



**Afton
Elementary
Smart Start
Plan (Draft)**

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TIER DEFINITIONS

TIER 1 - Open

In-person classes and activities, as appropriate. Minimal adapted learning on a limited, as-needed basis. Most students in school at the same time under the provisions of current health orders. Buildings open to all students. Social distancing and face coverings as required by current public health order.

In order to promote effective instructional practices and quality educational activities face coverings and social distancing practices will be utilized. Lincoln County School District #2 staff will be expected to wear face coverings when interacting with staff or students within 6 feet. Face coverings will be worn as required by current public health order, by students, in instructional settings, cafeterias, and common areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Coaches, advisors, and students participating in extra-curricular will be expected to maintain social distancing guidelines and face covering expectations specific to their individual activity.

TIER 2 - Hybrid

Combination of in-person and adapted learning is required due to local or state health directives.

Social distancing and face coverings as outlined in Tier II as required by current public health order for those attending in person.

Buildings open to some students. Schools will provide tier II - Hybrid instruction specific to their grade level and school. Student attendance schedules and hybrid instruction will be developed by each school.

TIER 3 - Closed

School buildings closed to students due to local or state health directives or orders. School districts will follow provisions in the approved adapted learning plan. Buildings not open to students.

INSTRUCTIONAL DEFINITIONS

Homebound instruction means offering instruction to a student that is at home or hospitalized for more than one week due to injury or illness. W.S. 21-4-402.

Remote education means classes delivered by a teacher located in a physical classroom with students present while also providing simultaneous remote instruction. Remote education instruction is delivered through interactive, synchronous technology which allows the student receiving the remote education to ask questions, make comments, and interact in real-time with the teacher, classroom students, and other remote students.

W.S.21-13-330(m)(n)

Virtual education means school district programs and classes approved by the agency pursuant to W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxxi), 21-13-330(f-k), and the Chapter 41 Virtual Education Rules for delivery when the teacher and student are in separate locations. Virtual education instruction is primarily delivered through technology and can be asynchronous or synchronous.

DAILY PRACTICES DEFINITIONS

Social distancing

Staying a certain distance from other people in indoor and outdoor settings to lower one's chances of spreading or receiving virus-laden respiratory droplets — [the CDC](#) suggests six feet. Widespread social distancing has been credited with [reducing virus transmission](#) in multiple countries. Also referred to as "physical distancing."

PPE

PPE Stands for personal protective equipment. This includes masks, face shields, gloves, gowns and other coverings that healthcare workers use to prevent the spread of infection to themselves and other patients.

CDC Current Guidance for Face Coverings: [Link](#)

Cloth face coverings are recommended as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the cloth face covering coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called source control.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators.

Washington Department of Health describes a face cloth as: [Link](#)

A cloth face covering is fabric that covers your nose and mouth. It can be:

- A sewn mask with ties or straps that go around the head or behind the ears
- Several layers of fabric tied around a person's head
- Made from a variety of materials like cotton, fleece, or linen
- Factory-made or home-made

legal framework

SMART START LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Underlying assumption : There are no or limited statewide or local health orders in place. Schools are open to in-person instruction to start the year, subject to general social distancing and hygiene requirements.

Situations:

1. A student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 in a school/building:

- A student or staff members testing positive for COVID-19 and isolated at home for a period of time, based on current recommendations.

-Other students and staff members who came into close contact with the positive case will be quarantined for 14 days, or as otherwise directed.

Guidance regarding close contact will be provided by the Wyoming Department of Health or the local health department.

-School or building could also be closed by state or local public health directive or order for a 2-5 day period (or longer if conditions warrant) to sanitize the facility and to conduct an investigation.

Solutions:

(i) For the time period the school or building is closed due to a local or state public health directive or order, use W.S. 21-13-307 to hold the district harmless from ADM reduction. Will be expected to deliver education through the Smart Start plan.

