

PANTHER PLAN

YELLVILLE-SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RE-ENTRY PLAN
2020-2021



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A NOTE FROM MR. HENDERSON

As we look forward to finally being able to be back together as a school system, I would like to thank all of our teachers, parents, and students for your support for our district during the time we were not allowed to be together. These are certainly times that our school system has never experienced before. I truly believe that our plan developed by teachers, health professionals, community members, and parents will allow us to provide a safe environment for our students and staff. Our goal is that each of our students and teachers remain safe while still being able to enjoy being on our campus each day.

Our teachers have worked tirelessly to be prepared to provide online education should it be required again. We cannot stress enough, however, the importance of your help to wear masks and follow all safety procedures.

Students, you have been missed more than you can imagine. You attend a school with teachers and staff that have given all their efforts to make your educational experience better. We cannot wait for August 24th to be back together!

Parents, please take a close look at our back to school plans and if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at 449-4061 to discuss it with us.

Go Panthers!
Wes Henderson

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Click the icons to access the school website and social media pages.

INTRODUCTION

Yellville-Summit Public Schools are prepared for the 2020-2021 school year. We are following the guidance of the [Arkansas Department of Health \(ADH\)](#), the [Arkansas Division of Elementary & Secondary Education \(DESE\)](#), and the [Arkansas Ready for Learning model](#). In this document, we have included information about the upcoming school year as well as resources for parents, guardians, students, and community members. We will adjust our procedures when necessary as we navigate this school year and will do our best to keep you up to date. We look forward to serving our students, whether in person or digitally.

Go Panthers!



BELIEVE—ACHIEVE—SUCCEED

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Kristy Gibson, Parent
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LEARNING OPTIONS

BLENDED



In the blended option, students will attend face-to-face classes five days per week in the classroom. Technology-driven instruction will be delivered by teachers. Should school be closed due to an outbreak, instruction will transition to online blended learning.

For more information about our blended option, see [page 5](#).

DIGITAL



The Digital Learning Program is an online program with offsite instructors. Your child will be required to log in and complete one lesson per day per subject. You can estimate your child will spend around four hours each day logging in and working. Parents are also encouraged to give feedback to the child.

For more information about our Digital Learning Program, see [page 6](#).

DISTRICT SUPPORT PLAN

[Click here](#) to access to 2020-2021 District Support Plan.



BLENDED LEARNING

- Students will attend classes at school five days a week and participate in technology-driven instruction.
- All courses will be available in [Google Classroom](#).
- School supplies will be provided to all students grades K-12.
- Should school be closed due to an outbreak, instruction will transition to online blended learning.
- Students will be expected to bring their own water bottles and backpacks.
- Students grades 7-12 will be issued a Chromebook which they will be expected to bring to class each day and take home each night.
- Backpacks for grades 7-12 need to be able to hold a Chromebook (13.5 inches by 9 inches).

READY FOR LEARNING PLANS

[Click here](#) to read the Yellville-Summit Elementary School Ready for Learning Plan.

[Click here](#) to read the Yellville-Summit High School Ready for Learning Plan.

Yellville-Summit Public Schools are committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. We will follow the Arkansas Ready for Learning model and consult the ADH for guidance and recommendations.

