

Strasburg Franklin Local School District

IRN: 050294

Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services and ARP-ESSER Plan

In Compliance with the American Rescue Plan: Elementary and Secondary
School Emergency Relief Fund

These general principles will guide our school district as we continue to provide educational services to the students of the Strasburg Franklin Local School District:

- A. Our school district will implement recommended safety protocols.
- B. Our district will work closely with the Tuscarawas County Health Dept. to promote health and safety in our K-12 building.
- C. Our school district will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk is always present when our building is open to the children and district employees.
- D. Our school district recognizes the need for consistency in areas of operations.

Policies were adopted in August/September of 2020 to meet the pandemic needs. Policy 5200 deals with attendance and 8450.01 deals with wearing masks. We hired a full time nurse to handle social distancing, contract tracing, quarantine identification, screening, vaccinations, etc. The nurse was contracted through the Tuscarawas County Health Department. The nurse continued to update administration on new policies and regulations throughout the school year.

The following guidelines will be used in the Strasburg Franklin Local School District:

Student Illness:

The Tuscarawas County Health Dept. will continue to provide Health guidelines. If a child presents with one high risk symptom or two or more low risk symptoms consistent with COVID-19, he/she will be presumed to have COVID-19. The health department will recommend that if COVID-19 is suspected, the entire household will stay home until the individuals with symptoms meets return to school criteria.

- Any student with a fever of 100 degrees or higher should stay home.
- Any student that has the following high risk symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home from school and go to their primary care provider to be assessed:
 - New Cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Loss of taste or smell
- Any student that has two or more of the following low risk symptoms:
 - Fever higher than 100 degrees
 - Congestion/runny nose
 - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
 - Abdominal pain
 - Sore throat
 - Headache

- Tiredness/muscle or body aches
- OR an exposure to a positive case of COVID-19

Students Returning to School After An Illness:

- A student may return to school if he/she meets one of the following criteria:
 - A health care provider determines the illness is not COVID-19 and provides a note to return to school.
 - A child is tested for COVID-19 and has proof of a negative result
 - A child has been quarantined for 10 days and is fever free for 24 hours without the use of the fever reducing medications.

Positive Cases of COVID-19 in the building:

- Communication will be developed in cooperation with the Tuscarawas County Health Dept. The communication MAY include the following information:
 - Parents of a specific classroom/bus/school or other school sponsored activities in which the confirmed case was located
 - Contract tracing will occur with the collaboration of our school nurse and the Tuscarawas County Health Dept. to identify close contacts of a positive case.
 - A quarantine period may be required based upon the Health Dept.'s guidelines

Food Service:

- Food Service will be offered for the K-12 building
- The Food Service Director will follow all guidelines provided by the state and local Health Dept.

Classroom Occupancy:

- The Strasburg Franklin Local School District will implement the recommended safety protocols set by the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, and the Tuscarawas County Health Department.
- The District will follow the cleaning and safety procedures mandated for the wellbeing of all staff and students.
- Classroom occupancy will be determined based upon the classroom sizes and feasibility with safety considerations made the priority.

Face Covering Guidelines:

- Governor DeWine eliminated the face mask mandate effective June 2, 2021
- Any recommendations from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health or the Tuscarawas County Health Department for the fall of 2021 will be implemented.

Learning Opportunities:

- Strasburg Franklin Local Schools will offer for all students, in-person learning opportunities for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Virtual Online Learning will be offered for K-8 through Florida Virtual with arrangements made through the building principal.
- Strasburg Digital Academy will continue for grades 9-12

Transportation:

- The Strasburg Franklin Local School District will continue to offer transportation for our students.
- Two students per seat will be the general rule. (In some cases three students may be utilized if the students are younger and smaller)

- The district will attempt to seat siblings or children from the same household together in a seat.
- Masks will be implemented if recommended by the CDC, Ohio Department of Health or the Tuscarawas County Health Department

Recess:

- The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District will continue to maintain safety protocols and distancing as recommended

Handwashing:

- The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District will reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among teachers, students and staff members.
- The district will make hand sanitizer available for all teachers, students and staff members.

Health and Safety Priorities:

- The district implemented the following precautions:
 - Purchased sanitizing machines for classrooms and school buses
 - Updated drinking fountains to bottle refill stations
 - Installed Needlepoint Ionization for our air filtration for the K-12 building

Vaccinations:

- Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools provided vaccinations utilizing the Tuscarawas County Health Department in the Spring of 2021. Any boosters or additional vaccination opportunities will be provided as recommended.

2021 Summer Learning Opportunities:

Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools provided face-to-face learning opportunities throughout the 2020-2021 school year. The district also offered a variety of online learning opportunities as well. Students were given multiple pathways to make up any learning loss that may have transpired. In addition, we are offering the following:

- We purchased Scholastic “My Books Summer Take-Home Packs” for every elementary student. These include five books, reading comprehension and writing activities, family time reading tips, a summer reading journal, set of colored pencils, a student postcard and an online program guide.
- We continue to offer online courses for credit recovery services for MS/HS students.
- We identified students who did not made a year’s growth in Reading and Math using the timeframe of January 2020 to January 2021 MAP testing results. The parents of those students received a letter explaining summer tutoring that offered. Our certified teachers interested in teaching through summer tutoring were matched up with student needs. Teachers are being paid an hourly rate for their time and effort.

Addressing Continuity of Services:

The district will continue to address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students for the 2021-2022 school year. We hired a Family Liaison to handle the critical needs of families. She will continue to bridge the gap between home and school for families. She will also be doing summer checks for families in crisis. The district also partnered with the Stark County Educational Service Center to begin an iCare Team. The Family Liaison is also implementing a new SEL program purchased last year to assist students with their social-emotional needs. PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) will continue to play a critical role in the mental health of our students.

Cleaning and Sanitizing:

- The district will continue to use the electrostatic sprayer machines to clean and disinfect the classrooms and school buses, daily.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be provided for all students and staff members.
- Handwashing emphasis will continue

Summer Food for Students:

- Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools are providing five breakfasts and five lunches weekly for every student signed up for summer food. Parent pick-up is scheduled for every Monday evening from 5:00-6:00 PM.
- We will provide the continuation of free breakfast and lunch offerings once school resumes in the fall, during the 2021-2022 school year.

Made the following changes that will continue during the 2021-2022 school year to address learning gaps:

- Purchased NEWSULA
- Purchased Screen Castify
- Purchased Gizmos
- Will utilize MAP testing
- Purchased Lexia Reading
- Purchased Edmentum for upper grades online learning
- Purchased Gallopade
- Purchased ST Math for foundational concepts
- Hired a Reading tutor for students who did not pass the AIR test
- Hired a summer online learning teacher for credit recovery
- Hired a summer Florida Virtual teacher for credit recovery
- Contracted with a local educational specialist and consultant to coach our teachers on targeted instruction and assessment
- Contracted with teachers to provide summer tutoring

Technology:

The district will be offering one-to-one computer accessibility for students in the middle school/high school. Parents have been offered a purchase plan or the option of bringing their own device to school. Chromebooks will be available for every student without a computer. This will allow the district to use a learning management system to provide regular and substantive educational interaction between the students and teachers. The network capacity was recently upgraded to expand the internet traffic.

Review and Revision of the Plan:

The district will continue to update the plan with the input of staff, PTG members in the elementary, Parent Advisory members in the Middle School/High School and Board of Education Members. Guidelines provided by the CDC, Ohio Department of Health and the Tuscarawas County Health Department will be included in the plan with updates made as dictated. The Extended Learning Plan was approved by the Strasburg-Franklin Local School District Board of Education at their monthly meeting on June 16, 2021.