



CLEAR LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION
2023-2024

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BACKGROUND OF THIS PLAN

The purpose of the 2023-2024 Return to Instruction Plan aims to provide a framework for continuing with in-person instruction in the Clear Lake School District. The 2023-2024 reopening plan provides a framework to begin the school year in the safest way possible while fulfilling our mission to educate our students. Due to concern for the health and safety of our students, staff, and community related to COVID-19, the school district developed plans for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years based upon the recommendations from local/state/federal health departments and the Department of Public Instruction. Below is a link to the 2020-2021 Clear Lake School District Reopening Plan, which was approved on August 9, 2020, by the Board of Education. [REOPENING SCHOOLS PLAN 2020-2021 \(CLEAR LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT\)](#)

The Clear Lake School District has provided in-person instruction for all grade levels, five days per week, since September 1, 2020 (with the exception of November 9 through November 25, 2020, where remote/distance learning was provided due to staffing shortages).

RETURN TO INSTRUCTION: GOALS



1. To continue providing a safe and secure environment for all students, staff, and the community while fulfilling our mission to educate our students.
2. To continue providing in-person (face to face) instruction in school.
3. To continue providing the best possible educational opportunities for all students regardless of learning format and/or setting.
4. This Plan satisfies the requirements of Federal ESSER funding.

OUR COMMITMENTS AS A DISTRICT



SAFETY

Student, staff, and community safety is our top priority.



FLEXIBILITY

Plans will be implemented to allow for a fluid response keeping in mind staff, student and parent capacity, coupled with financial resources of the District.

INSTRUCTION

Plans will reflect a preference for in-person (face-to-face) traditional classroom learning and focus on creating conditions to continue safely with in-person instruction at all grade levels.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION PLAN: OVERVIEW



- In-Person Instruction will continue 5 Days Per Week
- Technology Enhanced Learning will Continue
 - 1:1 Technology Deployment, Grades K-12
 - K-1 iPads, 2-12 Chromebooks
 - Devices Deployed to Homes if Distance Learning is Required
- Instructional Delivery Models
 - A: In-Person (Face-to-Face) Instruction will Continue As Priority
 - B: Distance Learning - Only If Necessary
 - C: Virtual Learning - Only If Necessary

OPERATIONS: FACE COVERINGS



FACE COVERINGS (MASKS)

- Face-Coverings (masks) will be a personal choice and will be optional for students, staff, and visitors.
- The Clear Lake School District will continue allowing students/families and staff to make a personal choice regarding whether or not they will be wearing face-coverings at all levels PK-12.

OPERATIONS: STUDENT HEALTH



POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

The District will be excluding individuals if they test positive for COVID-19. Household members of the positive individuals will not be excluded from school unless they begin exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19 during the exclusion period of the positive individual.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 may return to school after their 5-day isolation/quarantine period is complete and they are symptom-free.

All household members who exhibit symptoms and have been excluded due to those symptoms may return to school once they are no longer exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19 for a 24 hour period (or if they have provided the District with a negative test result).

CONTACT TRACING

The District will not be conducting contact tracing during the 2023-2024 school year. Contact tracing may be independently administered by a County Health Department, which may recommend an individual to mask and/or isolate after exposure to COVID-19.

DAILY SCREENING

Students, Staff, and Student Families are asked to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 before arriving at school each day.

OPERATIONS: STUDENT HEALTH MONITORING



The District will continue using the following long-standing practices regarding all health-related issues.

Please keep your child at home and contact their building's main office to report absence if your child is experiencing any of the following:

- A child should be **fever free** for 24 hours (without the aid of medicine) before returning to school.
- A child should be free from **vomiting/diarrhea** for 24 hours before returning to school.
- A child diagnosed with **strep throat** should remain home for the first 24-48 hours of antibiotics.
- Students with **chronic or severe cough** should remain at home until symptoms improve.
- A child diagnosed with conjunctivitis (**pink eye**) should remain at home for the first 24-48 hours of antibiotics or until the redness is gone and there is no more drainage.
- A child with any of these conditions will be **sent home** from school.

COMMUNICATION:



DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

Information regarding updates to the Return To In Person Instruction Plan will be posted to the District website.

Any necessary direct communication to families will be made via School Messenger email or via personal phone call or email.

FAMILY COMMUNICATION

In order to prevent further spread of illness to others, families are expected to inform the principal's office if their student has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19.

Families are encouraged to engage with their child's teacher(s) during any extended school absence in order to facilitate communication to support student academic success and work completion.

OPERATIONS: DAY TO DAY



VISITORS & MEETINGS

Visitors and volunteers will be allowed into the buildings again for the 2023-2024 school year.

