

# Linton-Stockton School Corporation

## 2021-2022

### Return to School Plan

This plan has been developed locally using the most up-to-date information from the CDC, Federal Government, Indiana Health Department, and Greene County Health Department. This is a fluid document and subject to change should the COVID health situation change at any given time throughout the school year.



ALL PLANS DESCRIBED BELOW ARE IN EFFECT FOR LSSC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Masks are welcome and recommended for those who have not been vaccinated, but not required, with the following exception:

- \* Masks are required by a Federal mandate on public transportation Including school buses.



Classrooms will be set up to maintain a distance of 3 feet apart when possible. In classrooms and areas where this is not possible students and staff are welcome to wear a mask.



Contact tracing will be conducted when a positive COVID case is reported. Close contacts will not have to quarantine IF they have been vaccinated. Unvaccinated close contacts will be required to quarantine.

- \*Assigned seats will be required on buses, in classrooms and in cafeterias to assure proper and efficient contact tracing.



Fourteen (14) days is the preferred length of quarantine, however, if the student or staff are asymptomatic, they may return to the classroom after day, 10 provided they follow the steps below (return to extra-curricular activities requires the full 14 days):



- \*Masks must be worn at all times on bus and during school day through day 14 with no exceptions
- \*Maintain a 3 feet separation from others at all times during the educational school day
- \*Lunch to be eaten separately from others as the mask may be removed to eat
- \*If any symptoms appear at home student/staff should NOT come to school
- \*If symptoms develop during the school day student/staff will be sent home immediately

Attendance at extra and co-curricular events is unrestricted and masks are welcome but not required.

\*If the COVID health situation significantly changes notification to the public will be made per events.



The Miner Academy is available for students in grades 3 through 12 as a virtual school option for those students who have documented health concerns and must avoid the school setting due to COVID.

\*Information pertaining the Miner Academy can be found on the LSSC website at [www.lssc.k12.in.us](http://www.lssc.k12.in.us) or by calling the Miner Academy Director, at 812-847-6024



Fieldtrips designed to meet curricular standards will be considered on an individual basis. Considerations will include

- \*Location of trip
- \*COVID health alerts at time of scheduled fieldtrip

Parents will have an option to opt out of any fieldtrip and alternative on-campus programming will be provided for the student.



Wellness checks should be conducted each morning. If a student or staff member is exhibiting any of the following symptoms then he/she should stay home from school.

- \*Fever
- \*Chills
- \*Nausea or vomiting
- \*Diarrhea
- \*Unexplained cough, headache, muscle or body aches
- \*New loss of taste or smell



If you have a question about sending your child to school please contact the school nurse.

Heightened cleaning will continue throughout each of our buildings and on school buses.

- \*Touchable services will be disinfected daily.
- \*Buses will be disinfected prior to all routes.
- \*Cleaning/disinfecting kits are available in all classrooms
- \*If a student/staff is identified as COVID positive their entire classroom will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.



The 2020-2021 Reopening Framework and Continuous Learning Plan was developed by a full school team to best mitigate the spread of COVID and keep students and staff safe at the height of the pandemic. Many improvements have been seen in the spread of COVID since that time, however if there is a significant spread of COVID in our school area, parents will be notified and we will revert to the protocols in the full document which can be found on the LSSC website at [www.lssc.k12.in.us](http://www.lssc.k12.in.us).

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION GRANTS**

The Linton-Stockton School Corporation will distribute its Teacher Appreciation Grant monies received from the Indiana Department of Education to the teachers who meet the following criteria:

1. Employed in the classroom or directly provided education in a virtual classroom setting;
2. Received a Highly Effective or an Effective rating on their most recently completed performance evaluation; and
3. Employed on December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the Corporation receives the Teacher Appreciation Grant monies.

The School Corporation will distribute its Teacher Appreciation Grant monies as follows:

1. To All Effective Teachers: A stipend as determined by the superintendent
2. To All Highly Effective Teachers: A stipend in the amount of 25% more than the stipend given to Effective teachers

The School Corporation will distribute the stipends within 20 business days of the distribution date by the Indiana Department of Education of the Teacher Appreciation Grant monies to the School Corporation.

LEGAL REFERENCE: I.C. 20-43-10-3.5