(ii) For the time period not covered by (i), the district should deliver homebound instruction to students isolated/quarantined via W.S. 21-4-402.

2. A student is at risk for more severe illness or lives with someone who is, and cannot come back to school in the fall.

Solutions:

(i) District can deliver remote education to students via W.S. 21-13-330.

(ii) District can deliver homebound instruction to students via W.S. 21-4-402.

(iii) Students may enroll in a full time virtual education program.

(iv) District may work within Chapter 41 for synchronous or asynchronous virtual education.

3. A student is not at risk for more severe illness and does not live with someone who is, but has concerns about returning and will not return to school in the fall.

Adapted learning plans and homebound instruction not applicable.

Solutions:

(i) Students may enroll in a full time virtual education program.

(ii) WDE exploring flexibility on participation requirements for resident district delivering virtual education.

(iii) Remote education is possible but needs to track participation.

4. Schools are closed locally or statewide through public health orders due to pandemic.

Solutions:

- (i) Districts are held harmless via W.S. 21-13-307 for periods of closure with an approved Smart Start plan. Expected to deliver education via Smart Start plan during period of closure.

communications

Lincoln County School District #2 is currently planning to reopen schools for the 2020-2021 school year. At this time, Afton Elementary intends to start school on the approved calendar date of **August 25th**

The LCSD2 Smart Start Plan includes specific information for the four areas.

1. *Communication*
2. *Safety and Wellness*
3. *School# Operations*
4. *Instruction and Technology*

Stakeholders can locate information specific to the (academic) reopening of schools at [LCSD2.org](https://www.lcsd2.org) through local newspaper and media, Infinite Campus Messaging, and the District's social media outlets.

LCSD2 will coordinate weekly with Public Health to determine disease levels, any changes to health orders, and/or recommendations for students and staff in LCSD2. Public Health officials and LCSD2 administration will determine the current instruction tier for LCSD2. Any changes to the operating tier will be announced through communication options mentioned above.

Parents and stakeholders can provide feedback weekly through a survey located on the district website. Survey information will be regularly monitored by the district COVID19 team.

The District office will be the centralized communication source for issues related to COVID19. However, schools will be encouraged to regularly communicate school specific information through Infinite Campus Messaging and social media sources.

Decisions regarding changing conditions will be made using the CDC Guidance for K-12 schools.

New Cases and exposure will be communicated to staff and stakeholders through previously mentioned communication pathways. Personal or identifiable information will not be shared.

District office admin team will be responsible for coordinating among school and district staff COVID-19 concerns, monitoring, and responsive action. (Policy JHCC)

Glossary of terms can be found at [LCSD2.org](https://www.lcsd2.org)

communications

IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO OPENING

LCSD2 will continue to provide detailed communication plans using websites, social media, press releases, and Infinite Campus messaging systems.

LCSD2 will utilize communication methods preferred by our target audiences and share information in a clear, consistent, simple way using multiple channels (letters, social media, web, media, apps, text messaging, and mail).

- ❑ District and school administrators communicate clear expectations regarding adherence to new policies and procedures for all staff and students.
- ❑ LCSD2 will reach out to agencies and other groups including the Department of Family Services, pediatricians, and youth serving organizations to communicate expectations.
- ❑ LCSD2 will establish ongoing communication stressing the importance of complying with appropriate behaviors.
- ❑ Continue communication with local and state authorities to determine current disease levels and control measures in your community.
- ❑ Engage Parent Teacher Organizations/Preferred Provider Organizations to assist and support teachers and provide a bridge between school and families.

In conjunction with our state and county public health agencies, LCSD2 admin and staff will regularly discuss implications of COVID-19 on school operations and provide clear guidance on steps the school is taking, including protocols for screening, self-isolation and/or quarantine to create a safe environment.

communications

WHEN SCHOOLS ARE OPEN AND OPERATING

LCSD2 will continue to provide detailed communication plans using websites, social media, press releases, and Infinite Campus messaging systems.