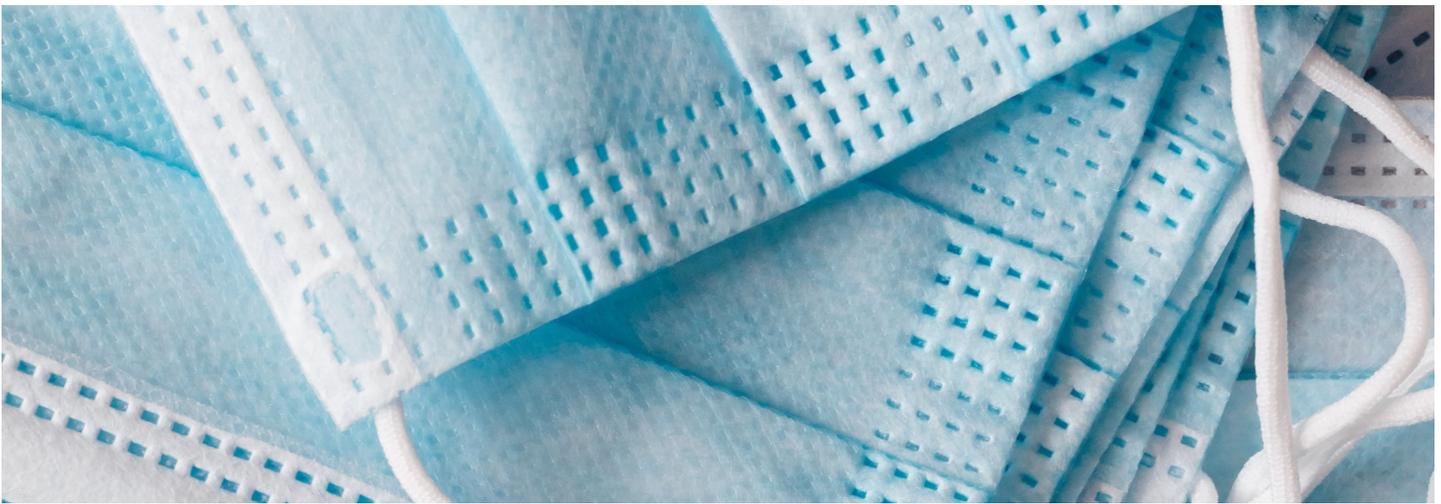


DIGITAL LEARNING

- The Digital Learning Program includes:
 - ✎ Educational consultations to parents/guardians
 - ✎ Access to instructional technology
 - ✎ A \$50 monthly Internet stipend (August-May) per family
 - ✎ One Chromebook per student
 - ✎ State-mandated testing
 - ✎ A high school diploma upon completion of credits
- The program is FREE and serves grades K-12.
- Unless state-mandated testing changes, students will be required to take tests on campus.
- To enroll in the program, you need to complete the [Digital Learning Program Interest Form](#) and contact our program director, Marilyn Pangle (*see contact information to the right*).
- Students enrolled in the Digital Learning Program are eligible for AAA-sanctioned activities should they meet the requirements.
- You may access the online provider for grades K-8 at this link: www.lincolnlarningsolutions.org/coursecatalog
- You may access the online provider for grades 9-12 at this link: www.virtualarkansas.org/268781_2

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about the Digital Learning Program, contact Marilyn Pangle, Program Director, at marilyn.pangle@ysk12.com or 870-449-4066.



FACE COVERINGS

- For students in grades K-3, face coverings are **strongly encouraged** when social distancing cannot be assured.
- Students in grades K-3 will practice wearing face coverings during transitions.
- Students in grades 4-12 are **required** to wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be assured.
- All students grades K-12 will be provided with a reusable face mask and a lanyard.
- Any face coverings brought from home are welcome, but must be school-appropriate.
- Face coverings will be worn in school buildings, on buses, at any school-sponsored activities, and in the cafeteria (except while eating and drinking).
- Face coverings will be worn in PE classes when social distancing cannot be assured.
- All Yellville-Summit Public School employees are required to wear face coverings unless:
 - ⇒ Instruction is hindered
 - ⇒ Social distancing can be assured
 - ⇒ Employee is behind a barrier
- Some individuals may have medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from wearing a face covering. Those seeking medical exemption from face coverings must provide a waiver from a physician. **The waiver may not come from a parent.**
- Students with documented medical exemptions may not utilize school transportation. This also includes school-sponsored trips.

NOTE TO PARENTS

We encourage all parents and guardians to discuss the importance of wearing face coverings with your children prior to the start of the school year.



