



Central Elementary - Return To School Plan

2020-21

Parent Information

Central Families,

Welcome to another new, exciting school year! We are committed to providing the best possible learning experience for our students, while maintaining a safe environment for all. This may look different depending on which learning scenario your student(s) will be a part of as we have worked to create options for families. This document provides some specific information in hopes of helping you make decisions that are best for your family for the upcoming school year.

Our district will be offering two learning platforms for the upcoming school year for parents/guardians to choose between. One option is '*On-Site Learning*', where students will come to Central Elementary to receive in-person instruction from a classroom teacher. We have multiple mitigation protocols in place to ensure student and staff safety is a top priority. The other option is '*Online Learning*', where students will be provided a device (Chromebook or iPad) by the district to do their learning at home. A Central Elementary teacher will provide instruction and/or activities virtually to be completed by the child/ren. This instruction will look differently than it did in the spring as it will be required learning rather than optional.

School registration will open on **July 27th**. It is very important that every family register their child/ren to help us best prepare for school this coming fall. Knowing the number of students who will be either on-site or online will determine important planning for our building such as staffing and class rosters/sizes.

Please read through this information and if there are further questions you may have, please email me (cdeneui@nevadacubs.org) directly so I can clarify or assist you in your decision. More detailed information will come out in the next few weeks regarding back to school information.

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Teaching & Learning

Parent Choice of Learning Method

- At registration (*Beginning 7-27-20*), parents/guardians have the option to choose between the following two options:
 1. **On-Site Learning**
 - In the classroom/building with added safety procedures and sanitation in place
 2. **Online Learning**
 - Using technology to receive instruction from a full-time online teacher employed at Nevada CSD
 - Learning is completed at home
 - The district's Technology Department will create videos and resources to share with parents
 - Students who are required to quarantine will join the online learning platform already in place until they are cleared to return to school
- **It is vital that parents/guardians register their child/ren as soon as possible so the district can determine staffing, class lists, etc.**

Technology/Devices

- Devices will be provided for all students
 - iPads: K-2
 - Chromebooks: 3-4

Untaught Standards From 2019-20

- Teachers will work together to incorporate essential standards that were missed due to school closure in 2019-20 into their 2020-21 school year curriculum

Health & Safety

Handwashing & Cough/Sneeze Etiquette

- Students & Staff will wash hands or use hand sanitizer:
 - Upon entering the classroom
 - After coughing/sneezing
 - Before & after lunch/snack
- Resources will be provided to staff on proper hand washing techniques, social distancing & use of hand sanitizer
 - Education will be provided to all students on how to properly wash hands & use hand sanitizer
 - [Handwashing Videos - CDC](#)
- Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after recesses/group activities

- All classrooms will be supplied with the following sanitation items:
 - Hand sanitizer (>60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol)
 - Disinfectant spray & microfiber towels
 - Kleenex
 - Rubber Gloves

Physical Distancing

- Students will be socially distanced in classrooms, as space allows
- Staff will be educated and provided resources on ways to promote social distancing
 - All students will be educated on social distancing
- Parents/Guardians will be encouraged to partake in social distancing when waiting to pick up their child(ren)
 - Signs will be posted on the outside of the building
 - Administration will remind parents/guardians in weekly communication

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- All staff will be provided with the following by the Nevada School District:
 - Cloth face covering
 - Face shield
 - *Staff will be highly encouraged to use PPE*
- All students will be provided with one cloth face covering by the Nevada School District
 - *Students will be highly encouraged to use PPE and will be required in the following areas:*
 - *Bus, nurses' office & music class (shields)*
 - *Students may bring appropriate personal cloth face coverings*
- Disposable masks will be available in each classroom and the main office
- School personnel will not place PPE on students, but will assist as necessary

Facility Cleaning

- Custodial staff will deep clean and disinfect the building every evening
- Teachers/Staff will help clean and disinfect high touch areas in their classrooms throughout the day - as necessary
 - Disinfectant Spray/Microfiber towels
- Playground equipment will be sprayed daily with disinfectant

Shared Materials/Areas

- Classroom teachers will establish a routine for wiping down materials/areas
 - Solution that contains 70% alcohol
 - In a manner that preserves the item
- Materials will be distributed in a manner that supports social distancing
- The use of individual/personal classroom materials will be encouraged as much as possible
 - Teachers will establish protocols to minimize the shared use of classroom materials
 - Shared materials will be cleaned safely & regularly

Temperatures

- Parents/guardians will be encouraged to take their child/ren's temperature at home
 - Fever (over 100°F)
 - The child will need to stay home
 - Parent/guardian should contact their healthcare provider for guidance
 - Contact school office
 - The school would recommend they be tested for COVID-19
- Staff will be encouraged to regularly take their temperature at home

