

***Ponca City Public Schools  
Return to Learn Plan  
2020-2021***



# **2020-2021 School Year**

**Our goal is to create an in-person, traditional learning environment with layers of safeguards embedded to protect our students, families, and staff.**

**In an effort for all students to remain Wildcats and continue to have instructional support from a PCPS teacher, we are offering different options for learning to best accommodate the needs of our students and families.**

# Ponca City Public Schools 2020-2021 Learning Options

<b>OPTION 1: ALL ON-SITE LEARNING PreK - 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OPTION 2: BLENDED LEARNING 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OPTION 3 ALL ONLINE LEARNING K - 12<sup>th</sup></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PCPS student in a traditional school setting</li><li>• In-person learning, conversations, and engagement</li><li>• Social interaction with peers and staff</li><li>• Immediate access to libraries and materials</li><li>• Technology and Internet provided, as needed</li><li>• Participate in all activities offered by PCPS</li><li>• Participate in online/in-person registration beginning in July. Please see PCPS Registration press release located at <a href="http://www.pcps.us">www.pcps.us</a>.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remain a PCPS student</li><li>• Edgenuity, a curriculum management system, will be used for online instruction</li><li>• Supervised by PCPS certified teacher with regular contact with student and parent</li><li>• Technology and Internet provided, as needed</li><li>• Participate in school-sponsored athletic and fine arts programs</li><li>• Participate in online/in-person registration beginning in July. Please see PCPS Registration press release located at <a href="http://www.pcps.us">www.pcps.us</a>.</li></ul> <p><b>Contact Barbara Cusick, Executive Director of Curriculum, for information about Blended Learning. 580-767-8000</b></p> <p><b>A representative will be available during PCPS Registration to discuss Blended Learning. This option will require an interview process through PCPS.</b></p> <p><b>Please email your interest to <a href="mailto:registration@pcps.us">registration@pcps.us</a></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remain a PCPS student</li><li>• Edgenuity-6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and Accelerate-K-5<sup>th</sup>, curriculum management systems, will be used for online instruction</li><li>• Supervised by PCPS Certified Teacher with regular contact with student and parent</li><li>• Technology and Internet provided as needed</li><li>• Participate in online/in-person registration beginning in July. Please see PCPS Registration press release located at <a href="http://www.pcps.us">www.pcps.us</a></li></ul> <p><b>Contact Barbara Cusick, Executive Director of Curriculum, for information about Online Only Instruction for students entering grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. 580-767-8000</b></p> <p><b>Contact Teri Vogele, Director of Elementary Curriculum, for information about Online Only Instruction for students entering grades Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup>. 580-767-8000</b></p> <p><b>A representative will be available during PCPS Registration to discuss Online Only Learning. This option will require an interview process through PCPS.</b></p>

# Transportation

**Transportation:** PCPS plans to resume traditional transportation. When possible, windows will be down for air circulation and seating will be staggered. Face coverings are required while riding the bus due to close proximity of students. Students will also be screened for temperature checks upon entering the bus and cleaning protocols will be increased. Students with a fever of 100 degrees or higher will not be allowed on the bus. **It is critical parents do not send children to the bus stop with a fever. (If students do not ride a bus, do not bring them to school with a fever.)**

We do encourage parents to provide their own transportation or carpool if possible. However, transportation will be provided if it is not possible. If there is a shortage of bus drivers, due to COVID-19, the district **may** need to reduce the number of bus routes.

# Maintenance and Child Nutrition

**Maintenance:** Ponca City Schools has increased its cleaning and preparation of facilities in an effort to protect our staff and students. Frequent hand-washing and other healthy protocols will be implemented and practiced. Efforts will be made to ensure hand sanitizer and hand sanitizer stations are available. Upon notification of a positive COVID-19 case in a building, a classroom and/or school may be intermittently closed and it will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

**Child Nutrition:** In addition to traditional meals, our CNP team members are planning for Grab-and-Go Breakfast and Lunch Options to accommodate social distancing if students eat in the classroom or eat outside. Students will still utilize the cafeterias, but at a reduced rate.

Grab-and-Go meals will be available at sites for students learning through virtual Options 2 and 3. Should there be an intermittent closure for any site, class, or group, lunches will be provided at sites through Grab-and-Go options.

# **Layers of Protection Implemented at Each Site**

- ▶ **Entrance and Exit Procedures**
- ▶ **Student and Staff Screening**
- ▶ **Assemblies/Large Gatherings**
- ▶ **Breakfast/Lunch Modifications**
- ▶ **Staggering Schedules**
- ▶ **No Communal Supplies**
- ▶ **Social and Physical Distance Guidelines**
- ▶ **Face Coverings/Will be Required in Some Form – (updates)**
- ▶ **Hydration/Restrooms**
- ▶ **Visitors/Guests in Buildings**
- ▶ **Sanitation Stations**
- ▶ **Parental Involvement Events**
- ▶ **Drills**

# Informational Videos Specific to Each Site and Department

Informational videos have been recorded to inform our patrons the specifics of re-entry plans and all layers of protection to be implemented. These videos were posted on District/School websites and District/School Facebook pages beginning Thursday, July 16.

