

Clarke County Schools Reopening Plan

The information contained in this document is based on current information and recommendations provided by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). Several factors may necessitate the modification of this plan. Any changes to the plan will be communicated to stakeholders. We appreciate your patience as we try to provide a quality education to your child during these unprecedented times.

Clarke County students will return to school on August 17th. Students may attend school in one of two ways. Students may attend traditional (in-person) school or students may attend school virtually. If you have not already done so, go to clarkecountyschools.org. and complete a survey informing us of your intentions for your child. We ask parents to have this completed by July 24th. **Please complete one survey for each student you have enrolled in the Clarke County School District.**



Health and Safety Protocols



- Parents are the front line of defense against spreading any contagious illness. Please make sure your child does not have a temperature each morning before sending them to school. Students should not board buses if they have fever or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19, or any other contagious condition. Students with a fever of 100.4 or higher should not attend school.
- Every student's temperature will be checked with a thermal scanning thermometer upon the student's arrival to campus. Students found to have fever will be isolated until such time as they can leave campus.
- Employees will be required to wear masks when social distancing is not possible.
- Student masks are required both in school and on the bus per ALSDE recommendations.
- Students will have multiple opportunities to wash their hands each day using soap and water.
- Students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school. These bottles may be refilled in the water fountains.
- Hand- sanitizing stations will be installed at designated locations on each campus and in each classroom.
- Janitorial staff will increase the frequency and intensity of the cleaning and disinfecting of restrooms and common areas.
- A private company has been employed to perform deep cleaning on a rotational basis.
- Industrial cleaning machines are being purchased for schools who don't already have them.
- School nurses will be available to assist with student medical needs.
- Each school will have signs reminding students of the importance of good health practices.



Academic Instruction



Students may attend Clarke County Schools in one of two ways:

- **Traditional School Instruction**

- ❖ Instruction will be provided Monday-Friday on campus.
- ❖ Students will continue to adhere to the established uniform policy.
- ❖ Social distancing will be practiced as much as possible.
- ❖ Classrooms will be arranged to facilitate social distancing as much as possible.
- ❖ There will be an increase in technology usage in the regular classroom in preparation for a possible COVID shutdown.

- **Full Time Virtual Instruction-** Target date for beginning August 24th

Parents should understand both the responsibility and commitment of choosing the virtual classroom option.

- *A child's age and developmental level should be considered before embarking on virtual learning.*
 - *If virtual learning is selected, students have two weeks at the beginning of the semester to opt out and return to traditional learning. After that time, students are committed to virtual learning for a semester. (Fall deadline is September 8th)*
 - *It is the responsibility of the parent to provide adequate internet access, either at home, or through public Wi-Fi.*
 - *An adult at home to support student learning will be critical to student success.*
 - *Assignments with deadlines will be given. It is the responsibility of students and parents to meet those deadlines.*
 - *Virtual learning will require students to practice self-discipline and possess self-motivation.*
 - *Students may need access to a printer, scanner, headphones, microphones, and a webcam. These additional items will not be provided by the Clarke County Board of Education.*
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- ❖ In grades K-8, certified teachers employed by Clarke County Schools, will provide daily instruction via Schoology, the virtual learning management system purchased by the Alabama State Department of Education. Schools PLP, also provided by the ALSDE, will serve as the curriculum.
 - ❖ Students in grades 9-12 will participate in ACCESS learning.
 - ❖ Students will complete assignments and submit them through the virtual platforms.
 - ❖ If needed, flash drives will also be available for the transfer of student work between home and school.
 - ❖ There may be times students are required to attend campus to take state assessments.
 - ❖ Virtual students will meet attendance requirements by logging in daily to complete assignments.

*In the event of a state mandated school closure, instruction for students in grades K-4th grade who chose the traditional option will consist of paper packets. All students in grades 5-12 will be instructed remotely utilizing a Chrome Book provided by the Clarke County Board of Education



Operations



- Visitors will not be admitted beyond the school office. Schools may offer more specific guidance.
- There will be no field trips until further notice.
- There will be no large gatherings inside the school (PTO Programs, Grandparents' Day, Thanksgiving Lunch, etc.) until ADPH indicates it is safe to do so.
- Child Nutrition staff will implement enhanced cleaning protocols and perform all duties in compliance with ALSDE and ADPH guidelines.
- Child Nutrition Personnel will enter in each student's unique identification number. Students will not touch the keypad in the lunchroom.
- Students will have access to hand sanitizer before each meal.
- As much as is possible, students will practice social distancing in the cafeteria.
- Bus drivers will wear masks.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to students on the bus.
- Buses will be sanitized before each route.
- Each bus will have a quarantine seat for students who show symptoms enroute.