- ❑ LCSD2 will continue to share information in a clear, consistent, simple way using multiple channels (letters, social media, web, media, apps, text messaging and mail) to build the school/family partnership
- ❑ LCSD2 will communicate all screening procedures that will be conducted for all staff and students entering the facility
- ❑ Train all staff and provide educational materials to families regarding safety actions (enhanced sanitation practices, physical distancing guidelines and their importance, use of face coverings, screening practices and COVID-19 specific symptom identification).

The superintendent will update the board once per month

LCSD2 administrators will analyze communication methods to determine their effectiveness.

- ❑ Engage Preferred Provider Organizations/Parent Teacher Organizations to assist and support teachers and provide a bridge between school and families.

LCSD2 employees will ensure that students' privacy is protected in the case that he or she has tested positive related to HIPAA and/or FERPA.

LCSD2 will regularly discuss implications of COVID-19 on school operations and provide clear guidance on steps the school is taking, including protocols for self-isolation and/or quarantine.

- ❑ Continue communication with local and state authorities to determine current disease levels and control measures in your community.

safety and wellness guidance

The Safety and Wellness guidance focuses on components within a school day, beginning with the arrival and transitions, and finally dismissal. The format of the guidance provides information on requirements, recommendations and consideration regarding the safety, health, and wellness of students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

STUDENT ARRIVAL TO BUILDING AND THROUGH THE DAY

TIER 1

1. Students will be screened for illness by their parent or guardian prior to boarding the bus or being dropped off at school.

Screening Criteria

Temperature	If 100.4 or higher not permitted to be present at facility (stay home)
Temperature + Symptom(s)	If 99-100.4 + additional symptom not permitted in facility (stay home)
Symptom(s)	<p>Symptom Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any shortness of breath? 2. Any cough? 3. Any lack of smell/taste? 4. Any unusual tiredness? 5. Known exposure? <p>If showing symptoms, (stay home)</p>
Other general illness: New Link will be added to LCSD2.org in August	

2. Upon arrival all first grade students will enter the building through the 1st grade pod doors. All second and third grade students will enter through the main entry at the front of the school, and all kindergarten students will enter through the kindergarten pod doors.
3. Parents and/or guardians are encouraged to bring their students to school whenever possible.
 - Students will be dropped off at the parent drop off zone which will begin down the dropoff lane past the kindergarten pod doors
 - In order to accommodate an expected rise in the amount of families utilizing parent/guardian transportation to school, those driving students to school will be asked to proceed as far down the drop off lane as they can prior to stopping and dropping off their students.

- School staff members will be there to greet students and guide them to their appropriate entrance.
- 4. At this time we are discouraging parents/visitors from coming inside of the building during school, outside of necessary visits to the front office (example: to bring child immunization records). This is a temporary measure we hope will help us stay within tier 1 or “open.”

STUDENT ARRIVAL TO BUILDING AND THROUGH THE DAY (continued)

5. In order for our students and staff to continue the educational process in a Tier 1 (in person) environment, we strongly reiterate that whenever symptoms of illness are known, students should stay home to avoid spreading illness to others. Remote learning options and continued parent/teacher communication will be utilized to help ensure students do not fall behind while they are home ill.

6. Any student reporting an illness will be sent home. Symptomatic students who are awaiting pickup by a parent or guardian will wear a mask even if separation from healthy students is feasible.

7. Staff are instructed to remain home if any symptoms are present. Staff who might develop symptoms at work should have access to masks as they leave the building.

- Staff must follow the daily “screening guidance” before making a decision to come to school.