SANITATION

- Protective equipment, hand sanitizer, soap, paper towels, and tissues will be provided throughout the elementary and high schools.
- Each classroom will have a hand sanitizing station.
- Each classroom will be cleaned daily with disinfectant products.
- Water fountains will not be open, but touchless water bottle filling stations will be available.
- Lockers will not be used.
- High-touch areas will be cleaned frequently.
- Teachers will communicate with students expectations for personal hygiene and restroom use.
- Students will be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day and be responsible for cleaning their own learning spaces.
- Desks will be cleaned between classes in which students rotate, either at the beginning of each class or at the end of each class.
- For students changing classes, staff will limit the number of students allowed in the restrooms at one time.
- Yellville-Summit Public Schools have hired a quarterly cleaning/disinfectant service.
- In the event of a positive COVID-19 test, deep cleaning procedures will be enacted.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Social distancing, also called “physical distancing,” means keeping at least six (6) feet between you and others.
- Signs will be in place to direct traffic in the hallways and help students maintain appropriate spacing.
- Staff will monitor students during class changes to ensure social distancing is being followed and/or face coverings are being worn.
- Assemblies will not be held at this time.
- Lunch schedules will be altered to minimize the number of students in the cafeteria and allow for increased physical distancing.
- Recess schedules will be altered to minimize the number of students on the playground and allow for increased physical distancing.

SAFETY TIPS

To protect yourself and others, the ADH recommends:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Practice physical distancing. Avoid close contact with others by keeping at least six (6) feet between you and others.
- Wear a face covering when you are exposed to non-household members and physical distancing cannot be assured.

Source: www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/novel-coronavirus



SCHOOL PROCEDURES

In the Classroom

- Instruction on handwashing and personal hygiene procedures will be required and taught to students.
- Assigned seats will be implemented in the classrooms and cafeteria.
- Spacing will be increased between desks and tables in classrooms.
- Use of shared school supplies will be discouraged, and when any supplies are shared they will be disinfected between uses.
- If students leave a classroom, procedures will be in place to track students' names and locations of visits.
- Any student or employee exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent to the nurse immediately for evaluation and may be sent home.

In the School

- Students will not congregate in hallways, gymnasiums, and other common areas.
- Students in grades 7-12 will be screened each day.
- Screening for students in grades 7-12 will begin at 7:30 a.m.
 - ⇒ Bus riders enter through the crossover doors.
 - ⇒ Car riders go to the old gym.
- The nurse's office will have a separate space set up for anyone who is symptomatic.

STUDENT SCREENING

Students in grades 7-12 will answer the following questions and have their temperatures checked each morning using a no-touch thermometer.

1. Have you had a fever of 100.4 degrees within the last two days?
2. Have you taken a fever reducer (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.) in the last 4-8 hours?
3. Have you had a cough or shortness of breath?
4. Have you recently had pneumonia or the flu?
5. Have you traveled out of the country in the last 14 days or to a US state with community spread?
6. Have you had contact with anyone who has lab confirmed Novel Coronavirus within five days of symptom onset?



WHEN YOU ARE SICK

For Students

- Parents and guardians are expected to perform screenings each day before students leave home.
- At-home screening will reduce the risk that a student will have to be isolated at school and sent home.
- Students who have had contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 should self-quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with the positive case.
- Students who have taken fever-reducing medications in the past 24 hours should stay home until they are fever-free without the use of medication for 24 hours.

POSSIBLE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

Fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste, loss of smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

For Employees

- Employees are expected to adhere to the same guidelines and screening procedures as students and stay home if they are exhibiting symptoms.
- Employees must report any symptoms or exposures to administration.

[HOW TO SCREEN AT HOME]

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions, do not attend school:

1. Is your current temperature above 100.4 degrees?
2. Have you or anyone in your household experienced any of the symptoms listed to the left?
3. Have you or anyone in your household had contact with someone, within five days of symptom onset, who is or was positive for COVID-19?



