PANTHER PLAN

Yellville-Summit Public Schools
Continuity of Services Plan
Summer School 2021
2021-2022

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A NOTE FROM MR. HENDERSON

As the 2020-2021 school year finally came to an end for he Yellville-Summit School District, two thoughts continued to come into my mind: 1) we have just completed the most difficult year of my 31 year career and 2) this has been the most rewarding/successful year I have ever been part of! I am exhausted! I know that our teachers, staff, students, and parents are exhausted due to the added stress that Covid brought to our world. There certainly were issues to overcome during our school year, but we held together as a family/ team and I truly believe we are stronger as a community because of this year.

As we head into Summer School and then the 2021-2022 school year, it is our plan that unless the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Health change our requirements that we will no longer require masks. Students will certainly be allowed to wear masks if they choose, but it will be up to them and their parents to decide. We will continue to make efforts to maintain social distancing where possible and appropriate.

We continue to look forward to our bright future together!

Go Panthers!
Wes Henderson

INTRODUCTION

Yellville-Summit Public Schools are prepared for the 2021 Summer School session., as well as the 2021-2022 school year. We are following the guidance of the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), the Arkansas Division of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE). In this document, we have included information about upcoming summer school and 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.

BELIEVE—ACHIEVE—SUCCEED

PANTHER PLAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Karen Harris, High School Teacher
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Kristy Gibson, Parent
Jessica Skrapates, Parent
Janet Ridley, High School Student

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.

BLENDED LEARNING

- Students will attend classes at school five days a week and participate in technology-driven instruction.
- All core 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.
- 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.
- Clear backpacks for grades 5-12 will be provided by the district.

YELLVILLE-SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS. WE WILL FOLLOW AND CONSULT THE ADH FOR GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

DIGITAL LEARNING

- The Digital Learning Program includes:
  - Educational consultations to parents/guardians
  - Access to instructional technology
  - Up to 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 contact the digital learning office or program director.
- 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.lincolnlearningsolutions.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

- Face coverings are not required for students, but are encouraged.
- Face coverings are not required for Yellville-Summit Public School employees, but are encouraged (especially if he/she has not been vaccinated).
- Any face coverings brought from home are welcome, but must be school-appropriate.

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, students will be encouraged to limit the number of students in the restrooms at one time.
- 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 three (3) feet between you and others.
- Staff will monitor students during class changes to encourage social distancing.
- Large 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 three (3) feet between you and others.

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 classrooms.
- Spacing will be increased between seating in classrooms and in the cafeteria during meals.
- Use of shared school supplies will be discouraged, and when any supplies are shared they will be disinfected between uses.
- 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 are encouraged not to congregate in hallways, gymnasiums, and other common areas.
- The nurse's office will have a separate space set up for anyone who is symptomatic.

STUDENT SCREENING

1. Have you had a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater in the last two days?
2. Have you had a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell?
3. Have you had contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 in the previous 14 days?
4. Have you had a positive COVID-19 test in the last 10 days?

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 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.
- Students who have had contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 should follow ADH guidelines for quarantine or isolation.

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.

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

HOW TO SCREEN AT HOME

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

1. Have you had a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater in the last two days?
2. Have you had a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell?
3. Have you had contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 in the previous 14 days?
4. Have you had a positive COVID-19 test in the last 10 days?

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 are cleared by the Point of Contact and the ADH guidelines.
- **In the event of a positive exposure, Yellville-Summit Public Schools must protect the privacy of individuals affected.**

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 and DESE.
- 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.

