

2021-2022 Return to the CLASSROOM



SCHOOL



Traditional, in-person, full-time instruction for ALL students



At school, masks are recommended



Maintain social distancing to the greatest extent practicable

Masks required for all riders.
One stop/drop location



HEALTH



Parents required to ensure daily health of child. Stay home when sick



Enhanced focus and ability to practice personal hygiene measures

Personal water bottle recommended

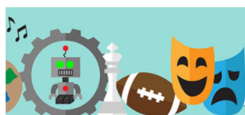


OPERATIONS



Identified students through contact tracing will be required to isolate/quarantine.

Visitors are welcome but restricted to office areas.



Athletics, clubs and activities resume



Isolated clinic area for those with signs of illness



Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices and procedures including focus on high touch areas



SACS

SOUTHWEST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

SACS Families,

The Return to the Classroom Plan was designed and developed for SACS families. This document provides the overall guidelines the district is using to return to the classroom during the 2021-2022 school year.

SACS protocols and procedures were created with guidance from the Allen County Department of Health, the Indiana Department of Health, Indiana Department of Education, the State of Indiana and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This plan will likely continue to evolve. What won't change is the need for SACS to work in unison with our students, staff, parents and community to continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Southwest Allen County Schools (SACS) is committed to the safety and wellness of our students, staff and community. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom on August 11.

Please note: As the information in this document continues to evolve in accordance with ongoing updates and guidelines from local and state health officials, any updates to the document will be noted and posted on our district website at www.sacs.k12.in.us

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Return to the Classroom - SCHOOL



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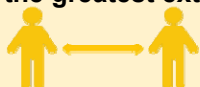
Masks are Recommended for all students, staff and visitors in all SACS buildings.



All students will attend traditional, in-person school every day

*eSACS Virtual secondary students (grades 6-12) are excluded. The eSACS Virtual option must be selected during online registration and is binding for at least one semester.

Staff and students will maintain social distancing to the greatest extent practicable.



Visitors will be welcomed into buildings.

Visitors will be restricted to office areas during the school day.

Events such as Registration, Back-to-School Night/Open House, Ninth Grade Orientation, will be in-person.



CLASSROOM



Student seating: As practical, maximizing space between and among individuals will continue to be implemented.

Normal school routines will be followed as much as possible. Regular recess, art, music and PE classes will resume.



Students may share school supplies and will be encouraged to sanitize hands before and after shared supply use.

Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and should be used to clean hands when entering and exiting classrooms.

Field Trips will be allowed. Face masks may be required depending on the venue of the field trip activity.

ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities including athletics and performing arts, will continue with



guidance from the Indiana High School Athletic Association and the Indiana State School Music Association.

Clubs, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities will return to in-person meetings.

TRANSPORTATION



All individuals will be required to wear a mask on buses, to and from school and events, per federal order.

Assigned seats/seating charts are required and must be followed at all times.

Families/siblings will be seated together on the bus when possible.

Student riders will have one designated pickup/drop off location.

Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected on the bus at the end of each route.

Return to the Classroom - HEALTH



Parents are required to ensure daily health of child. Screen for:

- ◆ Fever of 100.4 or greater
- ◆ Sore Throat
- ◆ Cough/shortness of breath
- ◆ Diarrhea, nausea/vomiting
- ◆ Muscle/body aches or fatigue
- ◆ Headache
- ◆ Loss of taste or smell



Stay home when sick!

Enhanced focus and ability to practice personal hygiene measures including adequate time and opportunity for students to wash hands/utilize hand sanitizer.



Personal water bottles are recommended.



Parents should contact the school nurse with questions about illness, symptoms, specific concerns regarding a child's medical care or to inform staff of a chronic medical conditions.



Each school offers an isolated clinic area for those with signs of illness.

Return to the Classroom - OPERATIONS



Health & Safety

Continue to use **enhanced cleaning protocols and disinfecting practices** that include cleaning frequently touched surfaces with recommended cleaning products.



Contact tracing will continue. High risk contact identified students will be required to isolate/quarantine. **Please see next page for further information.**

Attendance

Attendance recognitions that could encourage attending school when not feeling well have been eliminated for the year.



If your child is ill (or quarantined at home), students will access classroom curriculum via daily Canvas posts, as we do under normal circumstances of absence.

Parents should follow school attendance reporting procedures if their student will be absent.

Cafeteria

The federal government will continue to provide free school meals for all students K-12 during the 21-22 school year.

Meal options will be increased, but a-la-carte choices may be limited and are an additional charge.



At this time, visitors will not be permitted to eat meals with students.

Cash and checks will be accepted in the front office for prepayments and prepaid deposits can also be made online at www.sacs.k12.in.us/departments/food_services

Quarantine Options When Identified as a Close Contact Through School (updated 7/20/21)

Individuals Previously Vaccinated

Vaccinated individuals identified as a close contact are not required to quarantine but must monitor for symptoms for 14 days past exposure. Proof of vaccination will be required.

7 Day Quarantine with a Negative COVID-19 Test Result

Close contacts should quarantine for 7 days after the last contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. Asymptomatic close contacts may return to school after 7 days (DAY 8) if they are symptom-free and have received a negative COVID-19 test. **A PCR test must be performed on either Day 5, 6, or 7 of quarantine.** Testing results should be communicated to the student's school nurse before returning to school. Continue enhanced precautions Days 8-14.

10 Day Quarantine Without COVID-19 Testing

Close contacts should quarantine for 10 days after the last date of contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. Individuals may return to school after 10 days (DAY 11) if they are symptom-free. No COVID-19 test is required with this option. Continue enhanced precautions Days 11-14.

*** In either the 7-day or 10-day quarantine option, individuals will be permitted to return to co-curricular/extra-curricular activities adhering to enhanced precautions to the greatest extent practicable.**

Close Contact Quarantine Options