8. AES will establish the following to the greatest extent possible:

- Nurses Offices / Areas are separated into areas for healthy and ill students.
- Hand-washing upon entrance to the building, if feasible.
- Hand sanitizer available at all building entrances and in classrooms.
- Any student with reported symptoms will follow CDC and state or local health department guidelines for return to school/work.
- AES will plan for consistent seating arrangements and/or plans to limit the number of close contacts per student.
- PPE will be provided, as possible, to school nurses and school staff working with potentially ill students.
- AES will plan barrier devices in the front office and the cafeteria.
- AES will monitor PPE supplies and order as needed or in coordination with District Office

STUDENT ARRIVAL TO BUILDING AND THROUGH THE DAY (continued)

TIER 2

See Tier I Items

AND:

- ❑ If school/district moves into Tier 2, then consider separation recommendations that could range from partitions, separate rooms, to the greatest extent possible.

TIER 3

- ❑ LCSD2 will comply with any public health recommendations regarding cleaning of facilities.
- ❑ Staff in the building provided PPE as requested, and as possible

safety and wellness guidance

TRANSITIONS

TIER 1

1. The POD design and overall physical layout of our school somewhat lends itself to limiting numbers of students and staff in transition. AES will further limit the amount of people in transition in pods and hallways however possible.
2. Afton Elementary will adhere to local health department requirements regarding hand washing, face coverings, water fountains, and restrooms.
 - ❑ AES will post the specific guidelines, from the [CDC](#), [Wyoming of Department Health](#), and/or [Lincoln County Public health](#) on proper handwashing/hand sanitizer, cleansing equipment and social distancing throughout district buildings at key locations like entrances, classrooms, bathrooms, and other relevant locations in the building where clear guidance would be needed.
 - ❑ We will ensure hand sanitizer is stocked in each classroom, and offices. Students will be able to access hand washing and restroom use throughout the day.
3. Following current recommendations, water fountains, generally, will be closed to access in all district buildings
 - ❑ Students will need to fill personal water bottles at filling stations which they will be directed to by their teacher. Currently, classroom sinks which will be turned on and off by the teacher with sanitized /washed hands will be utilized as filling stations.
4. Afton Elementary will continually consider opportunities to use outside space, if possible.
 - ❑ Examples:
 - ❑ P.E. classes meet outside if possible.
5. We will adhere to state and local health department recommendations regarding recess and outdoor activities.
6. Student shared use [equipment to be cleaned](#) after each use to the greatest extent possible.

TRANSITIONS (continued)

TIER 2

See Tier I Items

and

During the TIER 2 Setting...

1. AES will revisit our Tier 1 plans and considers ways to limit student movements relative to the conditions placing the school/district in Tier 2

TIER 3

1. LCSD2 Staff and employees in buildings will adhere to current health department guidelines in regard to social distancing and PPE.
 - a. Refer to Wyoming Department of Health, current orders
 - b. Refer to any current variances by Lincoln County Public Health

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DISMISSAL

TIER 1

1. Any student/staff with reported symptoms will follow CDC and state or local health department guidelines for return to school/work.
 - ❑ Wyoming Department of Health: [General guidance](#)
 - ❑ CDC Link: [“What to do if you are sick”](#)
 - ❑ Wyoming Department of Health: [“What to do if you think you were exposed.”](#)
 - ❑ Be aware of any additional requirements by [Lincoln County Public Health](#)
2. Afton Elementary will adhere to local health department requirements regarding health and safety protocols, regarding hand washing/hand sanitizer, cleansing equipment, social distancing, etc.
 - ❑ We will post the specific guidelines, from the [CDC](#), [Wyoming of Department Health](#), and/or [Lincoln County Public health](#) on proper handwashing/hand sanitizer, cleansing equipment and social distancing throughout district buildings at key locations like entrances, classrooms, bathrooms, and other relevant locations in the building where clear guidance would be needed.
3. Upon dismissal all first grade students will exit the building through the 1st grade pod doors. All second and third grade students will exit through the main entry at the front of the school, and all kindergarten students will exit through the kindergarten pod doors.
4. Parents and/or guardians are encouraged to pick their students up from school whenever possible.
 - ❑ Students will be picked up at the parent drop off/pick up zone which will begin down the dropoff/pickup lane past the kindergarten pod doors
 - ❑ In order to accommodate an expected rise in the amount of families utilizing parent/guardian picking students up from school, those picking students up will be asked to proceed as far down the drop off/pickup lane as they can prior to stopping and picking up their students.
 - ❑ School staff members will be there to help guide students to their correct vehicle.

