

1. Are face shields and face masks interchangeable? To be clear... is a face shield acceptable as a face mask?

Face shields do not replace a mask. The district did consider the use of shields and contacted the Health Department. The Health Department stated that face shields could be used; however, they would not recommend using them in lieu of masks.

2. Will the school district have Meet the Teacher Night this year?

Meet the Teacher Night will be held virtually. The times and dates are as follows:

- WECC and SGC- August 19th 4-6 p.m.: Teachers will host four 30-minute sessions
- Elementary- August 20: 4-6 p.m.: Teachers will host four 30-minute sessions
- Secondary- August 26th: 5-7 p.m.: Teachers will host 15-minute sessions based on their class schedule
- Tiger Virtual Academy Teachers will hold Meet the Teacher per Meet the Teacher schedule.

More information from the district or building will be forthcoming.

3. What precautions will district libraries have?

Libraries:

- Students will observe social distancing (6 feet apart) whenever possible.
- Where social distancing cannot occur, masks will be worn.
- Libraries will be reorganized so that classes can practice social distancing as much as possible.
- Students will wash their hands and/or apply hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the library.
- Returned library books will be quarantined for 72 hours and sanitized before returning to the circulating collection as recommended by the ALA.
- If possible one door in each library will be designated and utilized as an entrance only and one door will be designated and utilized as an exit only.
- Students will be seated at tables when possible and tables and chairs will be disinfected in between classes.
- Accessibility times to each building library will be modified by the building in coordination with the Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology.
- Computer labs will have limited access and will be sanitized after each use.

- All items that cannot be sanitized (i.e. stuffed animals or puppets) will be removed from the library.
- Students will have the ability to reserve and hold books for individual pickup or delivery. Individual building plans will be shared by the Library Media Specialist to students and staff. (Secondary)
- Tables/desks should be arranged so as to face in the same direction with students sitting only on one side.
- Teachers will demonstrate proper hand washing and cleaning of tools, equipment and media so that students can properly clean shared items when appropriate.
- Teachers will limit the use of media/tools/equipment within each lesson, to reduce the need to disinfect materials, especially if supplies are shared.
- If students need to share media/ tools/ equipment, students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before utilizing those materials.
- Teachers will disinfect classroom surfaces, media, tools and/or equipment utilized in between classes.

4. How many students will be on a bus? Can I please have more information about transportation?

As the new school year approaches, the district will implement these procedures to help keep our students safe while riding the school bus.

1. If at all possible, parents are asked to transport their students to and from school.
2. All students will need to be screened for COVID symptoms at home before boarding the bus. (A screening document will be provided to families just before school starts.)
3. All students must have a mask. If students do not have a mask, one will be provided to them.
4. Occupancy on the bus will be less than 60%.
5. One student per seat if feasible. If it is not feasible, two students will be placed in a seat with a space between them.
6. Siblings will be assigned together in a seat.
7. Seats will be assigned to students.
8. Students will load back to front.
9. Windows will be open when it is safe to do so and the weather permits.
10. Transportation changes will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
11. Buses will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between and after routes.
12. Bus drivers and aides will be supplied with the appropriate PPE.

More specific transportation information such as pick-up times, route assignments, and procedures will be distributed in the coming weeks. Our main goal is the safety of both the students and adults on the school bus. By working together, we will accomplish this goal. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.