

# 2020-2021 Geary Schools Re-Entry Plan

The goal of this plan is to implement policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and visitors to our school to the best of our abilities. We will offer classes traditionally and virtually. A device and an option for connectivity will be given to all students. Students grades pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be assigned an Ipad. Students 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> will be assigned a Chromebook. Students without internet access have the option of pulling in the parking lot and connecting to our Wifi. We also were awarded 98 hotspots to provide connectivity. Although no plan is 100 % effective, and not all situations can be specifically addressed in this plan, Geary Schools plan to reopen in the fall for the 2020-2021 school year with the following guidelines in place:

#### PLAN A: FULL TIME IN BUILDING INSTRUCTION

# <u>PLAN B</u>: BLENDED LEARNING-VIRTUAL/DISTANCE LEARNING AND/OR BUILDING INSTRUCTION

PLAN C: FULL TIME VIRTUAL/DISTANCE LEARNING-UNTIL SAFE TO RETURN

### School District Screening Protocol

In an effort to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, especially during a pandemic or public health crisis, the district may implement the following protocol to control and restrict access to school property, activities, and events:

- The district encourages parents, legal guardians, and all school employees to self-screen at home.
- If a student or employee has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, the student or teacher who has a fever will not

be allowed to come back to school for 14 days unless they test negative for COVID-19 at which point they can re-enter. A note must be given from the health care provider.

- The district may screen any individual who enters a school facility. The screening process may include, but is not limited to, taking temperatures, asking health-related questions, and isolating those that have symptoms of a communicable disease.
- The district will adhere to guidelines set by local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines when feasible.
- All staff will wear masks and/or shields; this is following the most recent data and research on how these items help prevent the spread of COVID-19
- We will be asking all students to wear masks and/or face shields during the school day with appropriate times for students to have "breaks" as safely as possible.

#### Students & Staff Entering the School

- All students are expected to have completed a home screening before going to school each and every day. If a student is ill, please contact the school and keep them at home. The CDC screening list is below:
  - 1. Symptoms- (CDC.gov)

People or children with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People or children with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Unexplained or new cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Unexplained muscle or body aches
- Unexplained headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Unexplained sore throat

- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea or abdominal pain
- Rash
- Bloodshot eyes
- Feeling extra tired

The list does not include all possible symptoms. If you answer yes to any of the above questions DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL AND/ OR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. Contact your medical provider. Employees notify your immediate supervisor.

- 2. Each student and staff member will have a required temperature check each day upon entering the building/ bus. Temperature checks will be done in the front entry. Students entering FFA, FACS, athletics, or any exterior buildings will be screened upon arrival by the teacher.
- 3. Any student who has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above upon entering, will be isolated until picked up by a parent. The student who has a fever will not be allowed to come back to school for 14 days unless they test negative for COVID-19 at which point they can enter. A note must be given from a health care provider. Students who are in quarantine will continue their education via virtual learning.

# **Transporation**

School vehicles used to transport students and staff will require the use of masks by all riders. This includes buses, school vans and Ag vehicles. If only the driver is present, no mask is required. Temperature checks will be in place before entering these vehicles. Each vehicle will be sanitized after each use. If weather permits, windows will be open on vehicles to promote airflow and reduce the spread of germs.

# <u>Visitors</u>

Office staff will perform a screening process on all visitors. We will discourage outside visitors or vendors from entering the buildings unless absolutely necessary. We will communicate with parents openly as much as possible.

# Breakfast & Lunch Procedures

Breakfast and lunch times may be staggered so that students are not crowded during this time. Students may use the cafeteria and the old gym for extra room to ensure that we are using proper distancing. Tables and chairs will be sanitized after every use.

## Seniors Lunch Procedures

Seniors will still be allowed to have an open campus for lunch. Students must wear facemasks when exiting the building. They must also return to campus by 12:30 in order to have temperature checks **BEFORE** reporting to class as well as using the hand sanitizing stations.

## **Transition Procedures**

Students will put their masks on when entering the hall between classes or during bathroom breaks. Teachers will be on watch to ensure that students do not group up together during passing periods in order to maintain the best possible social distance among students.

### **Gym Procedures**

When using the gym, coaches will structure activities to ensure the best possible social distancing available between students.

## Assembly Procedures

Move all assemblies to the fieldhouse. Students will have designated areas per grade throughout both sides of the gym in order to promote social distancing. These spaces will be marked to provide for the best possible distance between each student.

#### **Dismissal**

Students will be required to put their facemasks on just like the required hallway procedures when being dismissed.

## **Attendance Policy Traditional & Virtual**

Excessive absences will be treated as a disciplinary matter subject to action by the administration. Disciplinary actions may include but are not limited to loss of privileges, lunch detention, ISD, referral to district attorney, and/or referral to the Graduated Sanctions Program.

