

RE-ENTRY OVERVIEW

BACK TO SCHOOL
2020-2021



Dear KASD Families,

As we look ahead to the start of the school year, be assured Kimberly Area School District will be ready for your child this fall whether you prefer an in-person experience or an online experience. The enclosed publication introduces our most up-to-date 2020-2021 school year re-entry information. The ever-changing landscape and revised virus information causes us to change our plans frequently. We will always adjust to current situations that may require an increase or decrease in safety measures.

Although this school year will no doubt not be like any other, our priorities and goals remain the same. Decisions regarding opening the school year in-person were made to be practical and to consider the developmental stages of all students. The goal is to open five days a week while incorporating preventive measures and protocols designed to remain open. The basic tenants of our return include: physically distancing when possible, socially grouping to lessen possible exposure to the virus, and an increase in cleaning and mitigation efforts. We also recognize that we have students and staff who have special medical needs which require individual accommodations.

An online learning option has been developed for our families who prefer not to come to school at this time. We have paired with an accredited online content provider and our teachers have redesigned our online offering to include the rigor and quality experience you expect. The emphasis of the online instructor will be to make the content relevant to your child.

In an effort to keep our schools open, the Board of Education is requesting masks be worn by both students and staff. The Board reserves the right to make masks mandatory if mitigation efforts require it.

On Friday, July 24th, you will receive an email asking you to make a formal selection of the instructional model you prefer for your child(ren). Classroom placement and teacher assignments will be determined and announced after selections have been submitted by all families. Our teachers want to be ready for your child, your prompt response to the survey is needed.

Let's open together - safely!

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Superintendent of Schools



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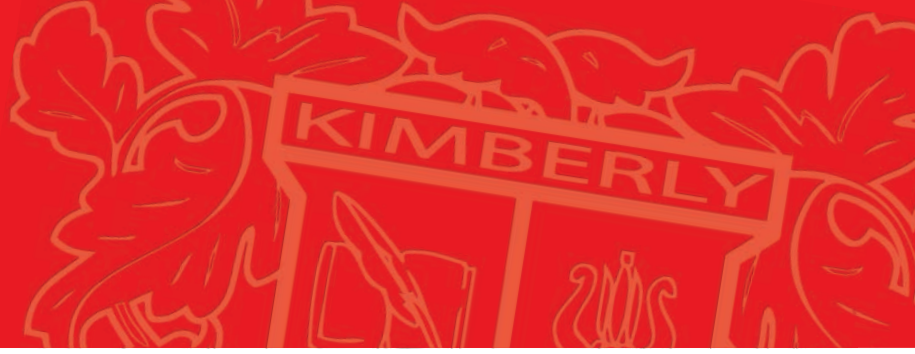
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INTRODUCTION

This overview is intended to answer a number of common questions and provide pertinent information to help families determine the KASD learning option for their child(ren).

Recommendations change constantly and often we are chasing a moving target as we plan. Due to the fluidity of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease, please know we will continue to monitor guidance and adjust these measures as necessary. We cannot plan for every individual possibility and will need your patience and respectful communication to address your child's specific needs after we open.

Choosing to come to school inherently increases risk of exposure. During the KASD re-entry process, we encourage you to determine the level of participation best suited for your individual circumstances.

RE-ENTRY CONSIDERATIONS

Our District plays a key role in the overall development of our community. We are an essential service and strive to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. The questions below were used to guide the District's re-entry planning.

- ✓ What do our families want for their children?
- ✓ What are the social, emotional and mental health needs of students and staff?
- ✓ How can we provide a healthy and safe learning environment for students and staff?
- ✓ How can we formulate a practical, flexible and focused learning experience for students?

VOCABULARY AND SHARED USE OF TERMS

There are a number of organizations and publications using a variety of terms related to education systems and the ongoing response to COVID-19. Vocabulary listed below outline the way that they are/will be used within the KASD.

ASYMPTOMATIC COVID-19

An individual infected with COVID-19 who does not exhibit symptoms during the course of infection.

CONTACT TRACING

A strategy used by health departments to prevent the spread of infectious disease. It involves identifying people who have an infectious disease and people who they came in contact with and working with them to interrupt disease spread.

DAILY HEALTH SCREEN

A daily health screen includes temperature check and respiratory screening to help ensure those that develop symptoms of COVID-19 are not attending school.

HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS

Students who have underlying conditions that may increase the severity of contracting COVID-19. (These individuals should consider the risk of in-person learning.)

MANDATORY REPORTING

The district is required by law to report a positive COVID-19 case in our schools to the Department of Health and Human Services.

MASKS

Cloth face coverings are worn to protect other people's health by limiting the water droplets expelled into a space while breathing or speaking.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

This practice involves keeping a six foot distance from people when practicable to avoid exposure to water droplets expelled during breathing or speaking.

RISK MITIGATION

Strategies used to lessen and slow the spread of infectious diseases such as adequate handwashing, self-care and cough etiquette.