TIER 2

See Tier I Items

TIER 3

1. LCSD2 will operate under the provisions of the approved district adapted learning plan.

school operations guidance

TRANSPORTATION

Tier I

Parents will have the responsibility to screen their children daily for symptoms of COVID-19 before boarding busses.

LCSD2 will encourage parents to provide transportation for their children to and from school.

LCSD2 will operate transportation in a way that maximizes social distancing, use of face coverings, and appropriate hygiene measures.

- ❑ LCSD2 will require transportation staff to wear face coverings when the student(s) are present. Face coverings cannot infringe upon peripheral vision. Eyes must be visible.
- ❑ LCSD2 will make face coverings and hand sanitizers available on buses.
- ❑ Students riding buses will be expected to be seated by families and wear face coverings.
- ❑ Signage will be placed on each bus indicating the social distancing, use of face coverings, and hygiene measures that are expected on the bus.
- ❑ LCSD2 will sanitize all route buses prior to each route following guidelines provided by state and/or federal agencies.
- ❑ Each bus will have multiple seats marked reserved for sick students. Students who state that they are exhibiting symptoms will be required to wear a face covering until such time as a parent or guardian can pick them up. Students who become symptomatic at school will not be allowed to ride the bus home.

LCSD2 website will be the primary source for transportation information.

- ❑ Link to [CDC](#)

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NUTRITION SERVICES

Tier I

LCSD2 will operate District Nutrition Services in a way that maximizes social distancing, use of face coverings, and appropriate hygiene measures.

LCSD2 Nutrition Services will follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation(s) and Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) guidelines under the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

- All components of the meal will be served by staff.

LCSD2 is restricting parents from bringing snacks/treats for holidays and or birthday parties.

The LCSD2 food service operating procedure will be done on a school by school basis with the following common requirements:

- Food service personnel will individually wrap all snack items served to students.
- Water fountains will be restricted and replaced by water filling stations.
- Additional COVID-19 food safety training will be implemented.

Tier II

See Tier I

Tier III

LCSD2 will operate under the provisions of the approved district adapted learning plan.

school operations guidance

FACILITIES

Tier I

LCSD2 will operate all our facilities in a way that maximizes social distancing, use of face coverings, and appropriate hygiene measures. When social distancing is not possible, staff and students should wear face coverings as required by current public health order

LCSD2 will have cleaning and sanitation protocols that meet or exceed federal and state guidelines.

LCSD2 will inform students and parents of requirements and protocols, and signage reminders will be displayed when and where appropriate.

- ❑ Parents of LCSD2 students will be expected to screen their children on a daily basis for symptoms of COVID-19 before sending their children to school.

LCSD2 will follow the Center for Disease Control protocols for cleaning and sanitizing a building if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.

- ❑ Link to [CDC](#)

school operations guidance

FACILITIES *(continued)*

Tier II

See Tier I Requirements plus the following:

- ❑ In conjunction with the district Director of Maintenance, schools will develop protocols for cleaning and sanitizing a building if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.
- ❑ LCSD2 will provide training to custodial and maintenance staff pertinent to the changes in their duties (for example, enhanced sanitation measures, approved chemicals) enhanced safety measures and cleaning measures).

Tier III

LCSD2 will operate under the provisions of the approved district adapted learning plan.

ACTIVITIES

Tier I

Schools will operate student activities in a way that maximizes social distancing, use of face coverings, and appropriate hygiene measures.

