

Runge Independent School District

Return to Learn Plan

2021-2022



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PLEASE NOTE: The details in this document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities and/or health officials or as environmental conditions change.

Student and Safety Protocols

Protocols for Screening and Isolation General

All parents are expected to screen their students prior to sending them to school. All staff will self-screen prior to their arrival to school. Individuals who are present with symptoms of COVID-19 and are running a fever will be separated and sent home.

Teachers will monitor students and refer to the nurse if symptoms are present.

Isolation Protocols

Student or Staff Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms

- When a student has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home.
- Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than 1 hour from the time the campus contacted the student's parent/guardian.
- Other students will be removed from the classroom and taken to an alternate location on campus (e.g. go on a walk outside, move to a different classroom, etc.) so that the classroom can be disinfected.
- District communication will be provided to the parents of students who came in contact with a COVID-19 positive student or staff member.
- Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow district protocols including isolation from students and other staff members.
- Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to submit a letter of good health from a physician's office prior to returning to school.
- Students or staff who come into close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days and may not return to campus during that time.

Protocols for Face Coverings

Face coverings are not required. Any student or staff member that wishes to wear a mask may do so.

Protocols for Campus Visitors

General

All visitors who enter the building will be required to check their temperature before being allowed to leave the office. The District will continue to limit nonessential visitors, parents and guardians. Access to the campus by parents will be limited under the discretion of the campus principal. Parents will not be allowed to enter classrooms.

Protocols for Disinfecting and Hand Sanitizing

General

Frequent disinfection and hand sanitization will ensure health and wellness of students and staff.

Hand Washing/Sanitizing

- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.

Disinfecting Expectations

- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects regularly.
- Staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible.

Protocols for Campus Cleaning and Disinfecting

General

Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will promote a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff.

- Each classroom and restroom will be disinfected daily.
- All high touch areas will be disinfected daily.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize working surfaces and shared objects after each use and during breaks in instruction.

Additional Cleaning Measure for Covid-19 Positive Cases on Campus

- If a classroom or facility is closed due to COVID-19 spread, quaternary disinfectant, which is recommended for use on the virus that causes COVID-19, will be used to defog and disinfect.
- Custodial staff will defog and disinfect classrooms, restrooms, the athletic indoor turf field, weight room and all additional areas in the entire building.

Work and Learning Environments

Classroom Configuration

- Desks or tables will be socially distanced as much as instructionally possible.
- When possible, eliminate communal supplies. Shared supplies will be sanitized between uses.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own technology (tablets, laptops, etc.) if possible.
- Recommended procedures will be applied to all classroom settings, including special education service locations when possible and appropriate. Students' individual needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Collaborative Work and Projects

- When possible, technology will be utilized when students are involved in collaborative work.
- Group or pair work can be implemented while maintaining physical distancing.

General Classroom Supplies

- Multiple locations of hand sanitizer, tissues, and trash cans will be available in several locations to limit student and staff movement.

Specialized Classrooms

Special Education Return to School Guidance

- Specialized equipment will be sanitized between each use. There will be adequate supplies to minimize the sharing of high touch materials or limit use of supplies of equipment to one group of students at a time.
- Procedures and protocols will be put into place to address locker rooms. Protocols will be in place for disinfecting of equipment, students changing clothes, students showering, distancing
- Career and Technical Education classes, including those at the CTE Center, will follow industry-based safety guidelines as appropriate to the equipment and course content. CTE guidance can be found here.
- Special education classrooms and service locations may have additional protective barriers in place to support a safe environment for our students.

Physical Education Classroom Protocols

- Whenever possible, physical education classes will be held outside to allow for maximum physical distance between students.
- Any activities bringing students into close physical contact will be avoided.
- Procedures will be implemented in the locker rooms to limit social distancing.
- Equipment will be disinfected after each use.
- Activities requiring multiple students to touch or handle the same equipment will be avoided.
- Sanitizing areas and access to handwashing will be provided.

Common Areas

In order to provide the safest environment possible in our common/collaborative spaces, while promoting disease prevention and mitigation, the following guidelines will be implemented:

- If meetings must be held in person, all social distancing protocols will be implemented.
 - ❖ Social distancing
 - ❖ Limit the sharing of materials/supplies

Administrative Spaces - Reception, Offices, Conference Rooms, Mail Room

- Hand sanitizer will be provided in front office spaces.

Flexible Learning Spaces

- The number of students in these areas will be limited as driven by available space and social distancing guidelines.
- Common spaces and supplies in these spaces will be disinfected frequently.

