

POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDE

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Polk County Public Schools is implementing numerous protocols to provide a safe and healthy environment when students and staff return to school. Here's a look at the measures we're putting into place from the bus stop to the classroom and beyond.

BUSES



- Drivers will check their temperatures daily. Anyone with a fever or symptoms related to COVID-19 must not report to work.
- Parents and students are being asked to monitor their temperatures and symptoms. They should not come to the bus stop if they are feeling ill.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed on every bus. Students will use hand sanitizer as they enter and exit.
- Drivers and students must wear face coverings while on the bus.
- To minimize exposure, students will be loaded from rear to front, and unloaded from front to rear.
- Students will be assigned seats and socially distanced to the greatest extent possible.
- Weather permitting, buses will travel with several windows and roof hatches open to allow fresh air to circulate.
- School buses will be sanitized multiple times a day.

- Students in grades K-12 and staff must wear face coverings at times required by the district.
- Nonessential furniture and equipment will be removed to allow for maximum social distancing.
- Students will avoid sharing devices and supplies.
- One-way traffic patterns will be in place where and when feasible.
- Facilities will be cleaned thoroughly and regularly. High-touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day. Deep cleaning will take place when there is a confirmed case.
- Air conditioning filters will be changed more frequently.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at locations throughout each campus.
- Students will be socially distanced to the greatest extent possible.

SCHOOLS & CLASSROOMS



- Students and staff should check their temperatures and symptoms daily. Anyone with a fever or symptoms related to COVID-19 should not come to school.
- Students and staff will receive COVID-19 training, including how to identify symptoms and reduce transmission by properly washing their hands and wearing face coverings.
- Students and staff members will be reminded throughout the day to practice proper hygiene.
- Hygiene signage will be installed at all school sites.
- Random temperature checks of students and staff will be conducted throughout the day.

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- High-touch points such as the tray slide, milk box and keypad will be frequently sanitized.
- Tables will be sanitized between lunch periods.
- Decals and tape will be used on the floor to keep students socially distanced while in line.
- Students will be socially distanced at tables.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Designated entrances and exits will control traffic flow and minimize exposure.
- Schools will be encouraged to serve breakfast outdoors or in classrooms for social distancing.
- Disposable cutlery and trays will be used.
- All condiments will be pre-portioned. No self-serve dispensers will be used.
- There will be no self-service bars.
- Menu offerings will be streamlined to expedite the serving line.

Plans subject to change as state, local and CDC guidelines are updated. REV. 200728.