- ❑ When social distancing is not possible, staff and students should wear face coverings as required by current public health order.
- ❑ For athletics, face coverings should be worn by coaches, staff, officials, parents, and spectators whenever six feet of separation cannot be maintained.
- ❑ Players should refrain from wearing face coverings during strenuous activity.

LCSD2 will operate student activities in a way that maximizes social distancing, use of face coverings, and appropriate hygiene measures.

- ❑ When social distancing is not possible, staff and students will be expected to wear face coverings as required by current public health order.
- ❑ For athletics, face coverings will be expected to be worn by coaches, staff, officials, parents, and spectators whenever six feet of separation cannot be maintained.
- ❑ Players will be expected to refrain from wearing face coverings during strenuous activity. (State-wide plan will be released this week from Wyoming High School Activities Association).
- ❑ Field trips will be considered on a case by case basis criteria established by district.
- ❑ LCSD2 will follow the guidance provided by the Wyoming High School Activities Association.

- ❑ Athletes of LCSD2 will be screened prior to participating in allowable sanctioned sports following State and county standards.

LCSD2 will perform enhanced sanitation and cleaning measures.

Tier II

See Tier I

Tier III

LCSD2 will operate under the provisions of the approved district adapted learning plan.

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PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR

Tier I

LCSD2 will provide on-site high quality standards-based instruction Grades K-12

- We will provide all “specially designed instruction” and related services as indicated on the student’s IEP.
- We will notify parents of all changes to specially designed instruction or related service delivery.

LCSD2 will offer virtual education (limited course offerings) for Grades 9-12.

Currently there are no approved virtual courses for K-8.

LCSD2 will provide an elementary and secondary homeschool liaison to assist parents in making decisions regarding home-school statutes and options.

Remote education, under limited circumstances specifically related to COVID19, will be offered for grades K-12 for students who are *properly enrolled* and regularly attending daily instruction.

- Attendance will be tracked twice daily
- Teachers will be instructing students face-to-face while simultaneously instructing remote students

Assessment data is needed now more than ever. Due to the disruption faced last spring, LCSD2 will have measures to determine where students stand academically. Beginning of year assessments – already a common practice in schools during the fall – will be given that will directly inform classroom instruction.

LCSD2 will provide professional development for blended instruction (Zoom, Canvas, Google, etc.)

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PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR *(continued)*

Tier II

LCSD2 will provide on-site high quality standards-based instruction Grades K-12 following state and local public health directives/orders and will:

- Provide all “specially designed instruction” and related services as indicated on the student’s IEP.
- Notify parents of all changes to specially designed instruction or related service delivery
- Monitor and inventory students’ access to on-online technology and/or connectivity.
- Work closely with local service providers to explore access options for families that do not have acceptable connectivity.
 - If a reliable internet connection is not accessible (either through to-the-building internet or cellular connections), paper packets will be made available.

LCSD2 will offer virtual education (limited course offerings) for Grades 9-12.

These courses will be:

- WDE approved courses
- Taught by LCSD2 teachers
- Will have attendance tracked in accordance to virtual education participation metrics
- Delivered through Canvas
- Directed and managed by our Virtual School Coordinator (enrollments, attendance, and progress) (attendance tracked weekly)
- Connected to counselors who are assigned to each virtual student for guidance / social-emotional needs.
- Provided by teachers who must receive seven hours of PTSB approved PD related to virtual education instruction during the school year.

Remote education, under limited circumstances specifically related to COVID19, will be offered for grades K-12 for students who are *properly enrolled* and regularly attending daily instruction.

- Attendance will be tracked twice daily
- Teachers will be instructing students face-to-face while simultaneously instructing remote students

LCSD2 will provide professional development for blended instruction (Zoom, Canvas, Google, etc.)

LCSD2 will provide professional development for course development using Universal Design Principles. (Multiple Means of Engagement, Multiple Means of Representation, and Multiple Means of Action and Expression.)

