

Glen Rose School District

Ready for Learning Plan 2021-22

The Glen Rose School District will be open for onsite learning for the 2021-22 school year. Virtual learning will not be offered as an optional educational plan this school year.

FACILITY PREPARATION

Prior to the return of staff and students, CDC Guidance and/or Arkansas Department of Health guidance for Reopening Buildings will be followed to create a safe environment. Our goal is to keep our facilities safe and clean for students and staff.

CLEANING PROTOCOL

Glen Rose Schools and the District's custodial staff, will follow the standard daily, weekly and monthly cleaning specifications as provided by the Arkansas Department of Health and/or the CDC.

The following additional measures will be in place from the first day of school: Availability for each classroom to have access to a spray bottle of virucidal disinfectant, cleaning gloves and cleaning cloths for use by district staff. Daily and weekly infectious disease protocol will be implemented, which adds:

- Frequent wipe downs of high touch areas and
- Weekly electrostatic spray.

LEARNING DELIVERY MODELS

REMOTE (ONSITE - ONLY AT HOME IF THE SCHOOL MUST CLOSE)

Students returning to the classroom in the fall may experience a remote learning environment. Students may have a remote learning environment only during specific circumstances such as inclement weather. Students will report to campus five days a week to learn unless a specific school or the entire district closes. Remote learning allows the student to continue learning grade-level content standards through an educational plan that leverages both face-to-face and technology-based instruction.

This option allows teachers and students to remain engaged and prepared to pivot to remote learning in the event of school closure or illness. Remote learning allows students to continue learning grade-level content standards through an educational plan that leverages both technology-based and face-to-face instruction.

DISTRICT/STATE REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

All students will participate in Glen Rose's assessment system so student growth can be closely monitored. All state required tests will be taken on campus.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR ONSITE INSTRUCTION

We will follow the safety precautions recommended by the Arkansas Department of Health to limit the spread of COVID-19. Based on current guidelines, we will be taking the following precaution:

Face Coverings:

As of February 7, 2022, face coverings by students and adults are optional on school campuses and buses.

A district face covering policy was adopted during the regular school board meeting on October 18, 2021:

- When the district's percentage of student quarantine cases are less than 7% for 14 consecutive days then face masks become strongly recommended but optional.
- When the district's percentage of student quarantine cases are 7% or above then face masks become required on the next school day.
- Contact tracing continues with positive cases and quarantine requirements.
- The district will release a message to all parents/guardians and employees when a change is needed.

FOOD SERVICE:

- Breakfast will be provided for grades 1 - 4 in the regular classroom and these students will report to this classroom upon arrival at school; grades 5 - 12 will be served breakfast in both cafeterias. Lunch will also be served in the cafeterias for grades 1-12. Visitors will not be allowed to have meals with students. Physical spacing will be organized with proper markings to show where to line up and sit.
- Proper sanitation of all areas will be completed after each meal.
- Students will be allowed to get their own utensils used for eating.
- Parents are encouraged to open an online payment account so that cash is not exchanged.
- Microwaves will be available this year for students who bring their lunches.
- No deliveries for lunch. Students must bring their lunch with them to school or get their lunch in the cafeteria. **Please see the student handbooks located at www.grbeavers.org.*

- Students will have assigned seats in the lunchroom.
- Please send a water bottle with your child. Students will be able to use the no-touch bottle filling stations in most buildings but not the actual drinking fountain.

LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS

Professional Development will follow Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidelines. All other large group gatherings will follow current ADH guidelines, be modified, or canceled. Decisions regarding the structure or cancellation of large group gatherings will be made at the district level depending on guidance from ADH.

BUILDING VISITORS

The only persons allowed in the school buildings will be:

- School or District Staff
- Students enrolled at the school
- Parents picking up ill or injured children, and
- Professionals who provide necessary support services to children
- Visitors may be allowed in buildings if specific events such as open house or parent-teacher conferences occur this year

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

Health Screening Protocols:

- Parents will be expected to screen their children using the [ADH STOP THE SPREAD TOOL](#) prior to entering any school bus or building. If the student exhibits any of these symptoms then they should not be sent to school.
- All staff members will self-screen using district documents prior to entering the facility/bus. Any staff member that has fever or is ill will need to report this to his/her supervisor.
- Entry to the building will be limited to admittance only for essential business after completion of a health survey. The only place a visitor can check in for possible entry is in the building principal's office.

SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL

In accordance with Arkansas Department of Health directives, efforts will be made to limit close contact between students. We will limit contact through the following actions:

BUILDING-SPECIFIC OPERATIONS

Implementation of some guidelines will vary depending on the building. Principals will consider each item below, and post building-specific plans, maps, and schedules to the Campus Schedules and Lists shared drive. The Glen Rose Ready to Learn Committee will review the plans, make changes if needed, and approve the plans prior to the start of school. The plan will be reviewed and updated during the school year as needed.

Modifications for Physical Distancing

- Classroom furniture will be arranged to maximize distance between student seating.

Hallway Traffic

- Whenever possible, travel in hallways less than eight feet wide will be designated as “single lane” or “one way.”

Bathroom Breaks

- Restrooms will be disinfected as needed multiple times per day.

Drop-off/Pickup

- Drop-off and pickup procedures will be reviewed and modified to maximize distancing.
- All parents will remain outside the school building for drop-off and pick up except under extenuating circumstances, such as an ill or injured child.
- Parents will have reserved spots to park and will see a sign with a number to call letting office personnel know they have arrived to pick up their child.

POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST

The following measures will be taken in the event of a positive COVID-19 case:

- The Glen Rose School District Point of Contact will be notified of the positive test and will begin protocol for a positive COVID-19 test.
- Current CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting when someone is sick will be applied.

- ADH will be contacted with details about the level of exposure at the school site and a request for guidance will be made.
- If ADH guidance allows, the CDC recommended wait period before cleaning will be waived. Cleaning and disinfection will begin immediately. School closure will not be necessary for the purpose of allowing time for cleaning.
- The Arkansas Department of Health will determine if school closure is required for other purposes.
- The Glen Rose School District will follow state mandates and consider guidelines.

One thing we've learned throughout this COVID-19 pandemic is that guidance is subject to change. If you should have any questions regarding the Ready for Learning Plan for Glen Rose School District, you can submit those to the principal's office where your child is enrolled. We are looking forward to a great year of onsite learning in the Glen Rose Schools!

End of Year/Summer/Back-To-School

The Glen Rose School District will offer summer school and host a variety of athletic summer camps on our campus. We will follow the procedures outlined in our current Ready for Learning plan and continue to follow the ADH guidelines for the health and safety of everyone on our campus. We will monitor the number of district COVID-19 positive cases and evaluate our Ready for Learning plan in July 2022 to make decisions about back-to-school events that might be held on our campus.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments/Discussions about the Ready for Learning Plan were allowed at the board meeting on August 12, 2021. Please see board meeting minutes on our school website at www.grbeavers.org.

Public comments/discussions survey is currently available on our website www.grbeavers.org for stakeholders to have an opportunity to provide input in the development of our plan throughout the school year.