



SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOLS



The purpose of this guidance is to provide a framework to support education in the current climate of the COVID-19 public health crisis. We want to create a plan for school re-entry that fosters the overall health of children, staff, and community and that is based on available evidence, recommendations, and local data.

Academic Instruction 

Social & Emotional Well-being 

Reliable Nutrition 

2020-21 School year begins on Monday, August 10



Service Area	Summary of Mitigating Measures
<p>Transportation</p>	<p><u>Student Drop-offs/Drivers</u> Parents are highly encouraged to transport students to school, if possible, to reduce exposure to students from other classes/schools and maximize space on buses. Licensed students are highly encouraged to drive to school, if possible.</p> <p>Each school will have routine drop-off procedures that will be publicized prior to opening. Students will have temperatures taken upon exiting vehicles. Parents/Caretakers may be required to wait shortly while temperatures are verified. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed to attend school.</p> <p><u>Bus Transportation</u> Bus Routes will be the same as previous years. Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the bus when possible. All students and drivers will be required to wear masks/face coverings as health screening will not happen prior to loading. Household members will be seated together as much as possible. All students will have assigned seats.</p> <p>Students will have temperatures taken as they exit the bus, but parents are strongly encouraged to take their child's temperature before loading the bus each morning. A student with a temperature of 100.4 or greater will remain isolated on the bus, and a parent/guardian will be contacted as he/she will not be allowed to attend school. Buses will be sanitized after each run – morning and afternoon.</p>
<p>Health Checks</p>	<p>If possible, multiple building entrances/exits will be used during pick-up/drop-off times to reduce mass student gatherings and facilitate speed. Sanitation stations will be set up in common/high traffic areas. Students are strongly encouraged to wear a mask/face covering upon entering the building, especially when in "general locations" such as cafeterias/gymnasiums. Reasonable efforts will be made to reduce common gathering areas.</p> <p>When possible, a school nurse will be available on each school campus. Nurses will organize isolation procedures at each school if a student becomes ill.</p>

Visitors will be **limited** at all school buildings. School level procedures will be created to address deliveries, etc. and limit contact in the building. Appointments will be encouraged for all outside visitors. Signs will be posted outlining the “contactless” ways to communicate with school personnel.

Academics/Classrooms

Students will attend school in-person each day. In-classroom instruction is simply invaluable and unmatched. Our best efforts to replicate this outside the school will always fall short of what can be accomplished when students and teachers are together.

A reasonable effort will be made to arrange classrooms to maximize space for student seating. Masks/face coverings are **highly recommended** for all students. Community/classroom supplies will not be utilized, if possible. Sanitation stations will be available in each classroom, and students will be encouraged to sanitize upon entering the classroom. Older students are **strongly encouraged** to carry backpacks to limit use of lockers, reducing contact with common surfaces. Classroom will be sanitized daily, with special attention throughout the day for high contact surfaces.

Students are **strongly encouraged** to wear a mask/face covering during class changes/hallways when spacing is not practically possible. Hallways may be one directional. For schools that have common class change times, these will be spaced when reasonable and practical to reduce crowding. Classroom bathroom breaks may be scheduled to limit large gatherings between classes.

At-Home Online Learning

For students who have at-risk medical conditions or special circumstances, *At-Home Online Learning* option will be available. Documentation could be **required**.

Students who wish to utilize this option **must declare** this in writing by **July 31st** using the form linked on ScottCounty.Net. This choice will remain in place for the **entire** Fall semester with the option to renew prior to the start of the Spring semester.

It is important to note that *At-Home Online Learning* will look **very different** from last Spring. Daily online access will be **required** for instruction, attendance will be taken, and academic success will be tracked. Full, regular grading measures have already been approved by the State Board of Education, and will be given to all online students.

Laptops will be available to “check out” for families that do not have a computer. Limited internet connectivity options are being explored for families that do not currently have access at home. *At-Home Online Learning* will be aligned throughout the district as much as possible to offer a consistent educational experience. It is possible that a student may have a teacher from another school in this format, but all online teachers will be fully certified in the content area/grade level.

A **mandatory meeting/training** will be held during the first week of school for all students and parents who declare intent to participate in *At-Home Online Learning*. More specific details about *At-Home Online Learning* can be found on the form linked at ScottCounty.Net.

Food Services

Breakfast and Lunch will be served to all students.

Procedures for food services will vary from grade to grade and school to school. If cafeterias are used, students will be distanced to the greatest extent possible. Outdoor dining areas may be possible. Tables and serving lines will be sanitized between each grade/group.

At-Home Online Learning students will have the option to pick-up meal service once per week. To register, complete the form linked on the district website.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Off-campus field trips will remain suspended for the current time.

Athletics will follow the **guidance of TSSAA/TMSAA** for practices and competitions. Game procedures for spectators are unknown at this time, but could involve temperature checks, masks/face coverings, or even limited seating. Please be prepared to be flexible.

Other after school events will be evaluated individually. When practical, virtual or other options will be utilized in place of large group gatherings.

School Calendar & Closures

The School Calendar will remain **“AS IS”** for the current time. **Be aware that this could change.** All breaks that are non-state holidays could be changed to “attendance days” to maximize in-person instruction. These decisions will be based on the **local health trends**. Families should plan accordingly. Attendance will be **required** for all school days as voted by the Board of Education.

The School Day times will **remain the same** at each school. New procedures will be incorporated into current times.

There will be a “Phase-In” schedule for Week 1. This will give all students time to learn new routines. Buses will run normal routes each day.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attending Grades</u>		
Monday, 8/10	9	5	1
Tuesday, 8/11	10	6	2
Wednesday, 8/12	11	7	3
Thursday, 8/13	12	8	4
Friday, 8/14	Digital day for 1st-12th grades		

**K & Pre-K follow their own phase-in for each day*

School closures will be **advised and guided** by the Department of Health. Closures will begin on the smallest level possible (ie. Individual classroom, single grade, specific school, etc.).

****IMPORTANT* Masks/Face coverings could prevent the required self-quarantine of a student and possibly the student’s household if he/she is exposed to a possible positive case. Please strongly consider this recommendation.***

*Any policies or procedures listed above may be amended by the Director of Schools or Board of Education.

These plans and recommendations are provided, acknowledging that our understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic is changing rapidly. All plans listed above are our attempts to reasonably reduce risks, but there is no way to eliminate them. This outline gives examples of reasonable and practical efforts that may be made when possible. All policies and procedures are subject to change.

Sources and Guidance:

1. American Academy of Pediatrics – COVID-19 Planning Considerations: Guidance for School Re-entry
2. Center for Disease Control – Considerations for K-12 Schools Readiness and Planning Tool
3. National Institute for Excellence in Teaching – 2020-21 School Year Planning
4. Scott County Schools 2020-21 Re-opening Survey
5. Tennessee Department of Education – School Re-opening Toolkits
6. Tennessee Department of Health Recommendations for the Management of COVID-19 in Schools