



USD 473

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Guidelines for Safely Reopening Schools



2020-2021


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GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING

Choices for Education

USD 473 is preparing for the year by researching and focusing on what is best for students. Changes from state and local offices may be released quickly. USD 473 is prepared to continue educating our students, adjusting to the current mandates as they come. Students enrolled with USD 473 may experience the following phases throughout the year. Communication will be shared concerning phase changes as soon as they are available.


Choice 1: ON-CAMPUS LEARNING

<p>ON-CAMPUS LEARNING</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Campus Open ● Bus Transportation Available ● Social Distancing Implemented ● Masks Required ● Additional Cleaning Procedures
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Mandatory Restrictions May Require Reduced Students in Buildings
Possible Options May Include:

<p>HYBRID LEARNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Schedule Modifications - Students Groups ● Virtual Learning by USD Staff
<p>VIRTUAL LEARNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Buildings Closed by State or County ● Full Time Virtual Learning by USD Staff ● Log of Work Time and Assignments will be required by KSDE (360 min. Per Day)

Choice 2: REMOTE LEARNING --Additional Semester Long - Remote Learning Option

<p>REMOTE LEARNING</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elementary Students--Streamed instruction ● Grades 6-12-- Online Learning Platform who provide instruction and assignments. ● Log of Work Time and Assignments will be required by KSDE (360 min. Per Day) and will be completed by the parent ● USD 473 Employee makes contact daily to check in with progress and needs of the student for 6-12. ● Lunch Opportunities Available ● Participation in Athletics and/or Extracurricular Activities are Unavailable.
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USD 473 is committed to delivering our mission through an educational experience deeply rooted with the health and safety for our students and staff kept in mind. In order to safely and effectively reopen campus, USD 473 is assessing information, acting decisively, and developing guidelines and procedures in service of our community.

As you read this document please know that the following guidelines were created from the following information and guidance:

- Center for Disease Control
- KSDE Navigating Change
- Executive Order: 2059
- Dickinson County Health Department

As the virus is unpredictable, our phases will change based on level of risk as seen below:

Risk Level	Learning Type	Attendance Method
Low Risk	On-Campus Learning	Students who wish, may return to campus and class.
Medium Risk*	Hybrid Learning Option*	Attendance will be staggered as designated by their building principal. <i>*Only available based with the county mandate for social gather size restrictions.</i>
High Risk	Remote Learning	All students in the district will receive instruction from their homes provided by USD 473.
Parent Choice	Full Time Remote Learning	Enrolled in an online curriculum chosen by district, such as Edgenuity , for a <i>minimum</i> of the first semester. An administrator will contact each family to work out the specifics of full time remote learning. (No participation in sports or activities.)

**Risk Level is determined by the Dickinson County Health Department or Local Government*

**The first day of school for USD 473 is scheduled to take place on August 26, 2020.
Staff inservice will begin on August 18, 2020.**

The last day of school will tentatively be May 20, 2021.

SAFETY PROCEDURES

- Faculty and staff will receive professional development and safety procedure training prior to the start of schools.
- All students will be trained in all safety procedures during the first days of school.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

The following times will be the EARLIEST arrival times for students to enter the school building:

- Blue Ridge Elementary School: 7:50 am
- Chapman Elementary School: 7:45 am
- Chapman Middle School: 7:45 am
- Chapman High School: 7:45 am
- Enterprise Elementary School: 7:50 am
- Rural Center Elementary School: 7:50 am

Upon entry into the school building, students will travel immediately to their designated classroom.

Students will exit the building on a staggered schedule. Students will not be exiting the building at ONE time.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- The USD 473 administrative team, in order to reach 1,116 hours, recommends increasing the instructional day by 20 minutes.
- The USD 473 secondary (6-12) administrative team, recommends that a block schedule is implemented during the 2020-21 school year.

*FACILITIES

- Visitors, parents/guardians, vendors must make an appointment before entering the school building.
- Visitors will be required to wear masks and a health assessment.
- All buildings will be cleaned nightly (starting after 6pm)
- No entry will be permitted within our school buildings after 6 pm.
(To include: outside entities and staff members)
- All handles will be cleaned hourly.
- All desks and chairs will be cleaned between each student's use.
- All restrooms will be cleaned every two hours.
- All locker rooms will be cleaned after each class period.

**We will adhere to all federal, state and local guidelines. All protocol is subject to change.*

WITHIN OUR CLASSROOMS AND BUILDINGS

- Students and staff (PreK-12) will be required to wear a clean face mask within the building.
(The district will supply 5 masks to students and staff as a courtesy.)
- Desks will be cleaned between each class period.
- Students and staff will be implementing social distancing when possible.
- Staff (in particular PE and Music) will be encouraged to work with students outside as much as possible. (Space and weather permitting.)
- Students will be required to wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer at minimum once per hour and/or after transition times.
- Students will travel, as much as possible, one way down the hallways.
- Students who are home due to health related issues (for a short time period) will be provided recorded or streamed classroom instruction.