LCSD2 will provide a consistent learning management system for delivery of academic work, reminders, communication (Canvas)

Assessment data is needed now more than ever. Due to the disruption faced last spring, LCSD2 will have measures to determine where students stand academically. Beginning of year assessments – already a common practice in schools during the fall – will be given that will directly inform classroom instruction.

Students' learning needs will be assessed at the beginning of the school year to inform instruction.

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PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR *(continued)*

Tier III

LCSD2 has an adapted learning plan that will go into effect when state or local public health directives or orders require schools to close.

LCSD2 will provide high quality standards-based instruction for all students with the expectation that all essential standards are taught. Priority standards are included in the adapted learning plan.

LCSD2 will provide all “specially designed instruction” and related services as indicated on the student’s IEP.

LCSD2 will notify parents of all changes to specially designed instruction or related service delivery via methods discussed in the communication section above.

LCSD2 will provide off-site instruction through at least one of the options listed below if a school closure is not required by a state or local public health directive or order:

LCSD2 will provide and will be the virtual education provider for students who do not meet homebound instruction:

LCSD2 will offer virtual education (limited course offerings) for Grades 9-12.

These courses will be:

- WDE approved courses
- Taught by LCSD2 teachers
- Will have attendance tracked in accordance to virtual education participation metrics
- Delivered through Canvas
- Directed and managed by our Virtual School Coordinator (enrollments, attendance, and progress)
- Connected to counselors who are assigned to each virtual student for guidance / social-emotional needs
- Provided by teachers who must receive seven hours of PTSB approved PD related to virtual education instruction during the school year.

instruction and technology

FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL

Tier I-Open

With a focus on relationships, LCSD2 will continue to meet the developmental needs of all students.

During the 1st weeks of school and throughout the school year, teachers and administrators in each school will greet students with excitement, focus, and create a culture of success.

- ❑ Teachers and administrators will focus on strategies for successful learning during hybrid and/or on-line/virtual and remote classrooms in preparation for a modified school schedule. Teachers will work to increase learner agency.
- ❑ Principals will utilize school teams to reach out on a regular basis to foster positive relationships with individual students (Social Emotional Learning).
- ❑ K-6 teachers will use the BASC to inventory the social emotional status of returning students.
- ❑ Teachers will practice remote learning technology on a regular basis in order to be prepared for a possible transition to Tier II.

Tier II-Hybrid

LCSD2 teachers will review the previous year's assessments to calibrate individualized learning.

Off-site learning is available for students unable to attend school in person.

- ❑ Remote learning will include live streaming. Zoom may also be used to communicate with students.

Students will utilize assigned devices to minimize transmitting germs between multiple users.

- ❑ All students will be assigned their own device.
- ❑ Devices should be sanitized after each use if shared with another user.

In order to guarantee assessments are valid, a variety of strategies will be used.

- ❑ Where/when possible, LCSD2 students will take assessments via testing centers and/or take assessments via an online proctoring service or LCSD2 teacher.
- ❑ In addition, the Mastery Manager assessment app locks students into an online assessment.

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FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL *(continued)*

Tier III

LCSD2 will operate under the provisions of the approved district adapted learning plan.

ONGOING LEARNING

Tier I

LCSD2 will regularly monitor and solicit feedback from students, staff, and stakeholders in order to make changes to our adapted learning plan.

LCSD2 will utilize school teams and counselors to reach out on a regular basis to foster positive relationships with individual students (Social Emotional Learning).

Tier II

LCSD2 teachers will continually reach out to parents/guardians, as described in our adapted learning plan. Parent teacher conferences will be part of an ongoing communication plan.

Parents will be provided training on how to access student grades via Infinite Campus and Canvas.

Teachers continually evaluate and compare student progress in classroom and home learning as described in our adapted learning plan.

Tier III

LCSD2 will operate under the provisions of the approved district adapted learning plan.

appendix

Daily Screening to be Conducted by Parents - Sample

Parents should check daily for signs of illness before sending children to school. Students with any illness must stay home. The following can be used as a guide: [Please note, the recognized symptoms of COVID-19 will likely continue to be refined over time. This list should be updated as necessary.