SELF-QUARANTINE

Staff and students experiencing the above symptoms, suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should stay home and contact their health provider for direction on when it is safe to return to KASD facilities.

SOCIAL GROUPING

This practice involves strategically grouping students together in smaller clusters to help lower the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread.



KASD 2020-2021 Learning Options

We recognize KASD families need learning options that not only offer flexibility but also academically meet and exceed the educational standards we hold ourselves to.

As a result of our collaboration and guidance from state and local health agencies, we provide you with the following learning solutions for the 20-21 school year.

IN-PERSON LEARNING (PK-12)

- In-person learning five days-per-week.
- Physical distancing and social grouping strategies practiced.
- Enhanced cleaning and safety protocols.
- In an effort to keep our schools open, the Board of Education is requesting masks be worn by both students and staff.
- Bus transportation will be available.
- Music, art and physical education will be offered in modified versions following social distancing strategies.
- Assigned seating whenever possible.
- Lunch and recess will be modified following social grouping strategies.
- Families may switch to online schooling at any time. However, switching back to in-person can happen only at a quarter break.
- Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 or who shows any signs or symptoms of illness should stay home.
- For additional details please go to, www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/updates.



ONLINE LEARNING (PK-12)

- Grades 1-12 can expect six hours per day on task. (4K/5K 2-4 hours)
- All students will have access to district provided devices and internet.
- Instructional standards will align to those taught in the school setting.
- In grades 4K-5K the Seesaw learning platform will be used for online learning.
- In grades 1-12 the Wisconsin eSchool Network (WEN) platform will be used for online learning.
- Training for both online platforms will be available.
- Attendance and participation are required daily.
- 4K-8 students will have weekly optional music, art and physical education activities offered to them to allow for enrichment of their educational experience.
- Music, art and physical education will be offered as classes for 9-12 students.
- Students can participate in the school lunch program.
- Students will have the opportunity to participate in co-curricular offerings if they wish.
- Students may transition to in-person learning experiences at quarter break.
- For additional details please review the online program overview at <https://bit.ly/KASDOnlineOverview>.

WHAT FAMILIES OF IN-PERSON LEARNING CAN EXPECT

SCREENING AT HOME



- Families are recommended to take temperatures daily before going to school. Anyone with a fever should not go to school.
- Students and adults should also screen themselves for additional symptoms based on the most up-to-date information from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services by visiting: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/symptoms.htm>

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL



- In an effort to keep our schools open, expect to see masks worn by both staff and students.
- Parents and visitors will have limited access to school buildings.
- It is likely that student entrance and dismissal points will be altered from previous years.

GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY



- Schools will increase disinfection of high touch areas.
- All students and staff will be encouraged to wash/clean their hands regularly.
- Schools will limit sharing supplies between students as much as possible.

ON CAMPUS AND IN THE CLASSROOM



- KASD will primarily practice physical distancing and social grouping in addition to utilizing the following strategies:
 - In an effort to keep our schools open, the Board of Education is requesting masks be worn by both students and staff. The Board reserves the right to make masks mandatory if mitigation efforts require it. Masks will be provided.
 - Assigned seating will be utilized whenever possible.
 - Staggered lunches, modified recesses and transition times.
 - Students are inherently social and opportunities for students to socialize during breaks in the day (recess, lunch) will occur. However, groups will be more regulated than in the past.

ON CAMPUS AND IN THE CLASSROOM (CONTINUED)



- Classrooms will range in size based on enrollment and are expected to be at least 80% of normal capacity. It will not be uncommon to have more than 20 students in a classroom.
- Classrooms will be cleaned daily and have disinfectant available throughout the day.
- Facilities will have increased circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.
- To continue to align with our quality academic standards, KASD will offer our full course offerings including, music, band, etc. with preventative modifications such as required mask use.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



- KASD organized clubs and activities will follow the above guidelines and preventive measures if feasible. Assemblies, field trips, dances and rallies are not recommended at this time but will be periodically reviewed.

ATHLETICS



- KASD will continue to rely on guidance from the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). More information and details coming soon.



COLLABORATIVE MITIGATION

The goal is to open five days-a-week while incorporating preventive measures and protocols designed to remain open. No single action or set of actions will completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19 transmission but implementation of several coordinated interventions can greatly reduce that risk.



Staff and students will be asked to practice **physical distancing**. When an activity requires a person to be closer than six feet.



Staff and students will be asked to practice **social grouping** to limit the risk of exposure if infection becomes present.



Staff and students will be asked to **wear a mask** and perform a **daily health screen** at home before school. Anyone experiencing the below symptoms, should stay home and contact their health provider for direction on when it is safe to return to KASD facilities.

