

CARTER COUNTY GUIDELINES FOR A SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

Dear Carter County Families,

For the 2021-2022 school year, Carter County Schools will work diligently to make your child's safety and well-being our first priority. Furthermore, we will strive to provide your child with the highest quality education possible. There is no greater responsibility than the upbringing of a child and Carter County Schools is committed to our partnership with you. We want our students to be healthy, happy, and successful. Let's work together to make the upcoming school year the best we have ever had.

Safety

The safety guidance below is a result of the most recent information available regarding COVID-19. Guidelines will be updated as more research and information is released.

1. The most important strategy for mitigating COVID-19 is vaccination for those who are eligible.
2. Any student, faculty, or staff member who is showing any signs of infectious disease should remain home and see their healthcare provider for testing and care.
3. All school spaces will continue to be frequently and thoroughly sanitized.
4. Hand sanitization and personal hygiene will remain a priority.
5. Guidance regarding masks and social distancing will be communicated to the public after consultation with local community health agencies and the Kentucky Department of Education.
6. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will follow protocols set forth by local health agencies and the CDC.

Instruction

Carter County Schools is dedicated to providing a high quality education for the students of our district. During the first thirty days of school, the district will implement the following steps to increase student engagement and improve student learning.

7. The I-Ready Diagnostic assessment will be given in grades 3-12 in order to assess students' current reading and math levels and students will set learning goals with their teachers.
8. Teachers at all grade levels will plan team building activities for their students in order to get to know them and to allow students to get to know each other. Since

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students have been away from one another for such a long time, it is important for them to rebuild friendships and develop a sense of belonging.

9. Teachers will create lessons that do not include Chromebooks. Since students spent so much time on technology last year, the focus is going to be on returning to school with more personal contact. This includes learning in small groups, and centers or stations, as well as with research-based reading strategies.
10. Principals will conduct at least one walkthrough per week in every classroom. One thing they will look for is a welcoming, friendly, and engaging learning environment. It is important that our students are happy and comfortable at school.

Viewing, Updating and Reviewing this Plan

11. Safety processes may be updated as information becomes available from local community health agencies.
12. District instructional plans will be monitored for completion, implementation and impact every 30 days and new activities may be added.
13. A review team consisting of shareholders (parents, administrators, teachers, healthcare workers, others) will review and update this plan as needed.
14. This plan will remain posted on the Carter County Schools website for public viewing.