- Students will be provided or bring individual classroom supplies as much as possible. When not able to have individual items, all items will be disinfected between use.
- Students will not have access to the water fountains during the day. They will be able to utilize bottle filling stations to refill water bottles. We ask that students return each day with a clean water bottle. (Each student will be provided a reusable water bottle as a courtesy.)

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Health Assessments

All students' and staff temperatures will be taken upon arrival at school. *Staff* will be asked the following questions upon arrival at the school building:

- Do you have a fever (>100.4) AND signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)?
- Have you had close contact with a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 patient within the last 14 days?
- Do you have a fever (>100.4) OR signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness AND a history of travel from affected geographic regions within 14 days of symptom onset?
- Staff will be required to check symptoms from the chart below: (if applicable)

Current CDC COVID-19 Related Symptoms			
Fever (>100.4) or Chills	Fatigue	Headache	Nausea or Vomiting
Cough	Muscle or Body Aches	Sore Throat	Diarrhea
Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing	New Loss of Taste or Smell	Congestion or Runny Nose	

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Students who fall ill during the school day:

If a student has a fever of 100.4 or greater the student will be immediately isolated and they will need to be **at least** 72 hours symptom free before they return to school. This will be handled with a medical professional on a case by case basis.

If a student has two or more symptoms of COVID-19 the student will be immediately isolated, and

- Parents will be called and the student will need to be immediately picked up.
- Students will be sent home and will not be permitted to return to school until they meet the requirements for school re-entry as established by KSDE, KDHE, DKHD and CDC.

ALL STUDENTS SENT HOME FOR COVID RELATED SYMPTOMS MUST CALL THE SCHOOL SECRETARY BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.

Positive COVID Cases

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the school nurse and district employees will contact trace students and staff who have been in close proximity to the student.

We are still waiting on further guidance from the Dickinson County Health Department in regards to quarantine and date of attendance.

TRANSPORTATION

- All students and bus drivers will wear a mask upon entry onto the bus.
- Students will be required to load the bus from back to front.
- Students will be transported to school as close to the beginning of school as possible.
- All buses will be cleaned before student entry to include in between morning and after school drop off.
- There will be no morning or afternoon shuttle bus.

FOOD SERVICE

- Students will be required to wash hands before and after lunch.
- Students will have assigned seats within the cafeteria each day.
- All food service staff and students will wear masks while receiving or serving food.
- Table dividers will be put into place where social distancing is not possible at lunch tables.
- At this time, all students will be able to eat lunch within the cafeteria.
- Students who wish to eat breakfast will do so within their designated classroom.
- All tables will be disinfected BETWEEN each lunch session.
- Students will request a meal from the menu each day by 10:00 am.
- There will be no microwave available for student use.
- No outside food delivery for multiple students will be permitted.

TECHNOLOGY

- Shared devices will ONLY be present in isolated situations.
- All shared devices will be cleaned between use.
- Students participating in full time remote learning will be required to provide their own internet service.
- Students who do not bring their device will not be provided a replacement.
- All students will be provided a device if remote learning is implemented by the district.
- The BOE will consider the purchase of technology (approx. 20,147) to bring the district to one-to-one devices K-12 at the regularly scheduled August 2020 BOE meeting.

ATHLETICS

Information below are guidelines from the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). The KSHSAA Board of Directors voted to start Fall Sports Practice as scheduled on August 17th. All students are required to complete a new physical for the 2020-21 school year. Updates will be provided as they become available via school communications and social media outlets.

- KSHSAA - Return to Activity - General <http://kshsaa.org/public/pdf/KSHSAAReturntoAct-General.pdf>
- KSHSAA - Activity Specific Considerations - <http://kshsaa.org/public/pdf/ActSpecificConsiderations.pdf>

If students chose the "Full Time Remote Learning" option, they would not be eligible to participate in our Extra-Curricular Activities.

ELEMENTARY COHORTS

- Elementary classrooms will stay together during the day to be considered a “cohort” group.
- Cohort groups will participate together in recess, physical education and music classes.
- Cohort groups will also remain together during lunch.

FULL TIME REMOTE LEARNING

- Students who choose to participate in remote learning will be enrolled in an online learning platform chosen by the district, such as [Edgenuity](#), for a *minimum* of the first semester.
- All instruction and assignments will be provided by the program.
- A USD 473 teacher will be required to check-in with each remote learner EVERYDAY.
- *Parents will be required to complete a log of student work time and assignments. (The amount of time required is 360 minutes each day.) *As required by KSDE.
- Students participating in remote learning will have the opportunity to receive lunch. (All applicable fees will apply as if the student were in school.)
- Students who choose remote learning will not be able to participate in athletics and/or extracurricular activities.
- The deadline to enroll in “FULL TIME remote learning” will be August 7, 2020.

The USD 473 Staff is going to approach the 2020-21 School Year with the same passion, enthusiasm, and creativity as we approach every other school year!

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