



Southwestern Wisconsin School District Reopening Plan 2020-2021

This is a working plan/DRAFT and will continue to be modified as the situation warrants.

Fall Reopening the SW Way

We know that school has been on everyone's mind. The following information is an overview of our plan for returning to school in the fall of 2020. We are working on very detailed plans for each building and how the day will look. We wanted to give you an opportunity to view this plan and ask questions. We will present this plan to the school board on August 12.

Last month our school board approved to return to school 5-days a week for all students. We surveyed the parents twice and two different surveys were sent to staff, gathering data to help guide us in our decisions. We also used several sources such as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State of Wisconsin Office of the Governor, Grant County Health and Human Services, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Administration has spent countless hours collaborating with other administrators across the state and country to gather as much data and information that could help in our process.

In talking to the county health department, the COVID cases are increasing in our community, therefore, creating a bigger risk to start school. We have changed our plan from 5 days face-to-face, to a hybrid model. Students in grades 5-12 will be split into two groups, an "A group" and a "B Group," while all students in grades 4K will attend 4 days a week, Monday - Thursday and Kindergarten through 4th grade will continue with face-to-face instruction 5-days a week. We are also offering a virtual education for families that wish to choose that option.

Fall Reopening the SW Way cont.

School is set to start on August 31. We will continue to plan for this as our start date. As we all know, things can change quickly and we will need to be able to be flexible with these changes.

We need your help and support as we work to make this a successful year for our students. Our Administration Staff and Maintenance Department are working hard to provide the safest environment for everyone. This school year will be different and we can't thank you enough for all you do to make Southwestern a great place!!

Regular updates will be made to this plan based on new information. As we learn more, we will adapt as this is part of the scientific method that we teach our students.

Goals of our Return to School Plan

- 1) To ensure the safety of our staff and students
- 2) Provide information to our parents so they are able to make an informed decision about what option to choose for their child(ren).
- 3) Work closely with Grant County about when to move to “all virtual”, “hybrid”, or “five days face-to-face”.
- 4) Put a plan in place that is cognizant of the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual aspects of our students.
- 5) Preparing for “All Virtual” at a moments notice if the State or County orders.
- 6) Support our students, families and staff during the entire year as we work together during these unprecedented times.
- 7) To get every student back into our buildings five days a week.

Instructional Models

During the year we may need to change the way that we deliver instruction. The different scenarios will be based on the guidance from the Grant County Health Department to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

- In-Person Learning
- Hybrid Blended Learning
- All Virtual - Acellus
- Voluntary Home Learning - “Live Streaming”

In-Person Learning

- All Students and staff are in person
- Five days per week
- Staff will be required to wear face coverings (masks/shields)
- Students will be required to wear face coverings (masks/shields). Students will be allowed masks breaks.
- Daily, regular deep cleaning and sanitizing district wide
- Social Distancing measures as practical
- Daily recess with restrictions on playgrounds/fields/parking lot
- Only students/staff allowed in the school
- Limited number of students in cafeteria, classrooms and gym with social distancing
- Limit non-essential visitors and visits
- Students will receive art, PE and modified music and band - these will look different than in the previous years

Hybrid Model Group A and B

Currently 5-12

- Classes of students split into two (2) groups
- Monday and Wednesday
 - Group A attends in person
 - Group B attend virtually through live stream
- Tuesday and Thursday
 - Group B attends in person
 - Group A attends virtually through live stream
- Friday
 - Teachers will be live streaming to all students grades 5-12
 - Early release will still be in place for staff PLC work
- Attendance will be taken and recorded as if students were attending in person

Live Stream Blended Learning

- Parents may choose this option for multiple reasons
- Student may be temporarily unable to attend because of a health issue/quarantine, etc.
- Instruction is by classroom teacher - live streamed from their classroom
- Attendance will be taken daily and students will be required to attend just like they were attending in person
- Grading will be exactly the same as if they chose the face-to-face option
- Student(s) returns to school when able

All Virtual-Mandatory School Closure

- School is closed: students will attend virtually.
- Students participate in scheduled classes via online learning - attendance will be taken
- Southwestern staff will be teaching virtually via Google (Classroom and Meet)
- Virtual learning may be a temporary situation depending on the health concerns at the time.
- Closing decisions will be made by the District Administrator in cooperation with the Grant County Health Department

Voluntary Home Learning Plan - two options

Option 1

- Parents voluntarily decide to have their child receive at-home learning
- Student expectations will be the same as in school: Attend classes as scheduled, complete all assignments in the Google Classroom platform, normal grading scale
- Students will attend virtually via Google Meet.
- Students are taking and receiving credits/classes from Southwestern School District, but are at home learning.
- Students in grades 4K-5, parents will need to commit to be available to help them during the day.