EXPOSURE PROCEDURES

- Staff will be trained on how to properly isolate students and staff members at school should they be symptomatic.
- The COVID-19 Point of Contact and the nurse for Yellville-Summit Public Schools will work closely with the ADH for guidance on symptomatic individuals, positive cases, and contact tracing.
- Yellville-Summit Public Schools will communicate with necessary parents, guardians, and/or staff regarding potential exposures.
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, notification will be made to employees and families of students who have had close contact in the classroom; while on the bus; or on the same club or team.
- If an employee tests positive for COVID-19, notification will be made to employees and families of students who may have been in close contact with the employee.
- Any student or employee who tests positive for COVID-19 may return to school when they meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.
- **In the event of a positive exposure, Yellville-Summit Public Schools must protect the privacy of individuals affected while respecting the public's right to know.**
- Based on the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) [Response Levels for On-Site Learning](#) guide, the elementary and high schools have developed guidelines for determining what response level is appropriate if there is a COVID-19 outbreak.

[RESPONSE LEVELS]

- [Click here](#) to access the elementary school's response levels.
- [Click here](#) to access the high school's response levels.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

NOTIFICATION OF CLOSURE

Yellville-Summit Public Schools may use the following communication channels to notify parents and guardians of school closures:

- School website
- Facebook
- Twitter
- YouTube
- Text message
- Email
- Remind
- Local media outlets

[Click here](#) to sign up to receive text messages and/or emails from Yellville-Summit Public Schools.

- All school closure decisions will be made in coordination with the ADH.
- The level of virus transmission within the school will be an important consideration when determining how to respond to a COVID-19 outbreak.
- According to the ADE, the level of school spread is determined by:
 - ⇒ Student and staff absentee levels and trends
 - ⇒ Student and staff active cases
 - ⇒ Evidence and severity of spread with the school community
- If temporary school closure occurs, teachers and students will transition to online blended instruction immediately until the school reopens.



VISITOR POLICIES

- Only supervisors, staff and approved individuals who are required for instruction will be allowed in classrooms and hallways with proper screening.
- Visitors must check-in at the elementary office or high school office.
- All visitors must wear face coverings.
- Visitors will not attend classroom parties nor will they be allowed to eat lunch with students in the cafeteria.
- Depending on the current district response level, visitor policies may change.

VISITOR SCREENING

Visitors will answer the following questions and have their temperatures checked before being admitted into any building:

1. Have you had a fever of 100.4 degrees within the last two days?
2. Have you taken a fever reducer (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.) in the last 4-8 hours?
3. Have you had a cough or shortness of breath?
4. Have you recently had pneumonia or the flu?
5. Have you traveled out of the country in the last 14 days or to a US state with community spread?
6. Have you had contact with anyone who has lab confirmed Novel Coronavirus within five days of symptom onset?



TRANSPORTATION

- Bus transportation will be available to students, but parents and guardians are encouraged to drop off and pick up students, if possible.
- All bus riders **must** wear face coverings regardless of age while riding the bus and while waiting on the bus if social distancing cannot be assured.
- Students will be assigned seats on all routes.
- Household members will be seated together.
- Bus drivers will seat students based on pick up order, with the students picked up first sitting at the back of the bus.
- Buses may travel with some windows down to increase air circulation.
- Bus seats and high touch surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized between routes.
- Any student who exhibits symptoms will be isolated on the bus and a parent or guardian will be contacted.
- Students with documented medical exemptions may not utilize school transportation. This also includes school-sponsored trips.
- Depending on the current district response level, transportation procedures may change.

NOTE TO PARENTS

- ➔ Parents and guardians are encouraged to drop off and pick up students to decrease the number of students on school buses.
- ➔ Parents and guardians are expected to perform screenings at home **prior** to students getting on school transportation.



