



Calhoun County Schools Guide for Families

2021-2022

The Calhoun County School System is committed to providing high quality instruction, emotional supports, and a safe in-person learning environment for all students. We are looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year and welcoming all of our students back to campus.

The following Return to In-Person Instruction Plan is designed to provide information about the school district's return to a more traditional year of teaching and learning. **This plan may be revised as circumstances dictate.**

Instructional Models

CCS will have two instructional options for students in grades P-5 (traditional and blended). Students in grades 6-12 will have three instructional options (traditional, blended, and remote).

- Traditional - Face-to-Face; all day every day - Teachers will utilize “traditional instructional strategies”.
- Blended - Utilized for students who are out of school temporarily - Students will receive instruction via a combination of a video platform and a virtual platform. (For example, a student who is quarantined for 14 days might receive classroom instruction through Zoom and Google Classroom).
- Remote - Completely Virtual - Application required. Students must meet minimum GPA requirements to qualify. Will be required to commit to this option for a minimum of one semester with a one year commitment being preferred. This will be strictly a virtual program.

Academic Monitoring

The Calhoun County School System will rely on a variety of data sources in order to identify students in need of support. State assessments (ACAP, ACT, WORKKEYS, WIDA) will be analyzed and used to help make determinations about student proficiency. Students in grades K-8 will be progress monitored using STAR Early Lit, CBM, and STAR Reading and Math. Students in grades 9-12 will progress monitored using Scantron. Attendance data, mental health data, and disciplinary data will also be utilized in the decision making process.

Intervention, remediation, and/or acceleration will be integrated into the school day, into after school/extended day opportunities, and throughout the summer camps.



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School Procedures/CDC Guidelines

Cleanliness and Hygiene

- Daily cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms, restrooms, and common areas.
- Hand washing/ hygiene routines
- Encourage face masks for students
- Students are encouraged to bring a labeled water bottle from home.

Social Distancing

- Practice social distancing protocols as feasible considering line spacing, classroom seating arrangements, and limited contact sports in PE.

Transportation

- All students assigned to a bus will be transported by bus.
- Buses will run on normal schedules.
- Assign students to seats, sit with members of same household if possible
- Sanitize buses daily after morning and afternoon routes.
- Currently no field trips.
- Face masks are required for students who ride buses.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on buses.

Child Nutrition Program Services

- Serving lines will be sanitized thoroughly throughout the breakfast/lunch period
- Consider reduced numbers of students in the lunchroom
- Consider seating that minimizes contact
- Parent/ Family Services
- Conferences/ Meetings: Face-to-face with distancing, telephone, or virtual meetings
- Currently no visitors past the lobby
- Check In/ Out- Recommend only one parent/ guardian inside when possible

Physical Education

- Water fountains will be replaced with touchless water systems.
- Students should be encouraged to bring individual water bottles labeled with the student's name.
- Outdoor spaces should be utilized when possible.
- Students should be encouraged to use social distancing when feasible.
- Handheld equipment and frequently touched surfaces should be sanitized between classes.

Library

- Media Specialists will collaborate with classroom teachers to meet student needs.
- Book sets may be checked out to classrooms for students to use within the class setting.
- Classes may visit the library for whole group lessons and practice distancing where feasible.



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Classroom Procedures

- Sanitation – Classroom sanitation and cleaning will be a joint effort by the school custodial staff, classroom teachers, and other school personnel. The Calhoun County BOE will provide sanitation equipment, material, sanitizer, soap, etc. to ensure proper sanitation of each local school.
- Classroom Seating – Student desks should be spaced apart as much as is feasibly possible and placed in forward-facing rows. Flexible seating should not be utilized.
- Employee Masks – The uses of masks will be governed by Alabama Health Order as directed by Governor Kay Ivey.
- Student masks – Student masks are strongly encouraged but not required in classrooms. Masks may be required for specific extra-curricular activities. (See current AHSAA guidelines.)
- Classroom teachers should remove and minimize the inclusion of cloth and other soft surfaces within the classroom environment (rugs, beanbags, reading tents, etc.).
- Classroom teachers will educate students on best practices for self-care for themselves, as well as others, to include hand-washing, limited sharing of personal items, sneezing in elbow, etc.
- When feasible, desks and table surfaces should be cleaned during transition times.
- All efforts should be made not to send students to the nurse's office for well visits and/or minor needs.
- Additional classroom procedures will be provided at each local school campus.

Parent & Home Prevention

Parents/Guardians – You will be the first line of defense in the protection of the students/faculty/staff of the Calhoun County School System. Please read these safety measures and follow them daily.

- If a child has a pre-existing condition, parents are advised to speak with their child's primary care physician about returning to school.
- Parents will be encouraged to take students' temperatures and assess students before sending them to school. Students who have a temperature of 100.4 or higher and/or are exhibiting symptoms should stay home.
- Parents will be encouraged to give appropriate contact information to the school and make plans to ensure someone is available to check a student out if needed.
- Parents should discourage students from taking non-essential items to school. Items taken to school should be sanitized as feasibly possible.