they be absent for a limited time because of illness or other legitimate circumstances or there should be a period of school closure. Virtual lessons provided during these absences will be aligned with the curriculum in the traditional setting so students will be able to complete work and transition back into school without falling behind.

21st Century Learning: Optional for students' 5th-12th grade

This (optional) program is for students in need of additional support, internet access, or who work better in a daily structured environment. Students would be onsite five (5) days week and receive assistance in the traditional classroom. For additional information please contact Mrs. Louks at 501-278-4912.

FAMILY CHOICE #2

I AM NOT YET COMFORTABLE SENDING MY CHILD BACK TO SCHOOL IN THE TRADITIONAL SETTING, ON CAMPUS, SO I NEED ANOTHER OPTION.

Remote/Online Virtual Learning:

Online/Remote learning is a digital learning option for students in Grades K-12. This platform is for those students who may not feel comfortable with the traditional setting; however, it may not be the best fit for some. Using a digital device, students will receive instruction delivered by Pangburn School District teachers. The instruction will follow a much more rigorous and comprehensive curriculum than the AMI lessons that were offered last spring. The curriculum will be comparable with the regular classroom and will mirror the learning expectations in the traditional setting. The instruction may include live interaction between students and teachers, previously recorded teacher lessons, instructional videos, research, and independent activities. Teachers will respond to student questions and provide assistance during scheduled times and interact with students through Google Meets (Hangouts) to monitor progress. Students will be provided school issued Chromebooks. For the digital platform to be effective, sufficient and consistent broadband internet is needed.

Students who enroll in Online/Remote learning should be self-motivated, computer literate, committed, and independent learners. They must be effective communicators and have good time management skills. Even though it is expected that students complete the work themselves, it is essential that students who participate in a full time online program have strong parental support and monitoring of student work and progress.
TRANSPORTATION

- All bus riders will be required to wear masks. A seating chart will be used, and students will be placed as far from one another as feasible.

- Siblings/members of the same household will sit together on the school bus.

- All students should have their temperature checked at home prior to loading the bus. Any student with a temperature of 100.4 or higher should not board the bus.

- All students should social distance at bus stops while waiting for the bus.

In light of the social distancing guidelines, we encourage parents, if at all possible, to transport their own children to and from school.

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General Safety Precautions

Parents should screen students daily, including taking body temperature, before sending/bringing their children to school.

Water fountains will not be used; instead, bottle filling stations will be provided. Pangburn School District will provide a water bottle for every student.

Face coverings are required for students age 10 and above at times when social distancing of six (6) feet or more cannot be assured. Face coverings may be removed during instructional time in classrooms and at other times when appropriate distancing among students and between students and teachers is achieved. PSD will provide cloth masks for every student and staff member. Disposable masks will be offered as needed.

School staff will be proactive in the teaching of responsible hand and respiratory hygiene to students. Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and through the building. Signage will be posted throughout the building encouraging good hygiene practices.

The school nurse will be notified when a student is being sent to his/her office. The student will be checked for symptoms. If a student is showing symptoms, he/she will be isolated in a separate area until a parent/guardian arrives to pick him/her up.

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**BREAKFAST**

K-4 breakfast will be available at 7:30 a.m. in the elementary safe room. A grab-and-go breakfast will be available for high school and middle school.

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**LUNCH**

Lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Other locations for students to utilize while they eat lunch may include the top of the Arena, MS Annex, and both the Elementary and HS safe rooms. Students will be assigned a dining area based on class schedule. Dining areas will follow social distancing guidelines. Students are required to wear a face covering until seated in a dining area. No visitors will be allowed during lunch.

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**RESTROOM BREAKS**

Restrooms will be monitored between and during classes by school staff. Face coverings must be worn during transitions and while in the restroom. Hands must be washed and/or hand sanitizer used when leaving or entering the classroom.

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**RECESS / SOCIAL TIME**

Opportunities to visit in small groups in a physically distanced environment will occur during meal times. Congregating in hallways or other common areas will be discouraged. Large assemblies and gatherings will not be scheduled during the school day until guidance from state authorities permit such assemblies/gatherings.

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**VISITORS AT SCHOOL**

When possible, parents and visitors should call the school to make an appointment with school staff. Many issues may be resolved by utilizing telephone or online resources. Guests for lunch are not allowed.

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PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN CLASSROOMS

Students will physically distance in classrooms as space allows. Non-essential furniture and equipment will be removed from classrooms. Face coverings will be worn when physical distancing is not possible. Every classroom and flex room will have seating charts.

