



# DANVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON REOPENING

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## MODELS OF INSTRUCTION:

Currently, our first priority is the safety of our students, their families, and our employees. We will continue to follow the Healthy at School safety expectations released by KDE in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Public Health, Boyle County Health Department, and the Governor's office. During these uncertain times, it is paramount that we provide multiple options for our families. Although we have been working diligently to get our students back in the school buildings, it has been challenging due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19. As a community, we will have to be flexible as we monitor the progress of COVID-19.

As a reminder we may utilize five different models of instruction across the year. The models are: **Traditional (pre-COVID), Enhanced Traditional, Hybrid (A/B), Teacher-led Distance Learning, and Independent Virtual Learning (6-12)** models. Plans will have to be fluid and we may need to change models of instruction rapidly and multiple times during the school year. Although we are still not using all the available options for this year, we will be adding the **Hybrid (A/B) model** for families to choose. As we move through fall and winter, we may need to shift quickly and want families to continue to understand all possible instructional models.

Starting October 12, 2020, families of K-12 students will have an option between the **Hybrid (A/B), Teacher-led Distance Learning, and Independent Virtual Learning (6-12)** models. Students and families are encouraged to review each option and call their school or the district office with any questions or feedback. The Teacher-led Distance Learning model may be required periodically for all students in a school or for small groups of students or classes in the event of a COVID-19 case in a classroom.

## TIMELINE:

- **September 24 - October 2:** Small groups for interventions/therapies without transportation and with continued virtual learning for all students
- **October 5 - 9:** Fall Break
- **October 12 - 16:** Abbreviated Hybrid A/B schedule with transportation
- **October 19 - November 24:** Full Hybrid A/B model with transportation, Teacher-led Distance Learning, or Independent Virtual Learning option are all available to families
- **November 9:** Danville School Board reviews all models of instruction

## Hybrid (A/B) Model:

This plan would be a combination of distance and face-to-face instruction with increased safety and disinfecting measures. Students would attend two days of face-to-face instruction in the school buildings and three days of distance learning. Wednesday of each week would be reserved for deep cleaning, teacher planning, enrichment, intervention, and some specialized face-to-face student services. In this model, students will follow social distancing guidelines on days they are at school. Although this option is not our first choice and will be challenging for families, it provides the school the ability to social distance appropriately and reduces class size significantly.

### EXPECTATIONS FOR THE HYBRID OPTION INCLUDE:

- Students, staff, and visitors will be expected to wear a mask at all times, except those with a medical exception
- Staff, bus riders, car riders, and walkers will be temperature scanned prior to boarding a bus, exiting a car, and/or entering school
- Students will report straight to the classroom with a grab and go breakfast
- K-5 students will be self-contained with teachers rotating between classes and 6-12 will begin with limited transitions
- There will be consistency between virtual and in-person instruction
- Virtual instruction will have daily teacher contact
- All students and employees entering the school building will use hand sanitizer
- Students seats will be spaced at a minimum 6 ft apart and face the same direction in the classroom
- Student desks will face the same direction
- Assigned seating will be mandated in all classrooms and on buses
- Staff will keep daily seating chart in order to aid in contact tracing
- Teachers and students will be grouped to limit movement in the building
- The amount of time students spend in the hallways and transitions will be limited
- Students will be assigned an electronic device and will be responsible for taking home and bringing the device to school each day fully charged
- All staff will wear PPE when working directly with students
- No assemblies or field trips

### ADDITIONAL STEPS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF:

- There will be directional hallway traffic markings on the floor and stairwells with some being designated one way traffic
- Common areas are closed to large group activities and will have limited small group gatherings when social distancing can be achieved
- Non-essential visitors will be limited
- There will be increased cleaning throughout the day of high touch areas (e.g. tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, chairs, restrooms, and electronics)
- Each building will be sanitized at the end of each school day
- Playground time will be on an alternating schedule by class (playgrounds are subject to close)
- Students will hand sanitize before and after using playground equipment
- School nurses will have procedures in place to handle students who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms in a separate area from the Nurse's Office