There is video for every school site, curriculum, special services, social/emotional care, transportation, maintenance, child nutrition, instrumental and vocal music, athletics, and Cat Care.

Written copies are posted on the District website as well.

# Face Coverings

Face coverings will be required in some manner. On July 23, State Superintendent Hofmeister is recommending to the State Board of Education a mandate for face coverings. The recommendation will be based on multi-tiered system that corresponds to the path of the virus, or the risks of our area.

PCPS will provide a Wildcat neck gaiter, or activity mask, to every student and Wildcat masks will be provided to every employee. A PCPS Face Covering Team Store will begin Tuesday, July 21 upon BOE approval.

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 \$8.50 B-CORE 3-PLY MASK	 \$8.50 B-CORE 3-PLY MASK	 \$9.95 PERFORMANCE ACTIVITY MASK	 \$9.95 PERFORMANCE ACTIVITY MASK
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# Partnership with Health Officials



PCPS will partner with the Kay County Health Department, Oklahoma State Department of Health, and OSDH State Epidemiologists to make determinations of possible intermittent closure due to lab-confirmed positive COVID-19.

We are prepared to go with alternate plans for Option 1, in the event restrictions are imposed with limits of students in buildings. These plans will only be implemented if mandated by the state or we cannot keep school open due to increased spread.

# Exposure to Lab Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Diagnoses:

The Kay County Health Department will begin a contact tracing investigation to determine close contact to a positive exposure. The KCHD will utilize the following trigger to determine “close contact”:

Close contact is defined as exposure to a confirmed positive infected person for less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer. If the KCHD determines close contact has occurred, a **14-day** quarantine is likely. If both the infected person and the close contact are wearing masks, quarantines may not be required.

# **Return to School after *Testing Positive for COVID-19***

**Any student or staff member who tests positive or has COVID-19 symptoms may return to school after:**

**3** days with no fever w/o fever reducer **AND**  
Symptoms have improved **AND**  
**10** days have passed since the first symptoms appeared

**Any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms may return to school after:**

**10** days have passed since the test **OR**  
**2** Consecutive negative COVID-19 tests taken 24 hours apart

# Learning Plans for *Option 1* if an Intermittent Closure Occurs

- Students will automatically transition to Distance Learning due to an intermittent closure for *Option 1*. Distance Learning will be supported by the regular classroom teacher.
- Each family who does not have access to reliable internet service or a device will be provided a hot spot and a device (computer) to use during intermittent closures.
- Students will access assignments through Google Classroom at home, and in some cases, teachers may present live lessons through document cameras or Zoom. All district software for reading and math will be available to all students.
- The calendar will not be altered for intermittent closure as these days will be counted as instructional days and completion of assignments will be monitored for attendance purpose.
- From the first day of school, students will be able to practice utilizing Google Classroom with the support of the teacher so students are prepared for Distance Learning. Beginning in September, Professional Developments Days, already on the calendar, will be Distance Learning Days. There will also be in-school practice days.

# Learning Plans for *Option 2 & 3* if an Intermittent Closure Occurs

- Students participating in *Learning Options 2 and 3* will continue with online instruction during an intermittent closure.

# **Social and Emotional Well-Being**

The Social-Emotional well-being of our students is as important as their academic learning. Our district therapists, psychologists, site counselors and outside agencies will be prepared and available to help our students and families.

Additionally, our staff will review and continually focus on implementing strategies for trauma informed instruction, which has been our Professional Development focus for the for the last several years.

# Sports, Fine Arts, and Activities

At this point, we do not know the status of our Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association (OSSAA) activities. However, we have been notified by OSSAA they are planning on moving ahead with activities and extra measures have been planned to ensure the safety of students and staff.

PCPS will follow all requirements imposed by OSSAA, The State Department of Education, and The Oklahoma State Department of Health regarding practices, competitions, spectators, and any other directives imposed. Details will be provided as guidelines develop.

The Big Blue Band, Po-Hi Steppers, and Po-Hi Cheerleaders will not travel to away events to allow for distancing on buses. Spectator determinations have not been solidified and will depend on cases at the time of events.



# Protections for Vulnerable Students and Staff

If students are susceptible or vulnerable to the threats of COVID-19, but are interested in attending traditional school, Learning Option 1, please discuss concerns with the site principal so plans can be made to further limit possible exposure.

If staff members are susceptible or vulnerable to the threats of COVID-19, please discuss concerns with the site principal so plans can be made to further limit possible exposure.



# Ways Parents and Patrons May Help PCPS

- Keep children home if they have a fever of 100 degrees or higher and pick students up promptly if the school calls indicating they have a fever of 100 degrees or higher.
- If a student has had direct exposure to a family member with a lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 case, quarantine them for 14 days; this quarantine will likely be a directive of the health department.
- Actively participate in contact tracing investigations if the health department notifies individuals of the need to participate.
- Be patient and flexible with the school site as visitor protocols have changed until COVID-19 is no longer a threat.
- Donations of hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and face coverings would be appreciated at each site.
- Parents, please have a positive attitude with your child regarding new protocols. You will set the tone for their school year.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as PCPS Returns to Learn. We are excited to see our students and cannot wait to interact with them as safely as possible.

Please feel free to call 580-767-8000 with any questions or comments.

We are here to serve our students and families!

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