Elevators

- Only students and staff with a physical impairment or the need to move large/heavy equipment will be able to use the elevator.
- No more than 2 people will ride in the elevator at the same time.

Restrooms

- Restrooms will be monitored and sanitized throughout the day. Students must wash hands and then use hand sanitizer before entering the classroom.
- Increased disinfecting will occur throughout the school day.
- Each campus will comply with health agency recommendations and social distancing.

Library

- Visual reminders will be added and furniture rearranged to help students maintain social distancing while in the library.
- High touch surfaces (i.e. table tops, chairs, door handles) will be disinfected regularly.
- Occupancy will be limited.

Transitions

- Classroom doors will be propped open to reduce high touch areas when possible.
- Traffic patterns will be established throughout the campus that separates individuals to the greatest extent possible.
- When transitioning between classes, students shall travel corridors as far to the right as possible.
- Where possible, one-way traffic throughout campus corridors will be established.
- Staff and signage will be posted to reinforce physical distance expectations.

Arrival

- Entry doors will be designated based on arrival method: bus riders, parent drop-off/walk to school, student drivers, and students with unique needs.
- Designated entry doors will be propped open for no-touch entry. Any open doors will be continuously monitored by staff to stop unauthorized access and to monitor for threats.
- Entry protocols will be established to maintain physical distance.
- Sanitizer stations will be placed at each entrance and students will sanitize hands upon entry.
- Students will go directly to the first period class or designated location upon arrival.
- Lockers will not be assigned - students will carry all needed materials and lunch with them.
- Parents may not accompany students into the building.

Dismissal

- Sanitizer stations will be placed at each exit and students will be encouraged to sanitize hands prior to exit.
- Parents picking up students during the day will call ahead so that students can be sent or accompanied to parent vehicles upon arrival.

Breakfast/Lunch

Depending on the number of students in the school, students may have meals in both the cafeteria and in classrooms.

- Meals will be packaged as “grab and go” to ensure ease of pick up and transport to eating location.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available at entrances and exits of the cafeteria.

Outdoor & Off-Campus Student Activities

- Campuses will limit students from leaving campus after school prior to travel or start of extra-curricular or co-curricular activities when possible.
- Student participation in academic contests (Math and Science Team, Robotics, Academic Pentathlon) will only be attended if specific guidance is provided by an authorized entity (e.g., host site, RISD, TEA, the UIL, etc.)
- Special Education Community Based Instruction (CBI) and Work Based Learning (WBL) guidance will be followed to ensure these learning environments are available to our students per ARD/IEP recommendations.

On-Campus Activities

- Any school wide events that are approved to be held on campus need to adhere to social distancing requirements outlined by RISD, TEA and UIL. (Examples: grade level pep rallies, assemblies, performances, etc.)

Extra-Curricular Programming

Cheer

- Practices and performances will be conducted following safety protocol provided by guidance from RISD, UIL and TEA. This will include COVID screening, group sizes, sharing and sanitizing of equipment, locker room usage, etc.

Athletics

- Athletic practices and contests will be conducted following safety protocol provided by guidance from RISD, UIL and TEA. This will include COVID screening, group sizes, sharing and sanitizing of equipment, locker room usage, etc.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be in gym facilities and equipment will be sanitized on a regular basis.
- Locker room use will be determined by TEA/UIL. If locker rooms can be accessed, all locker room space will be utilized to follow social distancing guidelines.
- Bus travel will follow transportation guidelines provided by RISD and TEA.
- Spectator attendance at games and contests may be limited based on TEA and UIL guidelines. Ticketing for events may be utilized to control capacity of facilities.
- Postgame sign out procedures for athletes will be communicated to parents prior to the beginning of each season.
- Event procedures will be in place to minimize face-to-face interactions.
- Separate entrances and exits may be utilized and event doors may be propped open to minimize physical contact with handles.
- Spectator seats may be marked and/or configured in a way to enforce social distancing.
- Concessions and/or concession sales may be limited to encourage social distancing and to follow health and safety guidelines.

Fine Arts

- Large group practice sessions, sectionals and rehearsals will adhere to social distancing guidelines provided by an authorized entity (e.g., RISD, TEA, UIL, etc.)
- Off-campus fine arts performances will only be conducted if specific guidance is provided by an authorized entity (e.g., RISD, TEA, UIL, etc.)
- Concerts/performances may be adjusted based on health and safety guidelines provided by an authorized entity (e.g., RISD, TEA, UIL, etc.) including but not limited to transportation procedures, number of attendees, and the orientation of concerts.