



ANADARKO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Schools Reopening Plan 2021-2022

Anadarko Public Schools students, staff, and families are faced with unprecedented times as we look toward returning to school. We want to assure you that the health of our students and staff will always be our number one priority. As families begin the enrollment process, please understand that our faculty and staff are phenomenal people that have a vested interest in the well-being of every child. Your children at APS are not just a number, they are our valued possession!

Communication Plan

District Wide we will use School Messenger, Anadarko Public School Facebook page, and Anadarko Public School website.

Masks

Masks will not be required unless there is an increased risk of community spread. Anadarko Public Schools will monitor the changing conditions of COVID-19, and our policy may change based on the advisement of health officials. Students and staff will receive training in the proper wearing of masks.

Preventative Measures for Students and School Employees:

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

Parents will be asked to screen their child before bringing them to school or putting them on a bus. The screening process consists of a few basic health questions and taking their temperature reading. The template for screening the student will be available on the Anadarko Public School website. It is believed that this process should take very little time each morning. Staff will screen themselves using the same template.

The district may screen any individual who enters a school facility. The screening process may include taking temperatures, asking health-related questions, and isolating those that have symptoms of a communicable disease.



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Health and Hygiene Precautions for Students and School Employees:

- School employees will review the importance of hand washing and good hygiene with students on a regular basis. Students and staff are encouraged to use good hygiene practices and wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after using the bathroom. Washing hands or using hand sanitizers will be encouraged after use of other high touch areas.
- Students will use hand sanitizer before and after using computer lab equipment, Chrome books, or tablets.
- Classrooms will be sanitized daily. Restrooms will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Improve ventilation in classrooms with open windows when possible and updating HVAC systems.
- Teachers will have seating charts for each class to help with contact tracing.
- Common areas will be limited for use as much as possible. If used, the area will be sanitized at the end of each day.
- Cafeterias may use a staggered schedule or allow eating in classrooms to limit the number of students in each area.
- For students who change classrooms, desks will be sanitized between classes.
- Classroom teachers will utilize space available to promote as much distance between students during instruction and all activities as possible.
- Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities will be provided.
- Classroom teachers will discourage the sharing of personal items and supplies.
- Water fountains will only be used in conjunction with water bottles or other containers with a lid and cap. Student and staff will not be allowed to use their mouth to get a drink at the fountains
- Bathroom high touch areas will be cleaned once in the mornings and afternoon.

Transportation

- Buses will be sanitized after students arrive in the morning and again when buses return after school. Also before and after any trips.
- Social distancing should be used when possible.



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- If weather conditions permit, vehicles windows should be open to promote airflow.
- Seating Charts will be used on buses.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Criteria and Protocol for Students and COVID 19: (These are subject to change with additional guidance from the Oklahoma State Dept of Health)

- If a student/staff develops a fever of 99.5 degrees and above, or develops symptoms of sickness, a parent will be contacted, the student will be isolated and should be picked up as soon as possible by the parent/guardian or designated person. A student/staff may return to school with a Doctor's release, or a negative COVID 19 test or 10 days have passed since symptoms began and at least 24 hours have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications and improvement in any respiratory symptoms (coughing, shortness of breath).
- If a student/staff has known, sustained close contact with an individual that has tested positive for COVID 19, they should stay home and self monitor for symptoms. The individual should not return to the school until they have completed 10 days in quarantine.
 - A person can end quarantine at 7 days after exposure if:
 - They test negative (PCR or rapid test) and;
 - They have daily symptom monitoring and no symptoms and;
 - The test should be 5 days or later in the quarantine and;
 - Masks are required for the balance of 14 days upon return to school.
 - It is recommended that the three W's are followed-Wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.
 - Individuals who are fully vaccinated or were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last three months may not need to quarantine.
 - To schedule a vaccination please go to the following web address: <https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/en-US/>

Students and/or parents should notify the school so that teachers can be notified of a student being placed on a temporary distance learning model. The school



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may be contacted by local health officials if deemed necessary for contact tracing. Any transition of a class, building site or the district to distance learning would be made in conjunction with the local Health Department.

Individuals with COVID 19 who have symptoms and were instructed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions: (SYMPTOMS BASED STRATEGY)

- At least 24 hours have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (coughing, shortness of breath) and,
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Individuals with COVID 19 who have not had any symptoms and were instructed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive COVID 19 diagnostic test, assuming no subsequently developed symptoms since the positive test. If symptoms develop, the symptom-based strategy should be used. Note, because symptoms cannot be used to gauge where these individuals are in the course of their illness, it is possible that the duration of viral shedding could be longer or shorter than 10 days after their first positive test.

Vaccinations

Anadarko Public Schools is working closely with the local Health Department in informing staff and families of available vaccination clinics in our area. To schedule a vaccination please go to the following web address: <https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/en-US/>

Coordination with Health Department

Anadarko Public Schools is committed to continue coordinating information for vaccinations or contact tracing with the following:

Caddo County Health Department
216 West Broadway Street
Anadarko, OK 73005
405-247-2507



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Assemblies

Large gatherings such as assemblies, pep rallies and class parties will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Factors involved with having a large gathering will include the current health situation at the school, in the community, how many grades will attend and if visitors will be allowed.

Learning and Academics

The best learning environment is for students to be at school with their peers and school staff. It is our goal at Anadarko Public Schools to have in person, traditional school as many days as possible throughout the school year. However, we understand that interruptions to the school year could possibly occur. In an effort to better connect with our students and sustain learning regardless of the situation, the following measures are being taken. There could be multiple scenarios for delivery of education during the school year including traditional, distance and virtual. There may also be various methods of school closures including by classroom, grades, site or district. Anadarko Public Schools will make every effort to get information out to parents as soon as possible.

Virtual

Anadarko Public Schools will be offering a Virtual Learning option for 6th – 12th grades by application. Pre-K – 5 will be in-person learning only, although emergency situations could arise that would require virtual learning which would be handled on a case by case basis.

Distance Learning (Virtual) if school is closed

- Computers and wifi hotspots will be available based on need and subject to approval of paperwork
- Student attendance will be based on the completion of assignments in a timely manner. At least 2 grades per week, per subject will be taken.
- Teacher will communicate daily with students.
- Teachers will assign lessons daily.
- Parents will be requested to provide a quiet learning environment daily.
- Parents will be requested to communicate with the teacher at least weekly.
- Parents will be responsible for students turning in their work as directed.
- Students who check out devices should use them for school only.
- Students will be responsible for working each day.



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- Students will be responsible for completing and turning in work on time.
- Students and parents will be responsible for keeping school devices in good condition and returning them in working order.
- If a school site is closed due to COVID 19 no extracurricular activities will take place at that site. If the District is closed due to COVID 19 no extracurricular activities will take place in the District.

Additional Services

All students whether in-person or virtual will be provided food services which includes meals when schools are closed. In addition; social, emotional, and mental health services are available to all students and staff members.