Voluntary Home Learning Plan - two options

Option 2

- Parents voluntarily decide to have their child receive at-home learning
- Online program - Acellus
- Program can be done at anytime during the day or night

Facilities and Grounds

Social Distancing

- Whenever possible, students and staff will practice physical distancing
- Classrooms will be rearranged to allow maximum room for students to spread out

Isolation Room

- A room has been dedicated for individuals that display COVID-19 symptoms

Preventative Measures

- The spout on the drinking fountain will be disabled. The water bottle filler on fountains will be available
- Clorox wipes and sanitizing stations in every classroom

Deep Cleaning

- Sanitation will be done daily, including playground equipment, busses and other shared spaces

Facilities and Grounds

Visitors

- No visitors are allowed
- Limit non-essential visitors and visits
- Only students/employees allowed past the office

Field Trips and Assemblies

- No field trips allowed
- Assemblies this year will be unlikely

Cohorts

- Elementary classes will stay with their group/classes for almost all situations
- Grades will be assigned specific doors for entry and exit
- Seating charts are required

Staffing

- May be reassigned as needed to meet student learning needs

Facilities and Grounds

Face Coverings

- Staff will be required to wear mask and shield when in close proximity to others
- Students will be required to wear face coverings (masks mandatory unless a doctors note is provided; then they will be able to wear a shield).

We understand that there are strong feelings both in support of and against face coverings. At this time, face coverings will be required for anyone in the building. Having students back in school is so important and if wearing face coverings helps us toward this goal, then it is worth it at this time. Our hope is to start conservatively and adjust as the year goes on. This plan is temporary, but important in getting as many students back in the building as possible.

Facility and Grounds

The Southwestern Wisconsin School District is fully committed to safeguarding the health and safety of all employees, students, and visitors. For this reason, effective immediately all District employees, regardless of position or authority, must comply with the following facility cleaning policy.

For District employees whose job duties include cleaning district buildings, the District will provide specific training to address the cleaning protocols and frequency of cleaning in the District buildings. This training will include the proper use of cleaning supplies and safety concerns of the products used. Such persons will also receive training to clean and disinfect after persons suspected/confirmed to have COVID-19 have been in the District.

The District will also establish a cleaning schedule for the District's buildings and will communicate that schedule to all employees.

Facility and Grounds

The District has identified our Maintenance Department for facility cleaning who will strive to ensure:

- All employees understand facility cleaning and hygiene procedures;
- The cleaning frequency of the facility is increased, including the restrooms;
- High-touch surfaces are disinfected multiple times a day, ideally between users;
- Only EPA approved disinfectants effective against COVID-19 are used;
- Ensure handwashing sinks in break rooms and restrooms are stocked with soap and single-use towels;
- Provide hand sanitizer for employee use throughout the District and at employee workstations;
- Employees do not share equipment or tools. If not possible, disinfect between users;
- Provide sanitizer wipes to employees for wiping baskets, door handles, and other frequently touched areas.

Facility and Grounds

Employees are responsible for:

- Replenishing or letting the person-in-charge know when cleaning supplies are low;
- Performing cleaning as scheduled;
- Using proper disinfecting supplies;
- Following all cleaning and social distancing procedures

Transportation

Face Coverings

- Required for all students on the bus
- Required for all drivers while students are on the bus

Alternate Transportation

- Parents are encouraged to transport their students to and from school if at all possible

Seating Charts

- Students will be assigned to a seat

Physical Distancing

- Siblings sit together on the bus
- Physical distancing as much as practical
- Loading and unloading of busses will be different as we are working to mitigate the spread. (please look for more information)

Self-screening

- Parents and students should complete a COVID-19 screening before boarding the bus each morning.
- Students should wash hands before boarding the bus
- Hand Sanitizer will be available on the bus

Extra-curricular and sports

- The weight room/gym has been open since July 6. We are hoping to phase in other activities following appropriate protocol.
- The WIAA decided on July 23, 2020, to delay the start of volleyball, football and boys soccer to September 7, 2020. Other sports, such as, girls golf and cross country will start on August 24, 2020.
- The SWAL and 6 Rivers Conferences continue to meet to assess the upcoming Fall seasons.
- The Musical, typically held in the Spring will be on hold until further notice.
- National Honor Society Induction might look different in the Spring.
- Singing the national anthem or our band playing at halftime of events will not be allowed.
- Other events and activities will be decided as they occur

Food Service

Breakfast

- Elementary students will pick up their breakfast outside their classrooms when they come into the building and eat in their classroom.
- Breakfast for students in grades 6-12 will remain the same and will start serving at 7:30 a.m. Social distancing seating will be required by all students.