- Does your student have any of the following symptoms:
 - A cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - A fever of 100.4°F or higher or a sense of having a fever
 - A sore throat
 - Chills
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
 - Congestion/running nose – not related to seasonal allergies
 - Unusual fatigue
- Does anyone in your household have any of the above symptoms?
- Has your student been in close contact with anyone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?

The student must be excluded from school if the answer to any of the above questions is “yes.”

appendix

Essential Questions for Communications

Do First

- Do you understand and are you utilizing the communication methods preferred by your target audiences?
- Have you engaged relevant stakeholders in the decisions associated with opening schools and following the opening of schools?
- How have you invited feedback from parents, students and faculty about where learning in an adapted context was successful and where it needs to be improved?
- Have you established informal and formal ways to communicate with local/regional policymakers, and other stakeholders to collaborate on decisions related to COVID-19?
- Have you reached out to early childcare and youth serving organizations to coordinate students learning?
- Have you developed a decision tree that is easily understandable to the public and clearly shows how decisions will be made as conditions change?
- Have you identified what information will be disseminated and the frequency of that information? For example, how will your District communicate new policies? How will information regarding changes in protocols be communicated? If there is a positive case within the school community (parents, students, faculty, building staff, administrative staff) will you notify the broader community?
- Have you established a consistent vocabulary with which to discuss matters? For example, do you distinguish between school closure and campus closure? How do you refer to on-line learning (online, distance, remote, virtual, etc.)?
- How will you provide all communications in formats to accommodate all ELL students, select special education/504 students, and under-served communities?
- Have you established a process to involve families in all ongoing messaging in order to amplify the schools' messages within the homes and further build the school/family partnership?
- Have you summarized the steps being taken to create a safe environment for the return to in-building education?

Immediately Prior to Opening

- Is there a clear delineation of communication protocols within the school district to ensure continuity of messages and clarity to those who receive the messages?
- Are you prepared to provide details of the steps being taken to ensure a safe environment to each of the stakeholder groups?
- How will you communicate clear expectations regarding adherence to new policies and protocols?
- How will you communicate clear expectations regarding academic delivery plans (have you established clear expectations)?
- Have you identified an individual who will monitor and synthesize relevant news daily?
- Have you established an ongoing communications plan to stress the importance of complying with social distancing and other health related behaviors to continuously inform students, staff and visitors of appropriate behaviors?
- Will tolerance and understanding by all be embedded within communications to reduce the potential for bullying and harassment?

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Essential Questions for Communications *(continued)*

Open and Operating

- Have you identified what information will be disseminated and the frequency of dissemination of that information?
- How can you continually involve families in all ongoing messaging in order to amplify the schools' messages within the homes and further build the school/family partnership?
- Have you identified an individual who will monitor and synthesize relevant news daily?
- Are you analyzing your communication methods to determine their effectiveness?
- Are there trusted community members who can help in communicating your important messages?

Does Our Plan:

- Specify established channels of communication with community partners?
- Assess the effectiveness of our communication channels with community partners?
- Include an assessment of the resources available in the community?
- Include a coordinated plan and point of contact overseeing community engagement?
- Include strategies to engage non-traditional education stakeholders (i.e., civil rights organizations, out of school providers, health agencies, etc.)?
- Include a process to ensure that engagement and communication strategies are inclusive of the language, dialects, and literacy needs of all families?
- Include an accessibility review process for all communication materials?
- Appear in publicly available spaces (accessible through district and school websites, email, and U.S. mail)?
- Include communication strategies to inform students and families of student progress and measures?
- Leverage multiple communication channels, strategies, and partners (email, social media, television, school and local media outlets)?
- Specify supports and instructional strategies to meet the needs of English Learners (ELs)? Include a process for measuring student progress?

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