

Zachary Community School District

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2021-2022 Reopening Plan



Overview



The Zachary Community School District will maintain our 2021-2022 Reopening Plan on our [website](#). **The plan was approved by our Board on July 20, 2021, and will be revised as needed based on new information and guidance.**



Dear Zachary Staff, Parents, and Students,

On August 9, 2021, we look forward to welcoming back our students in person, five days a week. We hope you had a restful summer. The past year presented us with many challenges but also incredible opportunities for improvement. During this school year, the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.

The Zachary Community School District will continue to utilize multiple modes of communication with our stakeholders, including automated text, voice, email messaging, social media posts, and school use of Remind and Seesaw. Also, our schools will continue to utilize their learning management platforms.

Thank you for your patience, partnership, and ongoing support as we navigate educating during the COVID pandemic. We look forward to providing our students and staff with as much normalcy, to the greatest extent possible, this coming school year.

Sincerely,
Scott Devillier
Superintendent
Zachary Community School District

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Learning Model	<p>The Zachary Community School District (ZCSD) plans to operate a full traditional in-person and on-campus learning model for the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Any change to a school's learning model will be communicated to staff, parents, and students.
Prevention: Face Mask	<p>Face Masks will be optional for ZCSD students and staff at school; however, face masks are required on school buses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">All passengers on public transportation, <u>including school buses</u>, are <u>required</u> to wear face coverings per Presidential Executive Order. <p>Note: The recommendation from LDH and the CDC at this time is that unvaccinated adults and students (ages five(5) and up) should wear face coverings to the maximum extent possible. Any child over the age of two may wear a face covering.</p>
Physical Distancing and Group Sizes	<p>Physical distancing requirements will determine the maximum group size that may convene indoors in a single room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The ZCSD will encourage physical distancing of at least three (3) feet from other students and six (6) feet from adults in a classroom or indoor setting, to the greatest extent possible.Static group composition will be maintained in younger grades to the greatest extent possible.Adults should maintain six feet of distance from other adults.Seating charts will be maintained and updated for contact tracing.Lower elementary grades will utilize dividers when applicable. <p>To the greatest extent possible, schools will continue to establish routines during transitions to maximize distancing.</p>
Water	<p>The ZCSD water fountains are retrofitted with bottle fillers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Schools will provide water bottles to all students.Students will bring water bottles to school filled daily.Bottle fillers will be cleaned and sanitized.

<p>Prevention: Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette</p>	<p>The ZCSD will continue to reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer. <p>The ZCSD will encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes appropriately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used.
<p>Monitoring and Screening</p>	<p>Parents and staff should complete health screenings at home before coming to school/work for the safety of themselves and others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No student or staff member should attend school or work when experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms. • Anyone with a 100.4+ fever may not remain at school and must be picked up immediately. • Staff and students will be assessed, as needed, throughout the day for symptoms of COVID-19, as defined by the CDC. <p>Each school has identified and designated an area used to isolate anyone showing signs of being sick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The designated area will be cleaned after being occupied by any sick student or adult.
<p>Visitors</p>	<p>The ZCSD will continue to limit visitors during the school day to only essential visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These visitors will be required to wear face masks and practice social distancing.

Activities and Athletics	<p>Band and vocal music will follow the Louisiana Department of Education Guidance for Phases I-III.</p> <p>Athletics will follow requirements provided by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor and indoor spectator capacity for LHSAA-sanctioned athletics shall be set according to the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's guidelines developed in conjunction with the Office of the Governor and the Louisiana Department of Health at opensafely.la.gov. <p>All other activities will follow the Louisiana Department of Education Guidance.</p>
Child Nutrition	<p>The ZCSD Child Nutrition Department will provide students' meal services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast will be provided as "grab and go."• Lunch will be served in cafeterias.• Outdoor seating will be utilized as practical and appropriate. <p>The ZCSD will ensure healthy food preparation and meal services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ZCSD will encourage proper student and staff hand hygiene.• Where possible, schools will adjust lunch schedules and seating arrangements.• The ZCSD will ensure proper cleaning and sanitizing.• Disposable utensils will be used.• Cafeteria staff will wear masks & shields.

<p>Transportation</p>	<p>As specified in the Louisiana Department of Education Operational Guidelines, all passengers on a school bus MUST wear a facial covering while using transportation, regardless of the capacity. (Per Presidential Executive Order)</p> <p>The ZCSD will ensure transportation staff follows safety and hygiene protocols.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-touch surface areas will be cleaned. • Hand sanitizer will be available on each bus. • Each bus will be disinfected thoroughly at the end of each day. • Seating charts will be maintained and updated for contact tracing. <p>Please be advised that while the threat of COVID 19 exists in our school systems, students will not be allowed to ride a bus to which they are not assigned. No parent notes for alternate transportation services will be accepted during this time.</p>
<p>Social and Emotional Health</p>	<p>The ZCSD is committed to focusing on social and emotional learning, relationships, and supporting transitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be more frequent monitoring of students in the fall to ensure those who may need additional emotional or mental health support receive that support.
<p>Field Trips</p>	<p>Only field trips pre-approved by the Superintendent are allowable.</p>

<p>Quarantine Guidance</p>	<p>The ZCSD expects that COVID-19 cases will be in schools during the school year. Therefore, we will continue to follow the Louisiana Department of Health Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ZCSD will continue to notify parents and staff when a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 is present at a school. <p><u>Close Contact:</u></p> <p>The definition of a close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Close contact of a case is a person who was within six feet from the positive case for more than 15 minutes, determined by the OPH contact tracing process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If both the case and the contact were engaged in the consistent and correct use of a well-fitting face mask AND were within 3 to 6 feet of each other, then those close contacts do not need to quarantine. • Close contacts who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 90 days and remain asymptomatic do not need to quarantine. • Close contacts who are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose in a single-dose vaccine) at the time of exposure and remain asymptomatic do not need to quarantine. <p>The ZCSD will follow CDC travel guidelines for fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people.</p>
<p>School Closures</p>	<p>The decision to adjust learning models or close schools will be made on a case-by-case basis. Decisions will ultimately be made by district/school leadership, with guidance and expertise from the Louisiana Department of Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All decisions about implementing school-based strategies (e.g., dismissals, event cancellations, and other social distancing measures) will be made locally, in collaboration with the Superintendent and Regional Medical Director. • Factors that will be considered in closing a school or classroom will be community transmission, the number of students/faculty affected, and the risk of spread at the school.

Environmental Cleaning	<p>Adequate Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools will be provided with proper cleaning supplies for daily use, including soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, and disinfectant wipes. <p>Cleaning and Disinfection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff will continue daily cleaning and disinfecting.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ High-touch surface areas will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day.○ Electrostatic sprayers will be utilized.○ Emergency contracted cleaning services will be utilized if needed. <p>Ventilation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ZCSD will ensure ventilation systems operate correctly and increase the circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, for example, by opening windows on buses.• HVAC Filters will be changed twice monthly.
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