Lunch

- 4K will eat in the cafeteria.
- Grades K-5 will eat in their classrooms.
- Grades 6-12 will eat in the cafeteria with social distancing guidelines in place.
- Lunch times will be adjusted to allow for social distancing

Student and Employee Health Screening

If you answer YES to any question, do NOT come to school and please call your medical provider.

1) Have you been exposed to anyone who has tested positive or is suspected to have COVID-19?

2) Have you had any of the following in the past 48 hours?

Fever - Cough - Shortness of Breath - Sore Throat - Body Aches - Diarrhea - Vomiting - Loss of taste or smell

If you can answer NO to both questions, you are OK to come to school.

The best prevention of transmission of any illness is staying home until symptoms have passed.

Someone gets sick while at school

Student

- Sent to office
- If the student has COVID-19 symptoms they will be escorted to the isolation room used only for potential COVID-19 cases
- Student will be required to wear a mask the entire time they remain at school
- The student's parent will be called to arrange for a pick up, backup will be called if parent cannot be reached
- Grant County Health Department will be contacted for guidance
- If parents can't be reached right away emergency contact will be called to pick up child.

Staff

- Sent to office
- If the staff has COVID-19 symptoms they will be sent home
- Staff will be required to wear a mask the entire time they remain at school
- Grant County Health Department will be contacted for guidance

How long do I have to stay home?

If you are sick, you should remain at home for:

- At least three days (72 hours) after you are well
- At least 14 days from the date you first had symptoms

If you live with someone who tested positive:

- Quarantine times may vary depending on ability to social distance inside the home.

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 showing symptoms or not.

- You should be quarantined for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

If you had close contact with a positive case

- Quarantining for 14 days from the last contact

The district will work closely with the Grant County Health Department if there are positive cases of COVID-19 in our district.

Grant County will do contact tracing if positive cases occur.

I came in to close contact with someone with COVID-19-now what?

Close contact is defined as

- Had direct physical contact with the person (for example, a hug, kiss or handshake)
- Were within 6 feet of the person for more than 15 minutes
- Had contact with the person's respiratory secretions (for example, coughed or sneezed on; contact with a dirty tissue; shared a drinking glass, hand towels, or other personal items)
- Stayed overnight for at least one night in a household with the person

If you meet the criteria above for close contact with someone with COVID-19, the CDC recommends: Get a COVID-19 test and self-quarantine and self-check for 14 days, even if the test is negative

Other considerations

- Doors to the Middle and High School will open at 7:30 am
- Doors to the elementary will be open at 7:55 am
- Elementary student drop off and pick up will be located in the back parking lot
- Middle School and High School pick up and drop off will be in front of the MS/HS building. It is suggested that parents drop off at MS/HS first and then drop off at the elementary.
- Wildcat Lane will be closed during the day to allow space for recess, PE Classes, bus loading, etc...
- On campus bus loading will take place down Wildcat Lane
- Elementary and middle school students will be kept in cohorts as much as possible
- High school and middle school students will be allowed backpacks to reduce the use of lockers and allowed clear water bottles.

Upcoming Events

- Registration - Begin on Aug 17 (online registration available)
- MS/HS Locker Days with some orientation (drop off in their lockers and pick up Chromebooks and masks)-Aug 25, 26 and 27-details to follow
- “Welcome Back Wildcat” Orientation 4K - 5th August 25, 26, or 27th 8:00-11:00 AM. Families will receive a letter with their Child’s assigned day.
- August 31-first day of school

Next Steps

August 12

Regular Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

August 17

Community Zoom Meeting - 7:00 pm

August 19 (if needed)

Special Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

- Our plan is constantly being evaluated and adjusted. We will maintain the maximum amount of flexibility as we move forward.
- Your help in doing your part to social distance so we can remain in school is greatly appreciated!!

Point of Contact

We are confident that we have put the best plan possible in place to provide a safe learning environment for all our students and staff. Please feel free to reach out to anyone of us for questions, guidance, support, or just to listen. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER and the more we stick together the better this situation will be.

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