



The RISD Administrative Team has been working diligently on our 2020-21 reopening of school plan. It has been challenging due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19. Our first priority is the safety of our students, their families and our employees. Of course, our first preference is to return to school under a traditional model; however, with the anticipation of continued public health restrictions through the fall, we will start in August by offering two models of instruction. As a community we will have to be flexible as we monitor the progress of COVID-19. Plans are fluid and we may need to make changes to our plans throughout the school year.

OPTIONS FOR START OF 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Parent/Guardian of Student will select one of the following options:

ENHANCED TRADITIONAL MODEL

This plan will include face-to-face instruction at school beginning on August 26, 2020 (5 days per week) with enhanced safety precautions in place such as social distancing, face masks, temperature checks, increased hand sanitizer, increased frequency of cleaning of high touch areas. There will be no assemblies or field trips and visitors to the school will be limited. Breakfast will be served as a grab-and-go and lunch will be structured to allow for social distancing between students. Students will have the option of bus transportation. A parent or adult listed on the student's emergency contact list must accompany students to the bus stop. A request to change to the Virtual Option Model must be made to the principal at least one week prior to the end of the 9-week term.

VIRTUAL OPTION MODEL

This plan will include virtual options for student learning beginning on August 26, 2020. This option will require a device and internet availability in the home is required. Students and parents can opt for this model on a trial basis from August 26th thru September 4th; after that date, whichever model is chosen would continue for the remainder of the 9-week term. This will be a one-time trial period for the Virtual Option Model. Students will utilize various modes of instruction to include Google Classroom, live instruction and will submit assignments electronically. Students must be online for class at designated times. Students that participate in the virtual option will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities. A request to return to the Enhanced Traditional Model must be made to the principal at least one week prior to the end of the 9-week term.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation poses unique challenges for social distancing. All students will be required to have their temperature checked before boarding, use hand sanitizer as they get on the bus, and wear a mask on the bus at all times. If a student has a temperature of 100.4 or greater he/she will not be permitted to board the bus. A parent or adult approved by the parent must be at the bus stop with the student until the student gets on the bus. Students will load the bus from back to front, this will ensure that students are not walking past each other to their seat. The bus will be unloaded row by row beginning with the front of the bus.

PRESCHOOL

Guidance about teaching preschool during COVID has not yet been released by the Kentucky Department of Education. If you have a child who is or may be attending preschool, we will continue to release information as we learn more. Please contact Kim Staton at Russell Primary School if you have any questions about preschool.

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS

If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) your child's Case Manager will be in contact with you to address any individual concerns.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

Our first priority is the safety of our students, their families, and our employees. We will follow to the best of our ability Healthy at School safety expectations released by KDE in conjunction with Kentucky Department of Public Health, Greenup County Health Department, and the Governor's office.

- Students (Grades 1-12), staff and visitors will wear a mask, except those with a medical exception (contact the District Health Coordinator to discuss the exception).
- Staff, bus riders, car riders, and walkers will be temperature scanned prior to boarding a bus, exiting a car, and/or entering school. Any student or staff member who has a temperature above 100.4 will be isolated and the District Health Coordinator will be contacted.
- Students will report to designated areas upon entering the building.
- All students and employees entering the school building will use hand sanitizer.
- If classroom space allows for appropriate social distance, then students may remove their masks while at their desks; however, masks are required at all other times. Students will be given periodic 'mask breaks' throughout the day.
- Student desks will face the same direction.
- Assigned seating will be mandated in all classrooms and on buses.
- Teachers and students will be grouped to limit movement in the building.
- The amount of time students spend in the hallways and transitions will be limited and require a mask.
- There will be directional hallway traffic markings on the floor and stairwells with some being designated one-way traffic.
- All staff will wear PPE when working directly with students.
- Common areas are closed to group activities.
- Non-essential visitors will be limited.
- There will be increased cleaning and sanitizing of buildings and school property.
- Playground schedules will be released by the RPS and RMIS Principals (playgrounds are subject to close).
- Students will hand sanitize before and after using playground equipment.
- School nurses will have procedures in place to deal with students that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms in a separate area from the Nurse's Office.

Please feel free to reach out to your school or the district office with questions. Please visit our webpage and follow our social media for up to date and accurate information. Thank you for your patience and

understanding as we work together to provide the best education possible for Russell Independent students while also protecting our students, families and employees.