Unexcused absences will be counted as truancy. Parents will be notified whenever possible when a student receives an unexcused absence. Students with excessive unexcused absences five (5) or more) will be referred to the graduated sanctions program. Students with 10 or more unexcused absences per semester may be suspended from Geary High School for the remainder of the current semester and the next semester and may be assigned to the Alternative Education. All students with excessive absences will be referred to truancy court. An absentee committee will review any absences upon the request of the parent/guardian or student.

# THE FOLLOWING WILL BE COUNTED AS EXCUSED ABSENCES IN THIS POLICY:

- Absences covered by a doctor's statement showing the date or dates the student was under a doctor's care. The Statement must be presented within two (2) school days upon the student's return to school for the absences to be exempted.
- 1. School activities
- 2. Absences that occur as a result of religious holy days.
- 3. Court appearances
- 4. Funerals

#### Extra- Curricular Activities Absense

Administration will annually review the scheduling of activities so that minimal interruptions occur in the instructional program of a child. The maximum number of absences for activities which removes the student from the classroom will be ten (10) for any one class period of each school year. Activity absences are recorded by teachers on the computer. Excluded from this number are state and national levels of school sponsored contests. State and national contests are those for which a student must earn the right to compete. The criteria for earning the right to

represent the school in any activity or contest must be submitted in writing by local school sponsors and approved by the Board of Education.

<u>Extracurricular Activity Participation</u> Students are hereby put on notice that violation of the drug/alcohol policy will affect their eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities and/or organizations, pursuant to the following procedures:

- Whenever a coach and/or sponsor has reasonable suspicion, based upon what he/she believes to be reliable source(s), that a Geary student organizational member has been involved in the use, possession or distribution of illicit drugs (including alcoholic beverages), whether at or away from school, the coach or sponsor will inform the principal, and the principal will investigate the alleged incident.
- Following the investigation, a group comprised of coaches and/or sponsors will convene to discuss the principal's findings. If the findings lead the group to be reasonably assured of the student's guilt, the principal will initiate discipline procedures in accordance with board policy.

#### Virtual Attendance

The same as regular attendance. In order to be counted present for the school day virtually a student must:

- Log on to the classroom promptly (10 minutes or less is a tardy)
- Complete the assignments for the school day

If a problem with connectivity becomes an issue the student must immediately notify the office by phone.

Attendance will be taken on Wengage by the teachers daily.

The school board approved this plan by a vote on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This includes the distance learning attendance policy which is the same for all traditional, virtual, and blended learning students.

#### **Oklahoma Academic Standards**

All students will be taught to the Oklahoma Academic Standards. Weekly lesson plans will include the standards being taught for all traditional, virtual, and blended learning students.

#### Grading Policy

The grading system is based upon the total number of points accumulated during a nine weeks' period for Elementary and the full term (semester) for Secondary. Teachers will record a minimum of two (2) grades per week. per subject/section taught. All letter grades may be determined in relation to the highest total achieved

by any student in each class. This is the same for all traditional, virtual, and blended learning.

А	90% - 100%
В	80% - 89%
С	70% - 79%
D	60% - 69%
F	59% - or lower

## **Extra- Curricular Activities**

Virtual students will be given the option to participate in extra- curricular activities.

### Health and Hygiene Precautions for Staff & Students

- Students and staff will be asked to wear masks at all times. (Specific guidelines will be shared at registration.)
- Staff will review in appropriate detail the importance of hand washing and good hygiene with students on a regular basis.
- Students will use hand sanitizer before and after using any technology equipment in the computer lab. The use of common areas will be limited as much as possible. If used, social distancing will be observed and the areas will be sanitized after each use.
- THE RECENT PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR STUDENTS TO BE 1:1 WITH A DEVICE, SHOULD PREVENT THE NEED TO SHARE DEVICES
- Cafeterias may use a staggered schedule to limit the number of students.
- Classroom teachers will utilize space to promote social distancing between students during instruction and all activities as much as possible.
- Classroom teachers will discourage the sharing of personal items and supplies.
- Classroom desks will all face in the same direction.

# Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 (Staff or Student)

If a student or staff member has been known to have close contact with an individual who has tested positive (e.g. someone in their household), they should stay home, self- monitor for symptoms and be tested. The individual should not return to school until they have been tested and/ or have

completed a 14- day quarantine period. (Per OKSDE guidelines) At this time the quarantined student or staff member will be expected to continue via virtual learning.

If a staff member or student tests positive for COVID- 19, Geary schools will dismiss school and begin Virtual Learning the following school day and continue for a preliminary 72- hour window. During that 72- hour window, the District will work in conjunction with the Blaine County Health Department to determine when the school can safely re-open. During the 72- hour window, disinfecting of campus facilities will occur.

All COVID-19 related questions and concerns from parents and community members should be sent to <u>tglasgow@geary.k12.ok.us</u>, <u>crollins@geary.k12.ok.us</u>, or <u>sbuchanan@geary.k12.ok.us</u>. Plans and Guidelines are subject to change.