



ROAD MAP FOR RE-OPENING RABUN COUNTY SCHOOLS



**SCHOOL YEAR
2020-2021**

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Rabun County School District developed this guide based upon considerations and recommendations from the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These organizations are vital partners in providing guidance for a safe and successful return to school in 2020-2021. All guidelines outlined in this plan are designed to prioritize the health and safety of our Wildcat Nation.

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Changes to Protect Students and Staff



- Enhanced cleaning schedules for schools and buses
- Approved disinfectant and hand sanitizer in every classroom
- Enhanced screenings for illnesses
- Increased technology devices
- No visitors throughout the buildings

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- Installation of touchless water bottle filling stations - please send a water bottle with your child each day
- Staggered class changes to reduce the number of students in the hallways at one time
- One way hallways where possible
- Restricted pick up and drop off procedures

More enhancements to come as we finalize the plans.

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Roadmap



*As of July 14, 2020:

- School will start on Wednesday, August 12. We will begin the school year with two options for students.
 - Pre-K -12, Traditional (100% face to face daily) School Setting – closely following best practices and guidance recommended by state and local officials
 - K-12 Virtual Learning (100% online)- this option is unavailable for pre-k
- Families will be required to make a decision on which option (Traditional or Virtual) they choose in an electronic survey that will be sent out the week of July 14, 2020.

***Subject to change based on current conditions**

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Virtual Learning



- Parents and students, if interested in the Virtual Learning Option, must attend a face to face orientation.
- The orientation will be scheduled by your last name and limited to less than 50 in order to maintain strict social distancing guidelines and best practices.
- Times and locations of the orientations will be announced soon.
- At this time we are offering the virtual learning option for grades K-12 only.

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Meet Your Teacher



- Face to face open house/meet your teacher will be by appointment only for the following grade levels:
 - Pre-K
 - 1st Grade
 - 3rd Grade
 - 5th Grade
 - 7th Grade
 - Kindergarten
 - 2nd Grade
 - 4th Grade
 - 6th Grade
- No more than 2 adults and 1 student will be allowed at each appointment.
- All visitors will be required to wear a face mask and have a temperature check before entering the building.

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Visitors:

- Only school personnel and students will be allowed beyond the front office.
- Student drop off and pick up procedures will be restricted. More details will be available closer to the start of school.
- Visitors may only enter the front offices of schools. Only one visitor at a time will be allowed in the office.
- ALL visitors will be required to wear a face mask or shield when entering the front office area.

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Faculty/Staff:

- Required to self-monitor symptoms and temperature before arriving to work.
- Middle and High School staff will be required to wear a mask when in the presence of other employees and/or students.
- Primary and Elementary School staff will be required to wear a mask when in the presence of others outside of their classroom/work space.
- Educated on proper cleaning techniques.
- Practice and promote social distancing.

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Students:

- Students will be directed as to where they should enter their school buildings.
- Temperature screenings may occur.
- Students with any signs/symptoms will be sent to their school nurse where appropriate procedures will follow including parent/guardian contact.
- Students are highly encouraged to wear masks.
- Students are highly encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
- Students will be educated on proper hand washing and social distancing practices.

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Facilities:

- Additional sanitation stations throughout our buildings
- Additional bathroom checks and cleanings
- Rooms disinfected when transitions occur
- No large gatherings and maintain flow through commons areas
- Incorporate one way traffic flows where appropriate
- Deep clean buildings regularly
- Regular applications of Ecovase electrostatic EPA registered botanical disinfectant
- Signage posted throughout our buildings with precautionary measures and reminders
- Installation of sneeze/cough guards in front office areas
- Installation of touchless water bottle filling stations

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Nutrition:

- Limit mixing of classes where applicable
- Serve breakfast and lunch in classrooms
- Enhance cleaning of all equipment and areas

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Transportation:

- Facemasks are required for students riding a bus
- Adjustment to some bus routes to reduce number of students
- Encourage families to social distance at bus stops with other families
- Clean buses between each route and air out when not in use
- Change drop-off locations at schools, where applicable, to reduce large gatherings
- Due to limiting the number of students on a bus, students will only be allowed to ride to their designated stop.
- Assigned seating
- No field trips

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Pre-K – 6th Grade Classroom Instruction:

- Educate on how to properly wash hands
- Educate on best practices for social distancing
- Participate in recess with classmates only
- Stagger release times during certain transitions
- Provide lessons that address the social and emotional wellness of our students
- Limit the sharing of objects
- Increase number of devices available for students to limit the need for sharing
- Limit the use of common areas

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7th-12th Grade Classroom Instruction:

- Educate on how to properly wash hands
- Educate on best practices for social distancing
- Reduce group work when applicable
- Reduce mixing of groups
- Stagger release times during certain transitions
- Provide lessons that address the social and emotional wellness of our students
- Limit the sharing of objects
- Assign all students a personal Chromebook

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We will continue to monitor the state of COVID-19 with the safety of our students, faculty, staff and community as top priority. With this being said, information shared in this release is subject to change at anytime.

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