Ready For Learning Plan

Norfork School District

Re-Opening Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year

Norfork School District Ready for Learning Plan of Actions and Assurances

1. We will ensure the continuity of teaching and learning by providing a guaranteed and viable curriculum that includes blended learning (K-12) and diagnostic assessments (K-8).
2. We will address unfinished learning from the prior year by using *Arkansas Playbook: Addressing Unfinished Learning* and district developed resources.
3. We will schedule teacher training for how to use the *Lincoln Learning Solutions*.
4. *We will provide support for parents and students.*
5. *We will provide a written communications plan for interacting with parents, students, and the community.*

Action #1

We will *ensure the continuity of teaching and learning* by providing a **guaranteed and viable curriculum** that includes the **Lincoln Learning Solutions (K-12)**, **Google Classroom, and diagnostic assessments**.

Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum

The **diagnostic assessment** to be used to identify students' strengths and weaknesses and develop individual instructional plans for addressing unfinished learning and shape decisions to be made for new learning will be done.

Additionally, local common formative assessments and reading screeners that align with State Standards will be used to identify area of need for point in time remediation and enrichment needs in all grades and subject areas.

Virtual Learning Plans

Virtual Learning will be offered at the individual parents request.

If your child is going into the 7-12th grades, you will need to contact Mr. Bobby Hulse, High School Principal. He can be reached at 870-499-7191 or by email; bobby.hulse@norfork.k12.ar.us

If your child is going into K-6th grades, you will need to contact Mrs. Deanna Klaus, Elementary Principal. She can be reached at 870-499-7192 or by email;

deanna.Klaus@norfork.k12.ar.us

Technology Support for Parents and Students

Families who do not have adequate internet access to support virtual learning <u>during times of closure</u> will have access to the following:

- Hot Spots at locations within the district.
- District Wi-Fi accessible in any school parking lot for free (A list of free access locations in Norfork will be provided as a resource to parents.)

Ensuring the Continuity of Teaching

- Essential standards have been identified and will be the same face-to-face and virtually.
- Diagnostic testing for grade K-6 include: DIBELS, I-Station, Bridge Math, Mobymax, Starreader.
- Diagnostic testing for grades 7-12 include: I-Station for 7th&8th, interim ACT Aspire, and

Teacher Training for LMS and Blended Learning

- Trainings for the Lincoln Learning/Buzz LMS were scheduled on August 30th at 9 am - 12 and from 1pm to 3pm. Teachers from both the Elementary and High School could attend either or both trainings.
- Blended Learning Trainings were held on July 14th and 24th from 8 am -3 pm.

Effective Technology for Parents and Students

- Currently, one device is being provided per family.
- The district has devices ordered to be 1:1 but the devices are currently on back order.

Academic Support for Families and Students

Resources are available for families that include parent support guides by grade span

(COVID-19 support resources, DESE Playbook, etc.)

Events and information about academic supports will be distributed electronically by the appropriate buildings.

Academic Support for Families and Students

Teachers will be available to families to provide academic support whether we are on or off-site. Families and students will be able to communicate with teachers through at least one of the following:

1. Email
2. Phone call
3. Zoom/Google Meet Conference
4. Zoom/Meet office hours
5. In person conference by appointment with health and safety guidelines in place.

Social Emotional Support for Families and Students

DESE Playbook resources specifically addressing social emotional support will be promoted and made available to families.

School Counselors: The counselors will have their own Google Classroom. They will organize small groups of selected students for non-confidential Zoom meetings and address topics such as working on behavior/effort.

Communication Plan: Norfork School District

Communication will occur regularly and promptly at the district and building levels. Initial communication will occur in two phases so as not to overwhelm families and the community with too much information at once.

Phase One: (JULY) Provide general information on re-opening: updated supply lists, attendance, grading, general day-to-day procedure updates.

Phase Two: (late July/early August) Specific information on re-opening: Final information on day-to-day procedure changes, breakfast/lunch procedures, technology, athletics, dismissal an arrival, and transitions.

Action #2

Bus Procedures

1. Hand Sanitizers (Touchless) will be on every bus.
2. ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO WEAR A MASK IN ORDER TO GET ON THE BUS.
3. New route in the afternoons for some in-town students and all Youth Center drop-offs.

Cafeteria Procedures

K-6 will eat in the cafeteria and in the classrooms on a rotating basis to ensure social distancing.

7-12 will eat in the cafeteria and other assigned areas to ensure social distancing.

ALL CAFETERIA TRAYS, EATING UTENSILS AND CUPS WILL BE DISPOSABLE.

New Policy Specific to K-6 Building

- Recess will still be a part of the day on a rotating basis toensure safety of students.
- 7:00 am drop-off time: Students will go straight to classrooms or other designated spaces, there will be NO more Gym entry in the mornings.
- K-2: No mask (unless on the school bus)classrooms will be set up for social distancing. And as they travel from place to place in the building, social distance guidelines will be followed.
- 3-6: Masks will be worn at all times(indoors, and outdoors when social distancing is not possible) except when at their desk and once the student has been seated for meals or snacks.

New Policy Specific to 7-12th High School

- Students will wear masks at all times (indoors, or out doors if social distancing is not possible) except once they have sat down at their desk in class and seated to eat meals or snacks.
- Extra-Curricular activities will continue following AAA guidelines.

Universal Policy Change and Safety Upgrades

- NO VISITORS will be allowed. Anyone arriving to pick-up a child or any essential outside personnel will have to have a mask and be pre-screened before they enter any building. ESSENTIAL BUSINESS ONLY!

- DO NOT send your child to school if they are running a fever or feel sick in general (a screening tool will be provided for all parents and must be used each day).

- ALL classrooms will be set up to promote social distancing.

- School-wide Assemblies will not be utilized.

- If a child has symptoms of COVID-19, they will be sent home and not allowed to return until they have a written release to return from a medical doctor.

- ALL public restrooms will be equipped with new touchless faucets.

Our Pledge To You

Norfork will continue to strive for excellence even in these most difficult times. We encourage everyone to stay flexible and we will do the same. All of us will need to continue to err on the side of common sense. We need your help to continue our great tradition by making sure to help us in what needs to be done to keep our wonderful students safe. Please understand that these are general guidelines and the district and each school will be setting some more detailed guidelines as more information becomes available. These guidelines and plans MAY continue to change as we have access to new and updated information.

In closing, we want to stress that you check our website and Facebook pages regularly and that you call or email with any questions.

GO PANTHERS!!