FACE COVERINGS ([SEE SLIDE #6](#))

Face Coverings (Masks) will be optional for all students, staff, and families.

STAFFING

Reassign staff as needed to cover daily operational needs prioritizing student learning and safety

OPERATIONS: JR. WARRIORS



JR WARRIORS

- Jr. Warriors will remain in operation
 - Before and after school care for Elementary students
 - Wrap-around care for Jr. Kindergarten students
 - Normal hours of operation
 - Parent drop off and pick up procedures adjusted for physical distancing
- Jr. Warriors will be closed on days when school is closed, with the exception of pre-planned closure dates during planned holidays and/or staff in-service as in the past

INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL: TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM LEARNING



IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

In-Person Instruction will continue

STAFFING

Some staff may be reassigned to cover daily operational needs prioritizing student learning and safety

SCHEDULES

Daily schedule modification (i.e. lunch, recess) may be adjusted as needed

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

SEL support for students and staff

MOVING BETWEEN INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS

Movement between instructional models may be required based on staffing and/or prevalence of COVID-19 cases within the community or individual schools. Our number one priority is to keep all students, staff, and community members safe while providing in-person instruction for all students.

INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL: DISTANCE LEARNING



TARGETED OR DISTRICT WIDE

May be used for short or long term needs as determined by positive COVID-19 cases or if the district is subject to an Order from a superseding health agency

SCHEDULE

Regular delivery of instruction

DEVICES & ACCESS

Students use district device, home internet access becomes vital for all students

EARLY IDENTIFICATION

Teachers and schools to quickly identify students struggling to engage

RESOURCES

May require additional resources to support work and systems

GRADING

Traditional grading (A-F for Jr-Sr High School, Standards - Based or Letter Grade for JK-6)

COMMUNICATION

Ongoing and systematic communication to staff and families via School Messenger, Website, and Social Media

MOVEMENT BETWEEN MODELS

Movement between instructional models may be required based on prevalence of COVID-19 cases within the community or individual schools.

INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL: SPECIAL EDUCATION



ENVIRONMENTS

Access to education will be reconfigured if necessary in order to meet the delivery and services for each individual student's IEP and 504 plan

CASELOADS

Staff or schedules may be redesigned to provide access to individualized learning to meet IEP and 504 plans

RESOURCES

May require additional resources to support work and systems

COMMUNICATION

Ongoing and systematic communication to staff and families

MOVEMENT BETWEEN MODELS

If there is a need to move between instructional models, accommodations will be made for safe delivery of services utilizing the student IEP and 504 teams.

INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS: MOVEMENT BETWEEN MODELS



TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM LEARNING

Movement between models will be determined by administration and in collaboration with the Board of Education (when possible)



REMOTE LEARNING

Different levels (JK-6, 7-12) may be assigned differently in response to changing conditions in our school and school community

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



WIAA GUIDANCE

Rely on and implement guidance from WIAA to safely hold athletic practices, competitions and events

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

All clubs, activities, and athletic programs will continue normal operations

SPECTATORS

Spectators and visitors for competitions and performances will be allowed for all home events. All away games and activities will be determined by the hosting school

COMMUNICATION

Ongoing and systematic communication to participants and advisors

MOVEMENT BETWEEN MODELS

Activities and events may be postponed or adjusted to meet guidelines and/or current conditions in schools or the community

PLAN MANAGEMENT:



The Return to Instruction Plan will continue for the 2023-2024 school year. This plan may be amended from time to time as necessary at the discretion of the District Administrator, as COVID-19 guidance and recommendations continue to evolve and/or circumstances dictate. Various COVID-19 mitigation strategies may be changed or reinstated based upon local COVID health data. The Plan may be modified to comply with a legal order or mandate by a superseding governmental authority.

If you would like to request a copy of this information in an alternative format or language or if you have any questions specific to this plan, please contact Chris Petersen, District Administrator, at cpetersen@clwarriors.org

[BOARD POLICY 8420.01 EPIDEMICS AND PANDEMICS](#)

[BOARD POLICY 8450.01 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DURING PANDEMIC/EPIDEMIC EVENTS](#)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: STAKEHOLDERS



Thank you to all of our Clear Lake Warrior families! The past three-and-a-half years have been filled with numerous challenges pertaining to the pandemic. However, the Clear Lake School District navigated the tumultuous environment with tremendous success. Our success and ability to remain in-person through the vast majority of the pandemic is due to the collective efforts from all of our stakeholders. On behalf of the Board of Education and entire Clear Lake School District Staff, Thank You!