Building Logistics

Bus

- Face coverings will be required on the bus
- Seating charts will be maintained and followed
 - Families which reside in the same household will be seated together to the best of our ability
- A staff member will ride the bus (when available) to assist
- Buses will be sanitized regularly
 - Prior to route
 - Following the end of the route
- Parents/Families will be strongly encouraged to only use bus transportation for their child/ren if absolutely necessary
- Parents will be encouraged to wait with their child(ren) in their vehicle or socially distanced from others at the bus stop (if able)
 - Students will be encouraged to social distance at bus stops

Arrival

- We ask that students arrive after 7:45 am for supervision purposes and to provide adequate time for teachers to prepare for the school day
- Students will go straight to classrooms or breakfast instead of the playground
 - Wash hands with soap and water upon arrival
- Announcements will take place at 8:25am
 - Social Distance, hand washing/sanitizer, yoga pose of the week & sneeze/cough covering reminders

End of the Day - Bus Riders

- EK-4th grade will dismiss at 3:08 pm
- A staff member will lead the bus riders to the proper exit/location
- Classes will have a specific hallway route

End of the Day - Walkers/Pick Up

- EK-4th grade will dismiss at 3:10 pm
 - A staff member will lead the walkers/pick up students out an assigned exit and out to the front (south) of the building via a specific route
- Preschool will dismiss at 3:15 pm
 - A staff member will lead the walkers/pick up students out the SW corner doors

Classroom Arrangements

- Rooms will be arranged with social distancing in mind
- Classrooms may have a mixture of tables and desks
 - Facing the same direction
 - Spaced out to best of ability
- Plexiglass barriers may be used on tables, teacher desks, etc.
- Lockers
 - No two students share the same locker all day
 - AM/PM Preschool
 - Disinfected by custodial staff between classes

Breakfast

- Half students per table allotment
- Students will be required to use hand sanitizer prior to getting their tray

Snack

- In classrooms
- Students will wash hands before and after snack

Lunch

- The lunchroom and commons areas will be utilized in order to social distance appropriately
- Tables will be assigned to specific classrooms
 - Students spread out at tables at 50% capacity
 - Peanut Butter tables will be available
- Seating charts assigned by teachers
 - Similar to classroom seating arrangement (contact tracing)
- All students will wash hands with soap and water before coming to lunch
- Teachers will assist at the condiment station
- Lunch tables will be cleaned and sanitized after each lunch shift

Recess

- Students will be encouraged to social distance
- Recess schedules will be staggered to allow fewer students on the playground
 - One grade-level per recess

Hallways

- Students will be encouraged to social distance in line as space and supervision allows
- Travel will be on the right hand side of each hallway

Water Fountains/Water Bottles

- Water fountains will be shut off
- Bottle filling features will remain on
 - Students/Staff are encouraged to bring their own personal water bottle

Restroom Use

- Classroom teachers will limit the number of students using the restroom at the same time - to the best of their ability
- Students will be reminded to wash their hands immediately after using the restroom with soap and water

Building Visitors

- We ask that visitors only come to school for emergency/essential circumstances
- Sign outside on front doors
 - 'Visitors are welcome - however - we are taking all precautions to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. If your visit does not require you to enter the building, please call the front desk (515) 382-2383 to speak with a member of the main office.'
 - Masks are encouraged, but not required
 - The same safety precautions of the RAPTR system will be used to check visitor license for background information prior to further entrance to the building

Signage Throughout The Building

- Signage will be posted throughout the school that promotes everyday protective measures and describes how to stop the spread of germs (properly washing hands, social distancing, etc.)

Specials

- Music
 - Face shields will be provided and required for students to prevent droplets/aerosol dispersion
 - Sanitized after each class
- PE
 - Activities/lessons that involve social distancing to the best of ability
 - Equipment will be sanitized after each class
- Art
 - Fewer students at each table for physical distancing
 - Materials sanitized after each class
- Library
 - Sanitation/storing procedures will be used for returned books

COVID-19 Specific Procedures

Student /Staff Member/Substitute Tests Negative for COVID-19

- If negative & symptom free
 - The student/staff member may return to school
- If negative with a fever
 - Must be fever-free for 72 hours (without medicine) prior to returning to school

Student/Staff Member/Substitute Showing COVID-19 Symptoms at Home

- Contact healthcare provider for guidance

Student/Staff Member/Substitute Showing COVID-19 Symptoms at School

- Student will be evaluated by the school nurse
- Nevada CSD will contact the Story County Health and follow their guidance for next steps, contact tracing, communicating with parents, etc.

Student/Staff Member/Substitute or Family Member Tests Positive For COVID-19

- Nevada CSD will contact the Story County Health and follow their guidance for next steps, contact tracing, communicating with parents, etc.

Student/Staff Member/Substitute or Their Family Member is Exposed to Someone Positive with COVID-19

- Nevada CSD will contact the Story County Health and follow their guidance for next steps, contact tracing, communicating with parents, etc.

Resources

[NCSD Return To Learn Plan](#)

[Center for Disease Control & Prevention](#)

[Iowa Dept of Education](#)

[Iowa Dept of Public Health](#)

[Hand Washing](#)

[Hand Sanitizing](#)

[Sneezing/Coughing](#)

[Social Distancing](#)