CAFETERIA SERVICES

- Students in grades K-6 will eat breakfast in the classrooms from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
- Breakfast for students in grades 7-12 will be delivered to the students' 2nd period classrooms.
- Students will not use communal containers. Staff will distribute these items (i.e. silverware, milk cooler) along with their meals.
- Lunch schedules are altered to minimize the number of students in the cafeteria and allow for more physical distancing.
- Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria and will have assigned seats.
- Water fountains will not be used. Touchless water bottle filling stations will be available.
- Tables and high-touch surfaces will be disinfected between lunches.
- On-site and off-site students will be provided meals. Offsite students need to contact food service to schedule pickup times.
- Depending on the current district response level, cafeteria procedures may change.

[NOTE TO PARENTS]

Students are encouraged to bring their own refillable water bottle from home.



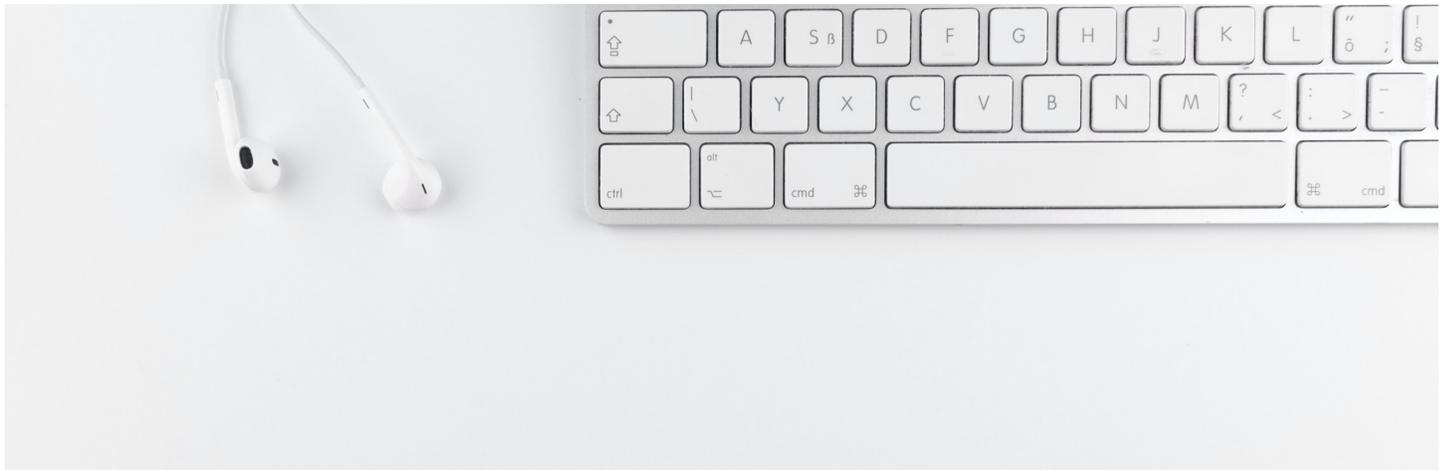
ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- Students will have the option to participate in athletics and other school activities.
- Yellville-Summit Public Schools will follow the guidance of state mandates, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), and the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) when determining what safety measures to take for meetings, practices, performances, and games.
- Students enrolled in the Digital Learning Program are eligible for AAA-sanctioned activities should they meet the requirements.
- Depending on the current district response level, guidelines may change.

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Please check the Arkansas Activities Association website for current information on AAA-sanctioned athletics and activities.

www.ahsaa.org



RESOURCES

Click on topics to access them.

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Parent/Guardian Input Form
Submit a question here!
- Community Resources
- Google Classroom
- ADH COVID-19 Information
- DESE COVID-19 Information
- CDC COVID-19 Information
- Governor Hutchinson's YouTube Channel
- 2020-2021 District Support Plan
- Elementary Response Levels Guide
- High School Response Levels Guide
- Elementary 2020-2021 Ready for Learning Plan
- High School 2020-2021 Ready for Learning Plan
- Arkansas Ready for Learning Model
- Arkansas Response Levels for On-site Learning Guide

Arkansas Ready for School Resource Call Center

1-833-353-6050

Operating hours:

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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