

Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan 2021-2022

As a requirement for Federal COVID funding, the district must develop a “Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan”. The draft is intended to begin the discussion about how the school district can safely return to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year.

The District will finalize the plan after receiving public comment and conducting community engagement opportunities. To provide public comment, which will be published on the school website, email abelcher@kw.k12.mn.us on or before June 21, 2021

Learning Options

Students learning options:

K-12

-In-Person Learning for five full days per week, unless noted on the district approved calendar

-Online-Only Learning through 5Rivers Online, a state approved online school

Preschool

Preschool students will be learning in-person.

School Information

The elementary will serve grades K-4, the MS/HS will serve grades 5-12. Start and end times will remain unchanged.

Mitigation Strategies

We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all. Our guidelines follow those outlined by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), and the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission as related to:

- Hygiene and Cleaning
- Masking and Social Distancing
- Health Screening and Quarantine

These guidelines are a working document and will continue to be updated as new information is released by the various governing agencies. Updates will be shared with all stakeholders.

Hygiene/Cleaning

K-W schools will:

- Ensure the availability of appropriate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (e.g., soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, and tissues) and strategically place supplies in areas where they may be frequently used.

- Establish a daily schedule for routine environmental cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces in classrooms and common spaces.
- Build routines of hand hygiene into the daily schedule for all students and staff, including handwashing and sanitation breaks during or between classroom activities.

Masks/Social Distancing

- Masks are highly recommended for unvaccinated individuals; this will be updated as needed based on current state mandates.
- It is highly recommended that small cohort groups of students and staff are created and maintained as much as possible throughout the day.
- It is highly recommended that intermixing of cohorts is limited as much as possible.
- It is recommended that 3' of distance is maintained when feasible.

Health Screening/Quarantine

All members of the school community, including staff, students, families, visitors, and others should continue to be vigilant in monitoring for symptoms of illness and protect others by staying home when they are feeling ill and follow COVID-19 specific exclusion and self-quarantine guidance when appropriate.

Quarantine

While it is not required, it is highly recommended that all non-vaccinated individuals continue to follow the COVID-19 Decision Tree when determining if quarantine is necessary. Vaccinated individuals should quarantine if they are experiencing symptoms. [Covid-19 Decision Tree Document](#)

Other

-Covid testing will be encouraged and may be available on district grounds, if possible.

-Plexiglass barriers and personal protective equipment will be available and used as needed

Technology

The District will continue with the bring your device program for grades 7-12. More information on this will be sent to families in July or August.

Food Services

The State and Federal government will continue to provide funding for free meals for all students for the 21-22 school year. All students will receive free breakfast and lunches. Ala Carte items or additional lunches will be charged to the student's meal account. Meals will be served in the cafeteria.

Transportation

Bus transportation will continue as usual.

Knights Kids

Fee based childcare is available to students in pre-k through grade 5 based on space availability and staffing. Contact kbenzick@kw.k12.mn.us to register or obtain information.

Athletics/Activities

Athletic teams and activities will operate in traditional ways. The district will continue to monitor guidance from the Minnesota State High School League and Minnesota Department of Education.

Student and Family Resources

Student or family resources can be found at co.goodhue.mn.us under the services tab.

If you feel your child is struggling academically, socially, or emotionally, please do not hesitate to reach out to one our school student support specialist:

Whitney Bartholome, High School Counselor, wbartholome@kw.k12.mn.us

Katie Kelly, Middle School Counselor, kkelly@kw.k12.mn.us

Carrie Groth, School Social Worker, cgroth@kw.k12.mn.us

Requests for ADA Accommodations

Requests for ADA accommodations can be emailed to Bryan Boysen, Superintendent, at bboysen@kw.k12.mn.us or call 507-789-7000. Persons who have been denied a request may also call the Minnesota Department of Human Rights' Discrimination Helpline at 833-454-0148.