PARENT RESOURCES

Parent and student videos will be available to provide information regarding what school will look like prior to the first day of school. Social emotional learning resources will be provided to parents by building counselors. FAQ documents will be provided to parents prior to the first day of school on the school website.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

Teachers will communicate with parents through phone, email, and (REMIND) messaging service. Informational videos for parents will be placed on the school website and social media.

STUDENT LOCKERS

Student lockers will not be used until further notice.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

IEP Implementation

**Blended (on-site) Learning:** IEPs will be implemented as written as long as on-site learning is available; if virtual learning is implemented, plans may need to be amended.

**Virtual/Remote:** IEPs may be amended by committees to better meet the learning environment.

Speech, Occupational, and/or Physical Therapy

**Blended (on-site) Learning:** Due to the hands-on nature of therapy, our therapist will wear protective equipment.

**Virtual/Remote:** Provided via tele therapy or provided on campus as at scheduled time.

Special Education: Inclusion Classes (formerly known as co-teaching)

**Blended (on-site) Learning:** Special education teachers assists students in the general education classroom.

**Virtual/Remote:** Special education teacher will collaborate with the Virtual teacher online.

Special Education: Resource Classes

**Blended (on-site) Learning:** Students attend small classes for literacy and/or math.

**Virtual/Remote:** Special education teacher will provide virtual instruction.

Special Education: Self-Contained Classes

**Blended (on-site) Learning:** Students attend separate classes for any academic subject.

**Virtual/Remote:** Special education teacher will provide virtual instruction. Parent-teacher consultation. Academic or functional help may be provided on campus at scheduled times.

DYSLEXIA INTERVENTION

Students who qualify for dyslexia services will continue to receive small group intervention. If on-site learning is transitioned to online learning only, students will work with the dyslexia interventionist via Google Meet.

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ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Arkansas Activities Association is preparing to resume activities and athletics this fall/spring in accordance with the regular AAA calendar. These preparations are contingent upon compliance with all directives as issued by the Governor's Office and the Arkansas Department of Health.

ATHLETICS

Athletic programs will follow directives and guidelines set in place by the Arkansas Activities Association, Arkansas Department of Health, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

BAND/CHOIR

The band/choir programs will follow directives and guidelines set in place by the Arkansas Activities Association, Arkansas Department of Health, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Field Trips

Field trips are not currently recommended. Virtual field trips will be considered when possible.

Assemblies, dances and rallies are not recommended at this time.

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VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

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

The emphasis at Open house will be procedures, technology, and contingency plans for remote learning.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registration forms will be available, online, for parents to complete regarding intent for the 2020-2021 school year.

The deadline to submit the form is August 10, 2020.

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HOW TO WEAR A FACE COVERING

WHY SHOULD YOU WEAR A MASK?
Face masks block the release of virus-filled droplets into the air when you cough or sneeze. This helps slow the spread of COVID-19. While a cloth mask won’t totally block the coronavirus, it is an added layer of protection, when used with regular hand washing and social distancing.

ARE FACE MASKS MANDATORY?
All staff, students (4-12 grades) and visitors are expected to wear a face covering at all times on our campuses when social distancing of 6 feet cannot be assured.

WHEN IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO NOT WEAR A MASK?
It is appropriate for a staff member to not wear a mask when working alone in a private office or when eating your lunch in a socially distanced fashion.

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STEP ONE:
Start with clean hands when putting on your mask. Face coverings should be clean, dry and in good condition. Disposable masks are intended for one time use, their protective abilities diminish with each use.

STEP TWO:
Adjust your face covering to fully cover your mouth and nose. Your face covering should rest on the bridge of your nose and extend to the bottom of your chin.

WRONG VS. RIGHT

STEP THREE:
Clean your hands before you remove your mask. Discard your mask in the waste bin, if disposable. If reusable, it is recommended to wash your mask in hot water nightly.
The PSD Maintenance Department will follow all recommended practices given by the Arkansas Department of Health. The appropriate cleaning agents and other sanitizers will be used including hospital-grade disinfectants.

Physical barriers may be placed where social distancing is not possible.

All students and staff will be encouraged to wash/clean their hands regularly.

Hand sanitizing stations will be made available.

Campuses will limit sharing of supplies between students and disinfect between uses if sharing is unavailable.

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No matter the circumstances, we are looking forward to working with parents, students and community members when school begins on August 24th.

The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. Our goal will be to provide the safest experience possible.

We will continue to monitor the evolving Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), and Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) guidelines and update and adjust as needed the information we provide to you.

This plan will be modified as public health guidelines are updated. The plan will also be reviewed at the end of each 9 weeks.

Please continue to check our website and social media platforms to receive the latest news.

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