- Fever in the last 48 hours
- Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- New headache
- Close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle pain or chills
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea



WHAT FAMILIES OF ONLINE LEARNING CAN EXPECT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

4K-5K

- Students, on average, can expect to spend about two to four hours per day on course work. This time estimate is a combination of computer-based and hands-on learning activities.
- Course work includes a combination of synchronous (students attend a scheduled live session,) and asynchronous (students are able to complete the work at a time that works best in their schedule) learning experiences.
- All live online sessions and teacher feedback will be scheduled during regular school hours, typically between 8am and 4pm. It is expected that students are available during scheduled online sessions.

GRADES 1-5

- Students, on average, can expect to spend about three to five hours per week for each core course taken and approximately one hour per week for each non-core course. This time estimate is a combination of computer-based and hands-on learning activities.
- Course work includes a combination of synchronous (students attend a scheduled live session,) and asynchronous (students are able to complete the work at a time that works best in their schedule) learning experiences.
- All live online sessions and teacher feedback will be scheduled during regular school hours, typically between 8am and 4pm. It is expected that students are available during scheduled online sessions.



GRADES 6-12

- Each day, students are expected to participate in a virtual classroom hosted by their teacher at the time communicated at the start of the term.
- Students can expect to attend, at minimum, one daily live online session for 30 minutes per class/course. These live, online sessions will be recorded for students unable to attend that day or to review at a later time. In addition to live online sessions, students have the opportunity to meet with their instructor after class or during their virtual office hours to discuss any questions.
- Outside of the daily online live sessions, students are expected to complete activities and assignments for up to five hours per day, including but not limited to: practice questions, discussions, readings, labs, projects, and presentations.
- Students and families must maintain contact with their teacher(s), asking questions as necessary and responding to emails on a consistent basis.
- It is the student's responsibility to keep up in their course and let relevant staff know of any issues that may cause them to fall behind including an extended absence or problems with technology.

ATTENDANCE

The KASD online program follows the state of Wisconsin requirements for school attendance and follows the KASD school calendar including all regular school breaks and in-service dates. In accordance with state law, all children between five (5) and eighteen (18) years of age must attend school full-time until the end of the term, quarter, or semester in which they become eighteen (18) years of age, unless they have a legal excuse, fall under one of the exceptions in the state statutes, or have graduated from high school. For additional details please review the online program guide at <https://bit.ly/KASDOnlineOverview>.

GRADING AND PROGRESS

4K-5K

- The computer-based and hands-on learning activities are assessed by the online teacher.
- The teacher also provides students with consistent feedback and academic support when needed.
- The teacher uses the live, online sessions each week to assess student understanding and provide feedback. Sessions are scheduled in advance.
- Student progress is communicated to parents regularly.

GRADES 1-5

- Each course includes built-in assignments, quizzes, tests, etc. which are graded by the online teacher.
- The teacher provides students with consistent feedback and academic support when needed.
- The teacher uses live online sessions each week to assess student understanding and provide feedback. Sessions are scheduled in advance.
- Student progress is communicated to parents regularly.

GRADES 6-12

- The principles of grading in an online environment are similar to a physical classroom.
- It is important to note that a distinction exists between feedback and grades. Students rely on the instructor to provide written or verbal feedback that guides them to success. This feedback occurs within a 48 hour window.
- Grades are documentation of student achievement and are posted at regular intervals to keep all involved parties informed of the student's progress.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Will masks be required?

A: In an effort to keep our schools open, the Board of Education is requesting masks be worn by both students and staff. The Board reserves the right to make masks mandatory if mitigation efforts require it. Masks will be provided.

Q: What health and safety protocols will be in place within KASD schools?

A: Trainings for students and staff will be conducted regarding recommendations around the following guiding principles:

- Physical distancing
- Social grouping
- Risk mitigation (traffic flow, hand washing, proper use of masks and cleaning)

Q: What happens if there is a positive case of COVID-19 at my child's school?

A: The individual identified as a positive case of COVID-19 will be sent home to recover. The Department of Health and Human Services will consult with the District to determine what other actions are required.

Q: How do I select a learning option for my child(ren)?

A: You will receive an email on Friday, July 24th from School Perceptions asking you to make a learning selection for each student.

Q: What if my child(ren) has underlying conditions and identifies as high-risk?

A: Students who have underlying conditions that may increase the severity of COVID-19 if infected, should consider the risk of in-person learning. Please consult your doctor about the best level of participation for your child. When in doubt, please consider online as the safest model.

Q: Can my child(ren) start out with in-person learning this fall and then change to online learning?

A: Families may switch to online schooling at any time. However, switching back to in-person can happen only at a quarter break.

Q: Will bussing be available for my child(ren)?

A: KASD will continue to provide transportation for eligible families,. Families can determine if they want their child(ren) to ride the bus or if they will transport them to school. The following preventive measures will be taken in regards to transportation:

- Busses will be disinfected between routes
- Assigned seating with families sitting together
- Increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows
- Busses will be loaded from back to front

RESOURCES AND REFERENCES



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Please visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/updates for additional information.

American Academy of Pediatrics

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