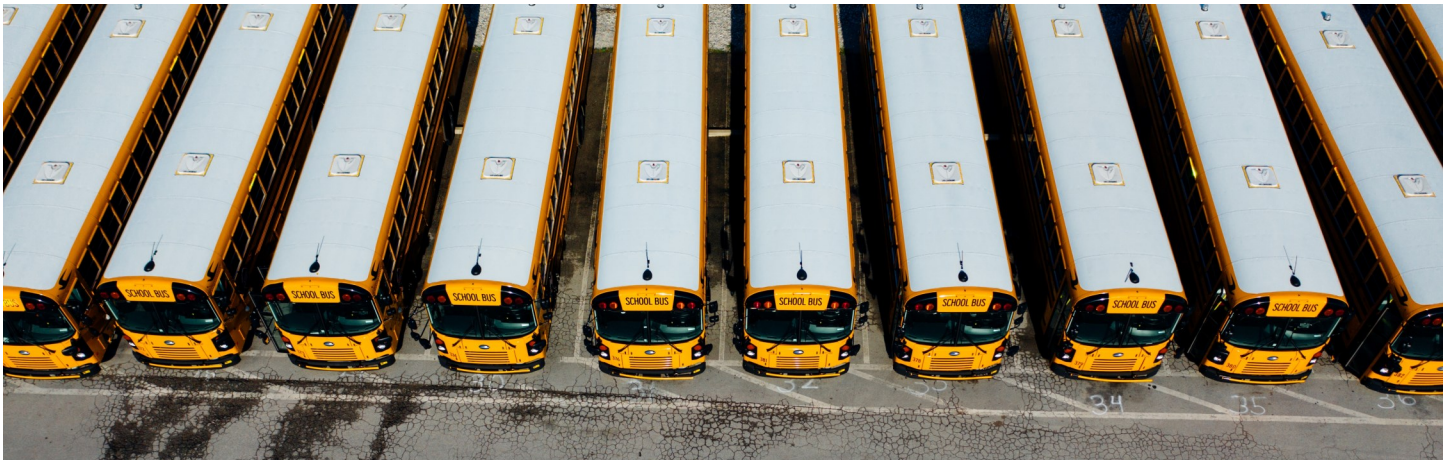
VISITOR POLICIES

- 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 or greater in the last two days?
2. Have you had a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell?
3. Have you had contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 in the previous 14 days?
4. Have you had a positive COVID-19 test in the last 10 days?



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 are encouraged to wear face coverings (regardless of age or vaccination status) while riding the bus and while waiting on the bus if social distancing cannot be assured.
- Household members will be seated together when possible.
- Buses may travel with some windows down to increase air circulation.
- Bus seats and high touch surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized between routes.
- 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

- Lunch schedules are altered to minimize the number of students in the cafeteria and allow for more physical distancing.
- 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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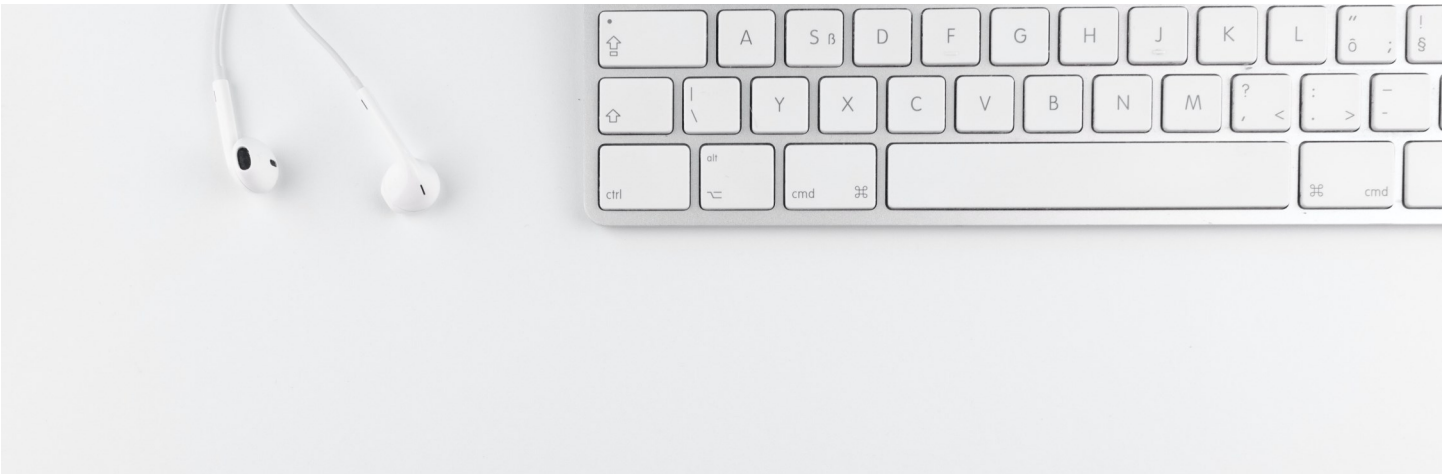
Please check the Arkansas Activities Association website for current information on AAA-sanctioned athletics and activities.

www.ahsaa.org



RESOURCES

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- Public Feedback Form
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Community Resources
- Google Classroom
- Elementary Response Levels Guide
- High School Response Levels Guide
- Current Yellville-Summit School District COVID-19 Information
- ADH COVID-19 Information
- DESE COVID-19 Information
- CDC COVID-19 Information
- Governor Hutchinson's YouTube Channel
- ADE Commissioner's Memos
- Arkansas Ready for Learning Model
- Arkansas Response Levels for On-site Learning Guide

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