## Parent Option #2: **TEACHER-LED DISTANCE LEARNING MODEL**

In this plan students will participate virtually (no paper option) in the learning of new grade/content material, interactive lessons, graded assignments, and assessments. This plan will include a combination of DIS teacher-made lessons and some online courses for older students. **Distance learners will complete the same or similar work as their in-person peers.** Students and parents would commit to this plan through January 15, 2021. Students may choose this plan for the entire year even if public health restrictions are lifted. *If public health restrictions increase and the district is forced to close for more than two consecutive days this plan will be enacted for all students.*

### **EXPECTATIONS FOR THE TEACHER-LED OPTION INCLUDE:**

- Students will attend class virtually during the day and recorded lessons will be posted for later viewing
- There will be consistency between virtual and in-person instruction
- Food services will be available for pickup to students on virtual options
- All instruction is 100% online with no paper options
- Students in these programs will not come to campus except by special arrangement
- Students who choose this option are eligible to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities as long as they meet participation, grade, and attendance guidelines.
- Students will be assigned/loaned an electronic device
- Participation will be required and monitored daily
- Services for students with IEPs will be provided by a special education teacher

## Parent Option #3: **INDEPENDENT VIRTUAL LEARNING MODEL** Principal Approved Option

Self motivated students in grades 6-12 would participate through a virtual platform (no paper option in the learning of new grade/content material. Students will be self-paced and will have limited interaction with teachers and staff in the schools. Students will have access through office hours and email to a teacher/staff member for support. Students and parents would commit to this plan through January 15, 2021. Students may choose this plan for the entire year even if public health restrictions are lifted. Students can apply for this option and must have principal approval to enroll. *If this option might work for your child, please contact their principal for more information.*

### **EXPECTATIONS FOR THE INDEPENDENT OPTION INCLUDE:**

- Food services will be available for pickup to students on virtual options
- All instruction is 100% online with no paper options
- Students will be assigned/loaned an electronic device
- Students and parents will be required to sign a commitment to meet the guidelines of virtual learning
- A staff member will be assigned to each student to monitor progress
- A lack of progress may result in reassignment to the teacher-led distance learning model
- Students are responsible for reaching out to staff when there is a need
- Students will have access through office hours, phone, and email to a teacher/staff member for support
- Instruction will be delivered through one or more online platforms
- Services for students with IEPs will be provided by a special education teacher
- Students in these programs will not come to campus except by special arrangement

## TRANSPORTATION:

Currently we are still working on transportation details for the Hybrid (A/B) Model. Transportation poses unique challenges for social distancing. The safety of our students, drivers, and monitors is our highest concern.

### EXPECTATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION INCLUDE:

- All students will be required to have their temperature checked before boarding
- All students and staff will use hand sanitizer as they get on the bus
- All students and staff will wear a mask on the bus at all times
- Assigned seating will be mandated
- There will be staggered seating when possible
- Students from the same household will sit together
- The bus will load from back to front and offload from front to back
- Due to the need to maintain accurate daily seating chart we will not be able to make daily change requests between buses
- DIS will make every effort to provide each bus with a monitor
- Buses will be cleaned after each route and sanitized at the end of each day

Families will need to utilize transportation will be asked to submit a request to their school by September 30, 2020.

## PRESCHOOL:

Our preschool model this year has changed to two full-day sessions per week to minimize the number of students in each classroom space per day (no more mid-day transitions). Due to lower numbers of students in preschool, we are able to safely accommodate all preschool students in-person. Half of our students will come M/T and half Th/F. We still have tuition spots available. Don't hesitate to contact Hogsett Primary, if you have any questions about preschool.

## FOOD SERVICE:

Food Service will continue with all models of instruction.

- Food services will be available for pickup to students on virtual/online options
- Weekly breakfast and lunch meals for virtual/online students will be available at a centralized location in Danville
- Watch our website for more information